

**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**

**June 21, 2006**

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

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

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Ms. Debra Casha  
Ms. Maud Dahme  
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz  
Ms. Josephine E. Figueras  
Mr. John A. Griffith  
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith  
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

**ABSENT:**

Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.  
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, June 21, 2006.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **State Board of Education Priority Issues**

President Hyndman stated that the State Board would discuss Urban Education, Educational Priorities and the process used by the State Board to develop policy and regulation.

#### **Urban Education**

John Griffith, chair, State Board Urban Education committee, led a discussion of the issues that impact urban school districts. The State Board members discussed: access to vocational programs by students in urban school districts; collaboration with other state agencies in order to reduce the incidences of violence in school districts; after school programs; issues related to the security of students in and around the school environment; teacher shortages; gang-related issues; school facilities, academic rigor and teacher preparation and development. The State Board also discussed the possibility of a holding a public meeting to receive the Annual Reports of the State Operated School Districts in the reporting school district.

#### **State Board Strategic Plan/Educational Priorities/Policy**

President Hyndman led an ongoing discussion that began at the State Board's mid-Year Retreat regarding the development of a common Strategic Plan for the State Board of Education and the Department of Education. President Hyndman also led a discussion of the State Board's involvement in the drafting of policy as recommended by the National Association of State Board's of Education (NASBE). The State Board discussed their role in guiding policy development.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its June 21, 2006 public work session at 3:00 p.m.

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