

**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**

**August 15, 2007**

**Presiding:** Ronald K. Butcher, President

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

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Ms. Debra Casha  
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz  
Ms. Josephine E. Hernandez  
Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman  
Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith

**ABSENT:**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Ms. Maud Dahme  
Ms. Edithe Fulton  
Mr. Kenneth Parker

**CONVENING**

Ronald K. Butcher, 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, August 15, 2007.

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

The State Board recognized Tashera Bolds, Panther Academy (Passaic County), as a part of its monthly recognition program designed to honor a student or a group of students who have made a significant contribution to school, community, family or other groups. The State Board recognized Tashera for her outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements.

On behalf of the State Board, President Butcher congratulated Tashera on her achievements.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **A. State Board Visits to the State Operated School Districts of Newark and Paterson**

The State Board members continued their discussion regarding visits to the State Operated School Districts of Newark and Paterson. The State Board members agreed that such a decision would await the completion of the upcoming strategic planning process.

### **B. New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)**

Commissioner Davy and key members of the senior staff led a discussion that focused on the various features of NJQSAC implementation including: the results of the external evaluations; a review of the amended Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 6A:30, Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts; the status of school districts currently undergoing the NJQSAC monitoring review process, roll out plans for the fall and next steps.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its August 15, 2007 public work session at 3:00 p.m.

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