

CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM BOARD
Full Board Minutes of Meeting – September 18, 2019

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of State, the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System Board (hereafter “Board”) met on September 18, 2019 at H.C. Wilcox Technical High School, 298 Oregon Road, Meriden, CT 06451.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Trefry called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

Present: Robert Trefry, Board Member
Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Board Member
Karen Eichstaedt, Board Member
Lindy Lee Gold, Board Member
Jeffrey Wihbey, Superintendent of Schools

Dial in: Fitz Walker, Board Member
Commissioner Westby, Board Member

Absent: Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Board Member
Peter Hoecklin, Board Member

II. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

III. Welcome

A. Teacher of the Year Recognition

Mr. Wihbey, SVFT, and the Board recognized the following teachers throughout the district for their significant contributions to the success of their schools and students and their commitment to excellence in their profession:

Abbott Tech	Robert Roche
Bristol TEC	Mark Jurczyk
Bullard-Havens	Joseph Pensanti
Cheney Tech	Laura Blake
Eli Whitney	Lalitha Kasturirangan
Ellis Tech	Sarah Bacchiochi
Goodwin Tech	Gina Antonacci
Grasso Tech	Patrick Schwandfelder
Kaynor Tech	Melody Lopez
O'Brien Tech	Steve Orloski
Platt Tech	Lisa Kennedy

Prince Tech	Richard Benedict
Vinal Tech	Robyn Baeder
Wilcox Tech	Gabriel Ardito
Windham Tech	Abayomi Wilson
Wolcott Tech	Bill Tierney
Wright Tech	John Hemenway

Mr. Steve Orloski was named the 2019 Teacher of the Year for the CTECS district-wide.

B. Introduction of New Administrators

Mr. Wihbey introduced the following new administrators to the Board members and asked they join him in welcoming them on their new appointments.

Emily Benedetto, Supervisor of Pupil Services & Special Education

Stacy Butkus, Principal at Wilcox Tech

Dr. Dr. Anabelle Diaz-Santiago, Principal at Goodwin Tech

Michelle Dunn, Assistant Principal at O'Brien Tech

Darcy Fiano, Supervisor of Literacy and Humanities

Susan Foss, Principal at Bullard-Havens Tech

Tonya LaPlante, Supervisor of Pupil Services & Special Education

Dr. Mary Moran, CTECS Director of Development & School Improvement

Robert Sartoris, CTECS Director of Talent Management

Vanessa Sosa, Assistant Principal of Bullard-Havens Tech

Tonya Stoute, Supervisor of Professional Development

IV. Consent Agenda (Any item may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member)

A. Consideration of the Minutes for June 18, 2019 Meeting

The Board voted unanimously that the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting be approved.

Vote: In Favor:	Keavney, Eichstaedt, Trefry, Gold, Walker, Westby
Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0
Absent:	Hoecklin, De Filippis

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Items Requiring Action

A. Approval of the Bond Commission Request

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Bond Commission Request not to exceed \$1,661,215.00.

Vote: In Favor:	Trefry, Keavney, Eichstaedt, Gold, Walker, Westby
Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0
Absent:	Hoecklin, De Filippis

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Bond Commission Request is included in the official file of this meeting.

VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Strategic Action Plan Goals (Presentation)

Mr. Wihbey presented his PowerPoint on “How Does the Strategic Plan Align with Other District Plans and Initiatives” presentation.

A copy of the presentation is included in the official file of this meeting.

B. Scheduling Efficiency (DMG)

Dr. Menounos and Mr. Cavallaro reported that CTECS has been working with the District Management Group (DMG), and their complete audit of the master schedule process. With the movement of staff, and the assistance of the Principal’s insight at the schools, CTECS has been utilizing a more efficient way to fill positions. The goal is to assure that teaching staff are being dispatched to the necessary areas, while providing services that meet the districts highest priorities.

C. Ella T. Grasso THS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mr. Wihbey shared a slideshow presentation by Communications Director, Kerry Markey, highlighting the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Ella T. Grasso Tech. A few in attendance included: Governor Ned Lamont, Senator Richard Blumenthal, Commissioner Miguel Cardona, Board Chair Robert Trefry, and Three Rivers representatives. The event brought over 100 guest to the new school, as well exciting news coverage.

A copy of the presentation is included in the official file of this meeting.

D. New CSDE Commissioner, Dr. Miguel Cardona

Mr. Wihbey shared his excitement in having Dr. Miguel Cardona as the new CSDE Commissioner. He shared in a short amount of time, Commissioner Cardona has provided great, and positive change. Mr. Wihbey is delighted by Commissioner Cardona’s philosophy on the department’s

goal to be a “Service Organization” to the students. Mr. Wihbey looks forward to his continued work with Commissioner Cardona. Commissioner Cardona has also joined Mr. Wihbey on a few of his Back to School Visits.

VII. Report of the Chair

A. Resolution in Honor of Ms. Maura M. Dunn

Mr. Trefry reviewed the official proclamation for Ms. Maura Dunn to the Board in recognition of her contributions to the Board.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Quality and Policy

Ms. Eichstaedt gave a quick review of the Quality and Policy meeting held in the morning.

B. Outreach and Finance

Ms. Keavney gave a quick review of the Outreach and Finance meeting held in the morning.

IX. Adjourn

The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Vote:

In Favor:	Keavney, Eichstaedt, Trefry, Gold, Walker, Westby
Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0
Absent:	Hoecklin, De Filippis

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Prepared by: Ronke Stallings, CTECS