

**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**

May 16, 2007

Presiding: Ms. Josephine E. Hernandez

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Maud Dahme
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Mr. Kenneth Parker

ABSENT:

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman
Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.
Dr. Ernest Lepore

CONVENING

Josephine Hernandez, member, 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, May 16, 2007.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA)

Jay Doolan, assistant commissioner, Division of Educational Standards and Programs and Tim Peters, director, Office of State Assessments presented to the State Board, options for moving forward with the elimination of the Special Review Assessment (SRA) as an alternative to the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) for achieving a New Jersey high school diploma.

B. Special Review Assessment (SRA)

Barbara Gantwerk, assistant commissioner, Division of Student Services, Roberta Whole, director, Office of Special Education Programs and Elizabeth Celentano, APA Coordinator provided an overview of the design, underlying rationale, and implementation process of the Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) which is used to measure the achievement of students with some of the more severe cognitive disabilities.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its May 16, 2007 public work session at 3:00 p.m.

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