

**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**

November 15, 2006

Presiding: Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman, President

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Josephine E. Hernandez
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

ABSENT:

Ms. Maud Dahme
Ms. Debra Casha
Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.

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, November 15, 2006.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

A. State Board Visits to State Operated School Districts

President Hyndman shared the recommendations of the State Board President's Advisory Committee regarding State Board Visits to State Operated School Districts. State Board members present discussed and agreed that the three State Operated School Districts would submit reports to the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education on or before January 2, 2007. The State Board will visit the Jersey City School District on January 17, 2007. During the visit, the State Board will hear from students, principals, teachers, parents, the local school board members and the superintendent as well as participate in a tour of some of the district schools and/or classrooms. The State Board intends to visit the remaining State Operated School Districts in the future.

B. School Funding

Commissioner Lucille Davy and Allen Dupree, Research Analyst, Office of School Funding, provided an overview of the research and analysis conducted by the Department of Education in conjunction with Augenblick, Palaich and Associates in determining the cost of education in New Jersey. Mr. Dupree stated that the work conducted with the Augenblick group resulted in the implementation of two methods of determining the cost of education, Successful School Districts and Professional Judgment Panels. Mr. Dupree also provided projected costs per pupil based on the use of both methods.

Comment: Should we state what happens next? Consideration by legislature or governor? I am not sure whether the next steps in this process were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its November 15, 2006 public work session at 3:00 p.m.

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