

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
in the Conference Room on the First Floor,
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

August 2, 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. Maud Dahme
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

ABSENT

Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Josephine E. Hernandez
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 August 2, 2006.

STUDENT SPEAKERS

John Blakeslee, the 2006 State Board student representative and a sophomore from Holmdel High School (Monmouth County), introduced the student guest speaker.

David Lee, a student from Cherokee High School (Burlington County), spoke to the State Board about the importance of passing a school budget.

President Hyndman, on behalf of the State Board, thanked David for his presentation.

INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Commissioner Davy recognized Barry Worman, Sussex County Superintendent of Schools, who represented the county superintendents. Mr. Worman has served in this position since April 1998.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the meeting conducted on July 19, 2006.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Committee Announcements

President Hyndman announced the following State Board committees and the respective chairs for 2006-2007. The full committee list is as follows:

Legal Committee

Josephine Hernandez, chair
Arcelio Aponte
Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Ernest Lepore
Frederick LaGarde Jr.

Legislative/Administrative Code Committee

Arcelio Aponte, chair
Ronald Butcher
Maud Dahme
Ernest Lepore

Urban Education Committee

Edward Taylor, chair
Ronald Butcher
Josephine Hernandez
Frederick LaGarde
Thelma Napoleon-Smith

Retreat/Strategic Plan Committee

Arcelio Aponte, chair
Debra Casha
Kathleen Dietz
Ernest Lepore
Thelma Napoleon-Smith

President's Advisory Committee

Arnold Hyndman, chair
Arcelio Aponte
Josephine Hernandez
Ernest Lepore

President Hyndman also announced the State Board liaisons:

Student Health and Safety Issues Liaison

Kathleen Dietz

Rural/Migrant Liaison

To be named

County Vocational Schools Liaison

Edward Taylor

Governor's Liaison

Arnold Hyndman
Arcelio Aponte

Student Discipline Liaison
Edward Taylor

School Facilities and Construction Liaison
Arcelio Aponte

International Education Liaison
Kathleen Dietz

Assessment Liaison
Ernest Lepore

State Action for Educational Leadership Project (SAELP) Liaisons
Arnold Hyndman
Arcelio Aponte

August Work Session and Public Testimony Session

President Hyndman stated that the August work session will be held on August 16, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Education. The items for discussion will be the Special Review Assessment and the Englewood Report.

President Hyndman also stated that the August public testimony session will be held on August 16, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. The topic for consideration will be the amendments to *NJAC* 6A:19, Vocational Education Programs.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

A. Appointments

- There were no appointments.

B. Certification of Districts

- There were no school districts recommended for certification.

C. Special Education

- Readopted with amendments the Special Education regulations at *NJAC* 6A:14, pursuant to *NJSA* Title 18A: 20 *U.S.C.* §1400 *et seq.*

D. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register* the proposed repeal and new chapter pertaining to the implementation of the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJ QSAC) proposed at *NJAC* 6A:30 pursuant to *NJSA* 18A:7A-3 *et. seq.*

E. State Board of Examiners

- Adopted the resolution approving the appointments to the State Board of Examiners in accordance with *NJSA* 18A:6-34 and 35.

**RESOLUTION
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-38, the State Board of Examiners is responsible for issuing, revoking and suspending educational certificates under rules prescribed by the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-34, members of the State Board of Examiners are appointed by the Commissioner of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner, after consulting with members of the education community, has recommended the appointment and reappointment of individuals; and

WHEREAS, the individuals recommended have established reputations for distinguished service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the reappointment to the State Board of Examiners, for a term of two years, each of the following persons:

Gail Cropper
Elementary School Principal

JoAnn Gales
Teacher

James Gay
Teacher

F. Students At Risk of Not Receiving A Public Education

- Discussed amendments to the regulations pertaining to Students at Risk of Not Receiving a Public Education proposed at *NJAC 6A:17* pursuant to *NJSA 18A:38-1, 18A:7B-12, 18A:7B-1 et seq. and 18A:7F-1 et seq.*

NEW BUSINESS

State Board member Maud Dahme stated that the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is seeking one State Board member from each State to serve as a liaison to NASBE. Ms. Dahme asked President Hyndman to consider her for the appointment.

LEGAL CASES

On motion duly seconded and carried, a decision in the following case was adopted by the board as presented by legal committee member Kathleen Dietz.

SHAY STEELE, JOHN DOLLORD AND THERESA KELLY V. BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, ATLANTIC COUNTY, STATE BOARD
DOCKET #24-06

The State Board of Education voted unanimously to dismiss the appeal in this matter for failure to perfect. N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.12(a).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its August 2, 2006 public meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

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