

**New Jersey State Board of Education  
Minutes of the Public Work Session  
in the Conference Room on the First Floor,  
100 River View Executive Plaza  
Trenton, NJ**

**January 21, 2004**

**Presiding:** Arnold G. Hyndman, Ph.D., President

**Secretary:** William L. Librera, Ed.D., Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Margaret F. Bartlett  
Ronald K. Butcher  
Debra Casha  
Maud Dahme  
Kathleen A. Dietz  
Anne S. Dillman  
John A. Griffith  
Samuel J. Podietz  
Roberta Van Anda  
Thelma Napoleon-Smith  
Edward M. Taylor

**ABSENT:**

Orlando Edreira

**CONVENING**

President Arnold G. Hyndman convened the public meeting with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of this act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House press corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that by adopting this resolution the State Board of Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Wednesday, January 21, 2004.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Draft Option Two Guidelines and High School Assessment Committee**

The State Board members and Department staff discussed the draft guidance document “*Multiple and Diverse Paths to Student Success: A Guide to the Use of Option Two.*” The intent of the document is to assist local school districts with the implementation of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)ii, or “Option Two.” Based on Option Two, local district boards of education are permitted to determine and establish curricular activities or programs aimed at achieving the Core Curriculum Content Standards for promotion and graduation purposes. The draft guidelines document provides a framework for local policy development and program implementation.

The State Board members and department staff also discussed the progress of the work of three assessment advisory committees: Technological Literacy, Health and Physical Education and World Languages. Each of the committees has met to identify essential areas of consideration for standardized assessment and to discuss next steps.

### **Core Curriculum Content Standards—General Standards**

The State Board members and Department staff discussed the January 2004 version of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in visual and performing arts, comprehensive health and physical education, social studies, world languages, technological literacy and career education and consumer, family and life skills. This item was tabled at the January 7, 2004 State Board public meeting and rescheduled for January 21, 2004 State Board public work session.

At the February 4, 2004 public meeting, the State Board will consider a discussion-level resolution to adopt the revised Core Curriculum Content Standards. The revised Standards will then be scheduled as a topic for the February 18 public testimony session and for adoption at the March 3, 2004 State Board public meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its January 21, 2004 public work session at 2:30 p.m.

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William L. Librera, Ed.D., Commissioner  
Secretary, NJ State Board of Education