

Connecticut State Board of Education  
Connecticut Technical High School Committee

Minutes of Meeting  
December 12, 2007

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of State, The Connecticut Technical High School Committee, the "Committee" met on December 12, 2007, at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School.

I. Chairman Coolican called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:	Mr. Donald Coolican, Chairman Dr. Alice Carolan Ms. Theresa Hopkins-Staten, arrived at 10:04
SDE Staff Present:	Dr. Abigail L. Hughes, Superintendent Mr. Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent
Oliver Wolcott Staff:	Mr. Daniel Kushman, Principal

II. Executive Session: The Committee decided to delay executive session until Ms. Hopkins-Staten had arrived.

III. Consideration of Minutes of the November 14, 2007 Connecticut Technical High School Committee Meeting:  
The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Public Participation: None

V. Consent Agenda: None

VI. Items Requiring Action:

a.) Construction Trade Reauthorization

A discussion was held regarding the Construction Trade Reauthorization. Dr. Alice Carolan posed questions to Dr. Hughes regarding information provided in the trade report and to explain why some schools are reporting low enrollment numbers in Carpentry, HVAC and Plumbing and Heating.

Mr. Coolican moved, Dr. Carolan seconded, that the committee approve the Construction Trade Reauthorization.

VOTE:	In Favor:	Coolican, Carolan
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0

VII. Items for Discussion:

a.) School Lunch Update

Dr. Hughes spoke about the school lunch program. Students may choose a healthier lunch, power lunch or a la carte items. With more students buying lunch this has resulted in a 14% increase from last year. Breakfast revenue has also increased by 11%. We still anticipate a 1 million dollar deficit primarily because of the increasing cost of salaries and benefits. Mr. Coolican requested Dr. Hughes find out from Brian Mahoney why all students at Prince Tech and Bullard-Havens Tech are not eligible for free student lunches.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Hughes explained the trimester assessments have been completed in each course electives trades and the labs. Adjustments need to be made. The focus is on the critical skills the students need to master and these assessments will provide important information. The committee asked to see initial passing rates.

II. Executive Session: Personnel Matters (10:25-11:14)

IX. Other Matters: None

X. Public Participation: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.  
Committee members proceeded to Oliver's Restaurant.