

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
In the Conference Room on the First Floor
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

August 1, 2012

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Christopher D. Cerf, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mr. Mark Beidron
Mr. Joseph Fiscaro
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Ms. Edithe Fulton-via conference call
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

ABSENT

Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Mr. Robert Haney
Mr. Peter Simon

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte convened the public meeting with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The 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.

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.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of August 1, 2012, was called to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Aponte then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that consistent with the provision of *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)*, the State Board of Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on August 1, 2012.

RECONVENING

President Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 10:30 a.m. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, consistent with the provision of *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)*, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Commissioner Cerf acknowledged Ms. Peggy Nicolosi, Executive County Superintendent, Camden and Burlington County Offices.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meetings conducted on July 11, 2012. State Board member Ronald Butcher abstained.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Senate Confirmation

On behalf of the State Board of Education, President Aponte congratulated Commissioner Cerf on receiving confirmation as Commissioner of Education.

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated that a public testimony session would not be held today. President Aponte stated that registration for the September 5, 2012 public testimony session would open on Friday, August 17, 2012. He also stated that the following topics are scheduled: Charter Schools, Interdistrict Public School Choice, NJQSAC and Educator Effectiveness Evaluation System and Open Topic. He further stated that Open Topic means that members of the public may present testimony before the State Board on any educational topic of their choice.

President Aponte also stated that members of the public should contact the State Board office at 609-984-6024 or through the following website <http://education.state.nj.us/sboe/reg.php> for updates.

Report by the 2012-2013 NJ Permanent Student Representative

President Aponte introduced Kenny Patrone the permanent student representative to the State Board for the 2012-2013 school year who provided an update on the four-day Leadership

Training Camp that he attended in July and learned time management and leadership skills. President Aponte also recognized Ms. Brittany Mason, the student council advisor.

NASBE Board of Directors

President Aponte stated that elections for the 2013 President elect and Area Directors of NASBE will take place at the Annual Business Meeting during the Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois this coming October. He also stated that any board member interested in serving as a NASBE officer should contact the State Board Office for details.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

DOE Staffing Announcements

Acting Commissioner Cerf stated that his Deputy Commissioner, Andrew Smarick, would be leaving the Department of Education on August 10 to become a Partner at Bellwether Education Partners, a non-profit organization working nationally to improve education options for all students.

Race to the Top 3

Deputy Commissioner, Andy Smarick, Juliet Squire and Evan Linhardt provided an overview of the Race to the Top 3 Grant awarded to the Department on December 22, 2011. The presenters stated that the state was awarded \$37.8 million dollars, of which \$18.9 million is allocated to 322 participating LEA's according to the Title 1 formula and another \$18.9 million is allocated to fund the following five state-level initiatives: Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Instructional Improvement System (IIS), Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), Educator Evaluation Pilots and Charter School Expansion. The presenters gave an overview of the projects underway relative to the five state-level initiatives which include but are not limited to creating model curriculum and aligned assessments, funding implementation for all priority schools, building NJDOE capacity to manage the EE4NJ implementation and the teacher and principal evaluation pilots and increasing capacity to improve the charter application and renewal review process.

Teacher and Principal Evaluation Pilot Programs

Peter Shulman Chief Talent Officer/Assistant Commissioner, Division of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness provided an overview of the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Pilot programs. He explained the evolution of the evaluation program from inception in 2010 through to full implementation in 2014. He also provided a summary of lessons learned from teacher evaluation pilot participants in Cohort 1 used to inform the new requirements for the 2012-2013 system implementation. He further gave an overview of the teacher evaluation pilot participants for the second Cohort, stating that during the 2012-2013 school year approximately 25-30 school districts will be piloting new evaluation systems.

Mr. Shulman provided a synopsis of the 2012-2013 Principal Evaluation Pilot program. He stated that 21 school districts applied during the Notice of Grant Opportunity and 14 school districts were selected.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

A. Appointments

- There were no appointments.

***B. Certification of School Districts**

- Certified for a period of three years, the following school districts recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14a and b. State Board Joseph Fiscaro abstained.

Certified School District	County
Atlantic Co. Vocational	Atlantic
Weymouth Twp.	Atlantic
Hasbrouck Heights	Bergen
Lodi	Bergen
Norwood	Bergen
Pascack Valley Reg. HS	Bergen
Saddle Brook Twp.	Bergen
Waldwick	Bergen
Burlington Co. Voc.	Burlington
Delanco	Burlington
Edgewater Park	Burlington
Lenape Regional HS	Burlington
Medford Lakes	Burlington
Moorestown	Burlington
Mount Holly	Burlington
Mount Laurel Twp.	Burlington
Shamong Twp.	Burlington
Maurice River Twp.	Cumberland
Stow Creek	Cumberland
Essex Fells	Essex
Delsea Regional HS	Gloucester
Mantua Twp.	Gloucester
Swedesboro-Woolwich	Gloucester
Middlesex Borough	Middlesex
Avon	Monmouth
Howell Twp.	Monmouth
Oceanport	Monmouth
Rumson-Fair Haven Reg. HS	Monmouth
West Long Branch	Monmouth
Passaic Co Manchester Reg.	Passaic
Hillsborough	Somerset
Roselle Park	Union

***C. Charter Schools**

- Approved for publication in the New Jersey Register the amendments to the regulations pertaining to charter schools proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:11, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-1 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-18.

***D. Resolution to Accept Donated Funds**

- Adopted the following resolution approving the acceptance of \$59,400 in donated funds.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATED FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:4-26 requires the approval of the New Jersey State Board of Education in order for the acting Commissioner of Education to accept donated funds; and

WHEREAS, the shared goal of the Department and State Board of Education is to ensure that all children, regardless of life circumstances, graduate from high school college and career ready; and

WHEREAS, the Department is pursuing a comprehensive education reform agenda aimed at supporting our struggling schools and addressing the State’s persistent achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is the recipient of up to \$59,400 in grant funds from The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation to identify, recruit, and subsidize a portion of the salary of a Broad Resident to support the work of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education will utilize this Resident to support the work of the Chief Academic Officer in staffing the Regional Achievement Centers and in building strategic partnerships and streamlined communications for the Regional Achievement Centers, in an effort to turn around the State’s Priority and Focus schools; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education approves the acceptance of the donated funds for the aforementioned specific purposes.

***E. Educator Effectiveness Evaluation System**

- Discussed the proposed repeal of N.J.A.C.6A:32-4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.8 and proposed new chapter of regulations pertaining to educator effectiveness set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:10, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

State Board member Ilan Plawker asked for clarification on the requirements for every school district to have a chief school administrator.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its August 1, 2012, public meeting at 12:27 pm.

Christopher D. Cerf, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, State Board of Education