

**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 7, 2013**

**Presiding:** Arcelio Aponte, President

**Secretary:** Christopher D. Cerf, Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

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

**ABSENT**

Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Mr. Mark Beidron  
Ms. Claire Chamberlain  
Dr. Ernest Lepore

**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 7, 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 August 7, 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**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

President Aponte requested a moment of silence in honor of State Board member Ilan Plawker who passed away on July 11, 2013. President Aponte stated that a resolution will be presented to Ilan's family at the September 11, 2013 monthly meeting.

## **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 July 10, 2013. State Board member Peter Simon abstained.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions today.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Permanent Student Representative**

President Aponte stated that Caitlin Slate the 2013-2014 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education would not be in attendance at today's meeting. He also stated that Caitlin would begin her term in September. Caitlin is a junior from High Point Regional High School in Sussex County. Her advisor is Ms. Christine Henry.

### **State Board Nominating Committee**

President Aponte announced the State Board Nominating Committee to nominate the 2013-2014 State Board of Education vice president. Mark Biedron will serve as chairperson, and Edythe Fulton and Jack Fornaro will serve as members. The nominating committee will give its report and the State Board will vote at the September State Board monthly meeting.

### **Public Testimony**

President Aponte stated that public testimony would not be held following today's monthly public business meeting as there are no topics scheduled.

President Aponte stated that the Professional Licensure and Standards, mentoring and certification amendments are scheduled for the September 11, 2013 public testimony. He also

stated that September 11, 2013 is an Open Topic public testimony opportunity. He further stated that Open Topic means that members of the public may provide comment on any educational topic of their choice.

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**

- 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.

<b>Certified School District</b>	<b>County</b>
Bergen Co. Special Services	Bergen
Hackensack	Bergen
Fairfield	Essex
Glen Ridge	Essex
North Caldwell	Essex
National Park	Gloucester
Woodbury Heights	Gloucester
Hampton	Hunterdon
East Brunswick	Middlesex
Milltown	Middlesex
Monroe Township	Middlesex
Sayreville	Middlesex
Spotswood	Middlesex
Highlands	Monmouth
Spring Lake Heights	Monmouth
Morris County Vocational	Morris
Island Heights	Ocean
Long Beach Island	Ocean
Point Pleasant	Ocean
Stafford Township	Ocean

Alloway Township	Salem
Mannington Township	Salem
Quinton Township	Salem
Warren Co. Special Services	Warren

**\*C. Adult Education**

- Adopted the relocation, amendments, repeal and new rules pertaining to adult education proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:20, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:27-2, 18A:48-1, 18A:49-1 through 8, 18A:50-12, 13, and 14, and the Adult Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1201 et seq.

**\*G. Professional Licensure and Standards**

- Approved for publication in the New Jersey Register 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

**H. Professional Licensure and Standards**

- Discussed the regulations pertaining to mentoring and certification of staff 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 August 7, 2013, public meeting at 11:15 am.

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