

**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**

April 19, 2006

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

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Josephine E. Figueras
Mr. John A. Griffith
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

ABSENT:

Ms. Maud Dahme
Rev. Frederick H. LaGarde, Jr.
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith

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, April 19, 2006.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to the implementation of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJ QSAC) proposed at *NJAC* 6A:30 pursuant to *NJSA* 18A:7A-3 et. seq.

B. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

- Discussed the school district performance review (DPR) as it pertains to the implementation of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJ QSAC).

C. NJ Scholars Program

Dana Egreczky, Vice President, Work Force Development, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the State Board and department staff present about the New Jersey Scholars program, an initiative of the Business Coalition of Education Excellence. Ms. Egreczky stated that the New Jersey Scholars program encourages students to take rigorous high school courses in language arts and especially those in mathematics and science. Ms. Egreczky also stated that the program is based on a national initiative coordinated by the Center for State Scholars in Texas and on significant research that indicates students who take challenging courses score an average of 100 points or more on the Scholastic Achievement Test; are twice as likely to be ready for college and need to take fewer remedial classes; can double or triple their chances of staying in college to complete their bachelor's degree; and earn over 13% more per year than students who take less demanding courses even if they do not go to college. Ms. Egreczky further stated that program is currently deployed in 33 secondary schools in New Jersey and is demonstrating outstanding results in only two years.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its April 19, 2006 public work session at 2:50 p.m.

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