

**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**

**December 20, 2006**

**Presiding:** Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman, President

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

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Ms. Debra Casha  
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz  
Ms. Josephine E. Hernandez  
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

**ABSENT:**

Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith  
Ms. Maud Dahme  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
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, December 20, 2006.

**ITEM FOR ACTION:**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved a ceremonial resolution for Roslynn Novack, director, State Board Appeals Office, who is retiring. The resolution was read by State Board member Josephine Figueras, chair, State Board Legal Committee.

**WHEREAS**, Roslynn Novack has served the State of New Jersey for 22 years, including 12 years as the director of the Office of State Board Appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Novack diligently provided staff support to enable the State Board to fulfill its quasi-judiciary role of deciding appeals arising under education laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Novack's assistance to the State Board's Legal Committee has been invaluable in providing the necessary information and resources for recommendations and reports of legal cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education recognizes and appreciates her commitment to assisting the State Board with its efforts to ensure a fair and timely appeal process to students and practitioners in public education; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Novack is retiring from the New Jersey Department of Education effective January 1, 2007; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education express their gratitude to Ms. Roslynn Novack for her service to the State of New Jersey; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education extend best wishes to Ms. Roslynn Novack and her family for success and happiness in her future endeavors.

**ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:**

**A. High School Redesign**

Jay Doolan, acting assistant commissioner, Division of Educational Programs and Assessment, Joann Bartoletti, executive director, New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, Jane Oates, executive director, Commission on Higher Education and Mary O'Malley, New Jersey United for Higher School Standards outlined reform efforts discussed by the High School Redesign Steering Committee to better prepare students to succeed in a global economy. Overall, the high school improvement efforts are designed to teach the necessary skills to both students who go on to college and those entering the workplace within the first three years out of high school.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its December 20, 2006 public work session at 3:00 p.m.

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

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