

**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**

July 10, 2013

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Peter Shulman, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mr. Joseph Fiscaro
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Ms. Edythe Fulton—via teleconference
Mr. Robert Haney
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

ABSENT

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mr. Mark Beidron
Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Ilan Plawker
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 July 10, 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 July 10, 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

ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OFFICERS

Acting Commissioner Peter Shulman, acting secretary to the State Board, conducted the annual election of State Board officers. Jack Fornaro, member, State Board Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers. On motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members elected Arcelio Aponte as State Board President and Ilan Plawker as State Board Vice President. Both were elected for a one-year term.

President Aponte expressed his gratitude to the members of the State Board for re-electing him President.

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 June 5, 2013. On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on June 21, 2013.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Aponte recognized Caitlin Slate the 2013-2014 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Caitlin is a junior from High Point Regional High School in Sussex County. Her advisor is Ms. Christine Henry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Girl Scout Presentation

Betty Garger, President/Chief Executive Officer of the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey provided a presentation to the state board that included research about the work that the Girl Scouts are engaged in that enriches the academic experience for the almost 100,000 Girl Scouts in NJ. Her presentation also included a focus on increasing STEM participation among girls and a program centered on financial literacy that complements the efforts of New Jersey's schools.

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated that public testimony would be held following today's monthly public business meeting. He also stated that the following topics are scheduled for the public testimony session: Regulatory Equivalency and Waiver, Managing for Equality and Equity, Adult

Education, TEACH NJ, Standards and Assessment, and the Professional Licensure and Standards (Teacher Preparation) regulations.

President Aponte stated that there are no topics scheduled for the August 7, 2013 public testimony.

President Aponte 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.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

There were no Commissioner's reports this month.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Appointment**

- Approved the following appointment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-32-35 and N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq.:
 - Michael Yaple as the Director of the Office of Public Information.

***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.

Certified School District	County
Bergen	Carlstadt-East Rutherford
Bergen	Cresskill
Bergen	Fair Lawn
Bergen	Glen Rock
Bergen	Old Tappan
Bergen	Park Ridge
Bergen	Ramsey
Bergen	River Vale
Bergen	Ridgewood
Bergen	Westwood Regional
Burlington	Evesham Township
Burlington	Mansfield Township
Burlington	Maple Shade
Burlington	Riverton
Burlington	Southampton Township
Cape May	Avalon
Cape May	Cape May Co. Special Serv.

Cape May	North Wildwood
Cape May	West Cape May
Essex	Caldwell-West Caldwell
Essex	Millburn
Essex	Roseland
Essex	West Essex Regional
Gloucester	Gloucester Co Special Serv.
Gloucester	Gloucester Co. Vocational
Gloucester	Washington Township
Mercer	Mercer Co. Special Services
Monmouth	Fair Haven
Monmouth	Henry Hudson Regional
Monmouth	Roosevelt
Monmouth	Shore Regional High
Monmouth	Upper Freehold Regional
Monmouth	Wall Township
Morris	Denville Township
Morris	Hanover Park Regional
Morris	Mine Hill
Morris	Morris County Vocational
Morris	Morris Hills Regional
Morris	Mount Olive
Morris	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.
Morris	Rockaway Township
Morris	Washington Township
Morris	Wharton
Passaic	Passaic Valley Reg. HS #1
Union	Scotch Plains-Fanwood
Union	Union Township

***C. New PRAXIS Tests and Qualifying Scores for Teachers Resolution**

- Adopted the following resolution to adopt new tests and the initial qualifying scores for the Praxis II to be used to obtain the Middle School Mathematics and PreK-12 Mathematics endorsements and the Middle School Language Arts and PreK-12 Language Arts endorsement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1, and further adopted the new tests and initial qualifying scores for the PRAXIS Core Academic Skills tests to be used to obtain standard certification for experience-based Career and Technical Education endorsements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-11.2(c)5i.

**RESOLUTION TO
ADOPT NEW PRAXIS II TESTS AND QUALIFYING SCORES FOR MIDDLE**

**SCHOOL MATHEMATICS, PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 12 MATHEMATICS,
MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS, PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 12
LANGUAGE ARTS, AND PRAXIS I BASIC SKILLS TESTS IN READING,
WRITING, AND MATHEMATICS**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has required that teacher certification candidates pass tests in specified disciplines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1, effective January 5, 2009 and in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-11.2(c)5i, effective January 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has required tests for the endorsements for Middle School Mathematics, Pre-K Through Grade 12 Mathematics, Middle School Language Arts, and Pre-K Through Grade 12 Language Arts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1; and

WHEREAS, State Board of Education has also required the Praxis Core Academic Skills tests (previously titled the Praxis I tests) in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics for the Career and Technical Education endorsements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-11.2(c)5i; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has recently established new Praxis II tests for the endorsements listed above and has also recently established new Praxis Core Academic Skills tests to replace the current tests that are in use by the department; and

WHEREAS, the department has participated in and accepts the national standard-setting studies for all aforementioned tests except the Middle School Language Arts test to determine the validity of and the theoretically appropriate qualifying scores for the tests; and

WHEREAS, the department has also reviewed and accepted the bases for the new ETS Middle School Language Arts test as stated in the national standard-setting study for that test and accepts the validity of the recommended qualifying score for that test; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education approves the department's selection of these respective Praxis II tests and the Praxis Core Academic Skills tests and the initial qualifying scores for the each test; and

WHEREAS, the department will monitor the impact of these tests and qualifying scores on the passing rates for each subject area and will report any problems with the same to the State Board of Education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby supports the department's selection of this Praxis II Subject Assessment tests and the Praxis Core Academic Skills tests; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby acknowledges and accepts the department's establishment of the following qualifying scores for each test effective September 1, 2013:

Praxis II Tests	Proposed Qualifying Score
Middle School Mathematics	165
Pre-K to Grade 12 Mathematics	160

Middle School Language Arts	164
Pre-K to Grade 12 Language Arts	167

Praxis Core Basic Skills Tests

Reading	156
Writing	162
Mathematics	150

***G. Religious Holidays Calendar Resolution**

- Adopted the amended resolution pertaining to the annual calendar of religious holidays for the 2013-2014 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. Professional Licensure and Standards

- Discussed the regulations pertaining to teacher preparation proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:9, Professional Licensure and Standards pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-34, 18A:6-38, 18A:36-10 and 18A:26-2.7

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its July 10, 2013, public meeting at 11:10 am.

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