

**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**

October 2, 2013

Presiding: Joseph Fisicaro, Vice President

Secretary: Christopher D. Cerf, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mr. Mark Beidron
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill-via teleconference
Dr. Dorothy Strickland
Mr. Peter Simon

ABSENT

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Robert Haney

CONVENING

State Board of Education Vice President Joseph Fisicaro 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 October 2, 2013, was called to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Fisicaro 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 October 2, 2013.

RECONVENING

Vice President Fisicaro 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 ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members unanimously approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on September 11, 2013.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Cerf recognized Mr. Joseph Passiment, Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools (Monmouth and Ocean Counties) who represented the county superintendents.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Public Testimony

Vice President Fiscaro stated that public testimony would be held following today's monthly public business meeting. He also stated that the Professional Licensure and Standards (Teacher Preparation regulations are on the schedule.

Vice President Fiscaro stated that there are no topics scheduled for public testimony on October 2, 2013. He also stated that registration for the November 13, 2013. He also stated that members of the public should contact the State Board office at 609-984-6024 or check the following website <http://education.state.nj.us/sboe/reg.php> for updates.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Teacher of the Year

Chief Talent Officer Peter Shulman introduced Kathleen Assini, a Social Studies teacher at the Delsea Regional High School in Franklinville City, NJ, the newly named 2013-14 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year. He said Ms. Assini has been in this position for the past nine years.

Vice President Fiscaro congratulated Ms. Assini on being chosen as the state Teacher of the Year from among the 21 County Teachers of the Year.

Representatives from the following organizations and companies presented Ms. Assini with these items: New Jersey Education Association - a one-year lease on a new car and a \$500 clothing allowance; and Educational Testing Service - a half-year sabbatical.

Mr. Shulman also stated that SMART Technologies will provide Ms. Assini with a SMART package for her classroom.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

There were no items for consideration.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Fiscaro stated that board members have been invited to attend and participate in panel discussions at two upcoming conventions in Atlantic City, NJ. He also stated that the invitations received are for the New Jersey School Boards Convention on October 22 and 23, 2013 and the New Jersey Education Association Conference on November 7 and 8, 2013. He encouraged all board members to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its October 2, 2013, public meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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