

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Via Teleconference
in the Conference Room on the First Floor,
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

April 2, 2009

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, Vice President

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Ms. Kathleen Dietz
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Mr. Robert Haney
Ms. Florence McGinn
Mr. Ilan Plawker

ABSENT

Ms. Josephine Hernandez
Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

CONVENING

Mr. Arcelio Aponte, vice president, State Board of Education, convened the special public meeting at 3:40 p.m. 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 48 hour 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

WHEREAS, the purpose of today's meeting is to discuss and take action on the appointment of the state district superintendent for the state-operated school district of the City of Paterson, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That by adopting this resolution the State Board of Education states its intention to convene a special public meeting to conduct the state's business on April 2, 2009.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education took the following action:

A. Appointment

- Approved the following resolution appointing Dr. Donnie W. Evans to the position of State District Superintendent for the State-Operated School District for the City of Paterson:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT
OF THE STATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE
STATE-OPERATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PATERSON**

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1991, the State Board of Education issued an administrative order P.L. 1987, c.399 directing the removal of the district board of education of the school district of the City of Paterson and the creation of a state-operated school; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-53, the State-Operated School District of the City of Paterson was evaluated by a team of highly skilled professionals, based on the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15 mandates that districts under full state intervention be under the supervision of a state district superintendent appointed by the State Board of Education upon recommendation of the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, after a national and comprehensive search for a new State District Superintendent, a community-based search committee and the Paterson School District Advisory Board have identified Dr. Donnie W. Evans as the best candidate to serve as the Paterson State District Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education has affirmed the decision of the search committee and the local school district advisory board and recommends the appointment of Dr. Evans to serve as the Paterson State District Superintendent; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Dr. Donnie W. Evans as State District Superintendent of the state-operated school district of the City of Paterson.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its April 2, 2009 special public meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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