

**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**

July 20, 2005

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

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

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Ms. Margaret F. Bartlett
Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Josephine E. Figueras
Mr. John A. Griffith
Rev. Frederick H. LaGarde, Jr.
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

ABSENT:

Ms. Maud Dahme

CONVENING

Arnold G. Hyndman, president, State Board of Education, 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, July 20, 2005.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

President Hyndman introduced the Honorable Charles Delehey, a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court in Mercer County. Judge Delehey administered the oath of office to new State Board members Arcelio Aponte of Middlesex County and Frederick LaGarde of Passaic County. Mr. Aponte is the Associate Vice President for Facilities and Construction Management at New Jersey City University in Jersey City and his first term ends in 2009. Rev. LaGarde is superintendent of Dr. Frederick H. LaGarde, Jr. Academy and his first term ends in 2011.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

On motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education took the following action:

A. Intent to Amend the Standards and Assessment for Student Achievement Code

- Rescheduled consideration of the resolution of intent to eliminate the Special Review Assessment (SRA) provision pursuant to *NJAC* 6A:8-2.1(a) to the August 3, 2005 public business meeting.

B. Special Review Assessment

The State Board Members continued to discuss the elimination of the SRA. State board members and department staff discuss issues pertaining to the SRA such as various elements of an alternate assessment, the appeal process, building capacity in schools and monitoring;

C. Quality Teaching and Learning Task Force

Michael Cohan, co-chair, Quality Teaching and Learning Task Force shared the guiding principles and goals that grew out of the over-arching beliefs of the task force work. He stated that draft recommendations have been developed by each of the task force subcommittees. He also stated that the task force will conclude its work by October and provide a comprehensive set of recommendations to the State Board in the Fall 2005.

D. Gifted and Talented Commission Report

Dr. Ted Gourley and Ms. Patricia Coughlin, co-chairs, New Jersey Commission on Programs for the Gifted Students, presented the commission's report which addressed such issues as teacher preparation, professional development and funding.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its July 20, 2005 public work session at 3:10 p.m.

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

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