

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

The Sixtieth Annual Meeting

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2011-2012 Annual Report

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF CONTROL

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The Connecticut Association of Schools High School Board of Control goals for the academic year were:

- to identify ways in which CAS can provide support to high school principals.
- to provide professional development to high school principals based on need.
- to participate in the selection of the High School Principal of the Year.
- to participate in the selection of the William Cielukowski Award for first year principals.
- to provide a voice for legislative decisions that affect teaching and learning.
- to foster membership with NASSP.

Throughout the year the CAS HSBOC has achieved:

- CAS offered two-day seminars on the NEASC Standards for Continuous School Improvement. On December 5th and 6th, teams of five from ten schools attended the December workshop and teams of five from eight schools attended the April 30th and May 1st workshop.
- CAS continues to handle all NASSP membership mailing and renewals. NASSP encourages state affiliates to collect NASSP dues and provide a financial incentive at no additional cost to the individuals.
- Nine HSBOC members participated in a review of the CT School Leader Standards on October 24. Larry Jacobsen and Jeff Cryan presented an overview of the process used to develop the Connecticut School Leader Standards. Following the presentation, Larry led the group through the rating process, while Jeff recorded all comments that were brought back to the CAS Critical Issues Committee.
- Commissioner of Education Pryor met with a group of principals, including five high school principals, on January 20. The Commissioner was interested in meeting with principals who represent a range of urban, suburban and rural schools. He outlined the reorganization of the state department of education and some of his ideas for school improvement and listened to the concerns of the principals. The group met on January 27 and developed a "Principals' Perspective" on their needs as school leaders.
- On January 30, five HSBOC members reviewed NextEd, the superintendents' educational transformation proposal and noted that while there are very good ideas outlined in the "transformation project," none have yet been acted upon.
- Several high school principals participated in a dialogue with State Senator Andrea Stillman, deputy majority leader and co-chair of the education committee on February 17. Principals offered their feedback on the governor's education bill. Senator Stillman was open to principal's concerns.
- The Board continues to pursue adding a link to the CAS website for CAPSTONE documents and resources.