

**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**

February 6, 2013

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Christopher D. Cerf, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mr. Mark Beidron
Mr. Joseph Fiscaro
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Mr. Robert Haney
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Ilan Plawker—via teleconference
Mr. Peter Simon
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

ABSENT

Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill

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 February 6, 2013, 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 February 6, 2013.

RECONVENING

President Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 10:00 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 ALLEGANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on January 16, 2013. State Board member Mark Biedron abstained.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Cerf recognized Dr. Margaret Nicolosi, Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools (Burlington and Camden Counties) who represented the county superintendents.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Permanent Student Representative Report

President Aponte introduced Kenny Patrone the permanent student representative to the State Board for the 2012-2013 school year. Kenny presented a variety of views from students, administrators and staff about summer school and if it should be free.

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated that a public testimony session would not be held following the board meeting as there were no topics scheduled for consideration.

President Aponte also stated that the following topics are scheduled for the March 6, 2013 public testimony: Professional Licensure and Standards, Educational Facilities, Programs to Support Student Development, Standards and Assessment, Special Education and Student Residency regulations.

President Aponte further 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.

Cancellation of the April 17, 2013 State Board meeting

President Aponte stated that two meetings were scheduled for the month of April. He also stated that the April 17, 2013 State Board meeting will be cancelled. He further stated that the State Board will hold its monthly public business meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

National Association of State Boards of Education meeting (NASBE)

State Board member Dorothy Strickland stated that she attended a meeting on the Common Core State Standards CCSS held by the National Association of State Boards of Education. She also stated that approximately 40 Board members from across the United States, DC, and Guam attended. She further stated that the presenters gave an overview and salient features of the CCSS and the two assessment consortia, the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and the Smarter Balanced Consortium (SMARTER). The new assessments will begin during the 2013-14 school year.

Dr. Strickland stated that some time was also provided for each state to informally share information on the progress and challenges of this work. She also stated that the State of Kentucky discussed their efforts toward an evaluation of their implementation process. It is an elaborate system, termed "*The Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS)*" which is designed to connect standards, electronically stored instructional resources, curriculum, formative assessments, instruction, professional learning and evaluation of teachers and principals in one place. She further stated that this system could provide some insight into how states might coordinate all of these efforts.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Career and Technical Education Month

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board unanimously adopted the following resolution establishing February as Career and Technical Education Month. Barbara Gantwerk, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Student and Field Services; Marie Barry, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education; Ernest Ariens, President NJ State FFA Association; Christopher Kobik, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Lower Cape May Regional School District; and Dr. Kimberly Metz, Secretary, NJ Council of County Vocational Technical Schools accepted the resolution on behalf of the Career and Technical Education community.

RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of February 2013, has been designated nationally as Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, teachers, administrators, and school counselors involved in career and technical education serve more than 217,000 secondary and postsecondary students in the Garden State; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education programs incorporate a rigorous academic core coupled with a high-level technical curriculum to prepare students to be college and career ready; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education builds collaborative connections among education, economic development and workforce development to support healthy economic growth; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers opportunities for student leadership experiences supporting personal and professional growth, opportunities to apply academic knowledge and skills in meaningful contexts through partnerships with postsecondary institutions, business, industry, and community; and

WHEREAS, seven state career and technical student organizations serve more than 47,000 students in New Jersey through membership in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); National FFA Association; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); DECA, an Association of Marketing Students; Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA); Technology Student Association (TSA) and SkillsUSA; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive, innovative approach of career and technical education prepares students as global citizens for a lifetime of career and education choices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education hereby recognizes February 2013 as Career and Technical Education Month in New Jersey and the potential of career and technical education to successfully prepare students of all ages to meet the current and future demands of our rapidly changing global economy.

School Performance Report

Bari Erlichson, Chief Performance Officer, provided an overview of the Performance Report. She stated that the purpose of the School Performance Report is to enable stakeholders to engage in local goal setting, improvement planning and performance management. She also stated that the Performance Report focuses attention on data metrics that research has shown to be indicative of college and career readiness. She further stated that information like student performance on state tests, enrollment, and spending will still be included in the Report along with new data that makes it possible to create snapshots of different levels of student performance.

Ms. Erlichson stated that the Report will show a student's annual progress and evaluate state test scores against comparable students statewide using the Student Growth Percentile or SGP. She also stated that the Report will include data about how students perform on the high-school biology test and school-by-school test results. She further stated that information will also be included communicating how many students received a C or higher in Algebra I.

The School Performance Report will also contain data about how public school students progress once they leave high school, including post secondary performance.

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**

- There were no school districts to be certified.

***C. Educator Effectiveness Evaluation System**

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

***D. Student Transportation**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register* the readoption with amendments to the regulations pertaining to student transportation proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:27, Student Transportation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-21.

***E. Educational Facilities**

- Discussed the amendments to the regulations pertaining to school facilities proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:26 and 26A, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5k, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-13, 18A:7G-26 and P.L. 2000, c. 72, P.L. 2007, c.137, and P.L. 2008, c. 39.

F. Student Residency

- Discussed the amendments to the rules pertaining to student residency proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:22, Student Residency, pursuant to pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1.

G. Religious Holiday Calendar Resolution

- Discussed the resolution pertaining to the annual calendar of religious holidays for the 2012-2013 school year as established at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14-16.

H. Special Education

- Discussed the proposed readoption with amendments pertaining to special education proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:14, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15, 18A:7A-1 et seq., 18A:7B-1 et seq., 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:39:1-1, 18A:40-4, 18A:46-1 et seq., 18A:46A-1 et seq., U.S.P.L. 93-112, Sec. 504, 94-142, 99-457 101-476, 105-17, and 108-446

I. Programs to Support Student Development

- Discussed the proposed reoption with amendments pertaining to student services proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:16, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A; N.J.S.A. 2A:170; N.J.S.A. 2C:12; N.J.S.A. 2C:33; N.J.S.A. 2C:35; N.J.S.A. 2C:36; N.J.S.A. 2C:39; N.J.S.A. 9:6; N.J.S.A. 9:16; N.J.S.A. 18A:4; N.J.S.A. 18A:6; N.J.S.A. 18A:17; N.J.S.A. 18A:23; N.J.S.A. 18A:25; N.J.S.A. 18A:36; N.J.S.A. 18A:37; N.J.S.A. 18A:38; N.J.S.A. 18A:40; N.J.S.A. 18A:40A; N.J.S.A. 18A:46; N.J.S.A. 24:21; IDEA; Section 504; N.J.A.C. 8:57.

J. Standards and Assessment

- Discussed the amendments to the regulations pertaining to standards and assessment proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:8, Standards and Assessment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-49; 18A:7C; 18A:7E-2 through 5; 18A:35-4.2; 18A:54; 18A:59-5.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session

NEW BUSINESS

State Board President Aponte and the State Board members present discussed establishing a set time for public testimony. President Aponte stated that a resolution would be presented at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its February 6, 2013, public meeting at 1:29 pm.

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