

**New Jersey State Board of Vocational Education  
Minutes of the Public Work Session  
Held at the Morris County School of Technology  
400 East Main Street  
Denville, New Jersey**

**March 15, 2006**

**Presiding:** Debra Casha, Vice President

**Secretary:** Lucille E. Davy, Acting Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Dr. Ronald K. Butcher  
Ms. Maud Dahme  
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz  
Ms. Josephine E. Figueras  
Mr. John A. Griffith  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith  
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

**ABSENT:**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman  
Rev. Frederick LaGarde

**CONVENING**

Debra Casha, Vice 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 of Vocational Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

Vice President Casha stated that the State Board would be meeting today as the State Board of Vocational Education. She welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Mr. Jim Rogers, superintendent, Morris County School of Technology, for hosting the work session. On behalf of the State Board, Vice President Casha thanked everyone involved in the planning of the vocational work session.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **College Connections**

Mr. James Rogers, Superintendent, Morris County Schools of Technology, Dr. Edward Yaw, President, Mr. Dominic LaTorraca, Vice President, County College of Morris and Dr. Joel Bloom, Vice President for Academic Affairs, New Jersey Institute of Technology, presented information on the dual enrollment program offered by the colleges to the vocational students. The program involves an agreement between the institutions and the vocational school in which qualified high school seniors enjoy “dual enrollment” in high school and college.

### **Critical Issues in Vocational-Technical Education**

Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent, Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, Brian McAndrew, Superintendent, Monmouth County Vocational School District, James Rogers and Judy Savage, Executive Director, NJ Council of County Vocational Schools presented their key ideas to the State Board regarding the State Plan for Vocational Education and recommended amendments to N.J.A.C. 6A:19, Vocational Education Programs. They also discussed the challenges faced by county vocational schools.

### **New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum**

The State Board Members and Department staff continued to review the District Performance Review as part of the on-going discussion of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum. The discussion pertained to the Program and Instruction and Personnel components of the District Performance Review (DPR).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its March 15, 2006 public work session at 4:05 p.m.

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