

**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**

October 18, 2006

Presiding: Mr. Arcelio Aponte, Vice President

Secretary: Jay Doolan, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

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

ABSENT:

Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman
Ms. Debra Casha
Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.

CONVENING

Arcelio Aponte, vice 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, October 18, 2006.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Office of Licensure and Credentials Matrix: Ensuring Proper Certification for District Job Assignments

Robert Higgins, acting director, Office of Licensure and Credentials presented a status report on licensure and credentials matrix used to ensure that properly certified staff are placed in appropriate job titles. Mr. Higgins stated that this system assists with ensuring the Highly Quality status of teachers and equity with Highly Qualified teachers for low-income school districts. Mr. Higgins also stated that there are four potential reasons why an individual may appear in the matrix report: 1) wrong certificate for job assignment; 2) unrecognized titles; 3) expired certificates; and 4) no certificate reported.

B. Arts Education Review

Jay Doolan, acting Commissioner, introduced Nina Mitchell-Wells, Secretary of State who provided brief remarks to the State Board regarding the benefits of the arts in the lives of students. Linda Morse, acting director, Office of Academic and Professional Standards and Dale Schmid, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator presented the preliminary results of the New Jersey visual and performing arts education survey. This survey is the second in a series designed to assess the implementation of the New Jersey core curriculum content standards in the six areas that are not part of the statewide assessment system.

The arts survey was conducted during the 2005-2006 school year by the New Jersey Arts Education Census Project Partners which includes the Department, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey, and Music For All, Inc.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its October 18, 2006 public work session at 3:00 p.m.

Jay Doolan, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, NJ State Board of Education