

**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**

November 16, 2005

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

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

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

ABSENT:

Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Dr. Ernest Lepore

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, November 16, 2005.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

**Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

***A. International Education Resolution**

On behalf of the State Board of Education, State Board Member Kathleen Dietz presented a resolution recognizing the week of November 14-18, 2005 as International Education Week. On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by Ms. Kathleen Dietz:

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK NOVEMBER 14-18, 2005
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the information revolution, technological advances, and changing immigration patterns have fundamentally changed the world our children will inhabit; and

WHEREAS, this year's international education theme is *International Education: Improving Student Achievement Around the World*; and

WHEREAS, international education promotes knowledge and understanding of other countries beyond U.S. borders-including their language, history, geography, religion, arts, and political and economic systems; and

WHEREAS, international education fosters creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving skills through the exploration of complex and controversial global issues; and

WHEREAS, communicating in languages other than English, especially those critical for economic and security purposes, working in cross-cultural environments, and knowing how to use information from worldwide sources are essential skills for the international workplace; and

WHEREAS, the *2005 Regional International Education Discussion and Awareness Forums* have demonstrated how the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards serve as the foundation for infusing international knowledge and skills in all content areas; and

WHEREAS, the *New Jersey International Education Taskforce* is preparing a five-year plan to submit to the Governor in 2006 to support the implementation of international knowledge and skills in New Jersey's schools and as part of the high school reform process; and

WHEREAS, from November 14-18, 2005 the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have proclaimed the sixth annual International Education Week affirming international education as critical to state and national interests; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby recognizes November 14-18, 2005 as International Education Week in New Jersey and strongly supports

implementing and improving international education in New Jersey to provide students the best opportunity for success in the diverse communities and workplaces of the 21st century.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

B. Englewood Report

Penelope Lattimer, chief of staff and Rochelle Hendricks, director, Office of Vocational-Technical Career and Innovative Programs presented a report on Englewood to the State Board. Chief of Staff Lattimer stated that the report is a reflection of the primary challenges and core issues addressed with and agreed to by the Englewood School District. She also stated that the Department and the staff of the Englewood School District have worked in collaboration to identify a comprehensive approach with specific, measurable benchmarks to improve the racial balance at Dwight Morrow High School and to establish a culture of high expectations and achievement for all students.

C. Vocational Education Plan

Jay Doolan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Division of Educational Programs and Assessment and Rochelle Hendricks, director, Office of Vocational-Technical Career and Innovative Programs presented information to the State Board regarding the current status and future plans for vocational and technical education programs.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its November 16, 2005 public work session at 3:00 p.m.

Lucille E. Davy, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, NJ State Board of Education