

**Meeting of the Connecticut Association of Schools High School Board of Control
May 12, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.**

Present: Andre Hauser, Ch., Brian Bodner, Mike Foran, Linda Iacobellis, Pam Lazaroski, Rita McDougald-Campbell, Tim Breslin

The meeting opened with a discussion of the board's role. Andre Hauser provided a brief history of the board's work and then stated the question before the group as, "What is best way to serve the needs of high school principals?"

Subsequently, the focus of the discussion included, among others, the following topics:

- Coherence
- High school redesign for 21st century skills
- Examination of SEED success stories (despite inconsistent CSDE expectations)

Conference call: Alan Bernstein of the College Board explained changes in SAT's, which are anticipated for **March 2016 (PSAT: FALL 2015):**

Overall the tests will be based on common core research: what students need to know and be able to do to be successful in post-secondary education:

- Verbal: focus will be on evidence - based reading, which research suggests is a very strong indicator of post-secondary success.
- Essay: Based on how well a student is able to analyze an author's argument by citing the evidence he makes to build his argument. Participation will be voluntary and **not** based on the traditional 200-800 scale.
- Math: the preponderant focus will be "heart of algebra" (35%) followed in descending order by "statistical literacy," "passport to higher math" (topics generally covered in algebra II) and, finally, miscellaneous topics.
- Resources and training for students: Kahn Academy will developed modules that students can use to prepare for the tests.
- Resources and training for teachers: Cited deliveringopportunity.org as a resource.
- At some point there will be a digital version of the SAT for schools, such as New Haven and Bridgeport, that have SAT days.)

The sense of the discussion was that we would consider offering topics having to do with establishing coherence among SAT's, SBAC, and CCSS. This change would provide the HSBOC with an opportunity to help educators narrow the focus of their work with respect to teaching and learning.

Meeting Dates for 2014 - 2015:

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| Monday, September 22, 2014 | 3:30-5:00 pm (Room B3) |
| Monday, November 17, 2014 | 3:30-5:00 pm (Boardroom A1) |
| Monday, March 16, 2015 | 3:30-5:00 pm (Room B3) |
| Monday, April 27, 2015 | 3:30-5:00 pm (Room B3) |