

**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**

**August 16, 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. Hernandez  
Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.  
Dr. Ernest Lepore

**ABSENT:**

Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith  
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

**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, August 16, 2006.

## **Highly Qualified Teacher Announcement**

Acting Commissioner Davy announced that the United States Department of Education (USDE) accepted the New Jersey Department of Education's plan to assure the equitable distribution of highly qualified teachers in New Jersey's schools. The USDE also approved the department's measures to evaluate and publicly report progress towards the 100 percent goal.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Special Review Assessment**

Jay Doolan, acting assistant commissioner, Division of Educational Programs and Assessment, provided a report of New Jersey's involvement with the American Diploma Project (ADP) as well as the project's impact on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and related assessments, particularly the Special Review Assessment (SRA).

### **Englewood Report**

Penelope Lattimer, chief of staff, presented an interim report to update the State Board of Education on the degree of progress made by the Englewood School District since the Acting Commissioner's May 2006 report. The report was a part of the directive included in the State Board's June 1, 2005 decision, in which the State Board directed the Commissioner to develop benchmarks to measure the progress being made toward "achieving a racial balance in the composite student body at Dwight Morrow High School."

### **New Business**

Josephine Hernandez, chair, State Board Legal Committee, welcomed the new members of the legal committee. Ms. Hernandez thanked the 2005-2006 State Board legal committee members and Debra Casha, former chair of the legal committee for their service in this area. She stated that legal committee training would be held after the September 6, 2006 State Board monthly public business meeting. She also stated that the legal committee will meet on September 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

State Board member Maud Dahme congratulated the department on its receipt of a \$50,000 early childhood grant from the National Governors Association.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its August 16, 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