

**New Jersey State Board of Vocational Education
Minutes of the Public Work Session
in the Conference Room on the First Floor,
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

April 18, 2007

Presiding: Mr. Arcelio Aponte, Vice President

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Debra Casha (via conference call)
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Ms. Josephine E. Hernandez
Dr. Ernest Lepore

ABSENT:

Ms. Maud Dahme
Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.
Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Mr. Kenneth Parker

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 Vocational Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

In Memory of the Tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Vice president Aponte paused the work session meeting of the State Board to honor the memory of the victims of the tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a moment of silence.

Additional Announcements

Amendments to the Professional Licensure and Standards code

Commissioner Davy stated that State Board would soon be receiving a memo regarding amendments to the Professional Licensure and Standards code. She also stated that she would like to further discuss these amendments during an upcoming work session.

New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)

Commissioner Davy stated that the school districts commonly called the *Bacon districts* are participating in the new state monitoring process. She also stated that this would inform the Department of the needs of the school district and responds to the State Board's request for a needs assessment of those school districts.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. Appointments

Pursuant to NJSA 18A:4-32-35:

Approved the appointment(s) pursuant to *NJSA 52:14B-3(1)* of:

- Beth Brooks as Director of the Office of Fiscal Policy and Planning;
- Mary Jane Kurabinski as Director of the Office of Language Arts Literacy Education;
- James McBee as Director of the Office of Abbott Services;
- Linda Morse as Director of the Office of School District and Improvement Services;
- Timothy Peters as Director of the Office of State Assessments; and
- Roberta Wohle as Director of the Office of Special Education.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

B. Vocational Education Issues

Judy Savage, executive director, NJ Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools introduced the participating students and panelists to the State Board members and Department staff present.

Student Presentations

Corey Stevenson, MATES Academy, Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools, Maria Bender, Academy for Health and Medical Sciences, Somerset County Vocational-Technical Schools, David Boscola, Auto Mechanics, Cumberland County Technical Education Center and Carmela Re, President NJ Skills USA, Sussex County Technical School each presented a overview of the educational program available at their respective schools..

American Diploma Project – Challenges for Career and Technical Education

Frank Gargiulo, Hudson County Schools of Technology, NJCCVTS President-elect, Michael Maddaluna, Somerset County Vocational-Technical Schools, NJCCVTS VP, William Hoey, Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools, Mark Toback, Sussex County Technical Schools and Judy Savage, presented concerns to the State Board about the challenges faced by county vocational schools regarding shared time programs, student assessment and graduation requirements.

Five-Year Career and Technical Education Plan – Key Priorities

Frank Gargiulo, Hudson County Schools of Technology, NJCCVTS President-elect, Michael Maddaluna, Somerset County Vocational-Technical Schools, NJCCVTS VP, William Hoey, Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools, Mark Toback, Sussex County Technical Schools and Judy Savage, presented their ideas to the State Board regarding the State Plan for Vocational Education which specifically targeted: academic rigor, access, range/quality of programs, accountability, resources and professional development.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its April 18, 2007 public work session at 3:17 p.m.

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