

**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**

**November 13, 2013**

**Presiding:** Mr. Arcelio Aponte, President

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

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Ms. Claire Chamberlain  
Mr. Joseph Fisicaro  
Mr. Mark Beidron  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill  
Dr. Dorothy Strickland  
Mr. Peter Simon

**ABSENT**

Ms. Edythe Fulton

**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 November 13, 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 November 13, 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 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 October 2, 2013.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Public Testimony**

President Aponte stated that public testimony would not be held following today's monthly public business meeting.

President Aponte stated that there are no topics scheduled for public testimony on December 4, 2013. He also stated that registration for the January 8, 2013 public testimony session would open Friday, December 13, 2013 and close Friday, January 3, 2014. The Professional Licensure and Standards mentoring amendments are scheduled for the January 8 public testimony session.

President Aponte 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.

### **State Board Member Resignation**

President Aponte stated that State Board member Robert Haney resigned effective October 16, 2013.

### **Permanent Student Representative Report**

President Aponte introduced Caitlin Slate the permanent student representative to the State Board for the 2013-2014 school year and her advisor Ms. Christine Henry. Caitlin updated the State Board on the ongoing work of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils. She stated that the Council has chose their state charity to be "The Hero Campaign" an organization started to raise awareness of drunk driving across the state of New Jersey. She stated that throughout this school year the students of New Jersey will raise money for The Hero Campaign.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

### **2012-2013 State Assessment Results**

Bari Erlichson Chief Performance Officer, presented results on the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) and the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) for the 2012-13 school year to the State Board of Education. She stated that test questions in the majority of grades on the NJASK were aligned to the more rigorous Common Core State Standards. She also stated that even with these higher expectations, New Jersey students continued to perform at high levels overall.

She stated that since New Jersey adopted the Common Core in 2010, the state has taken three years to implement the new standards in order to give time for educators to adapt to the new standards. She also stated that by 2015, New Jersey will fully transition to far superior Common Core-aligned tests, called PARCC, the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

*\*Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

**\*A. Appointment(s)**

- 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.:
  - Kristen Brown as the Director of the Office Recruitment and Preparation/Rewards and Recognition.

**\*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
Lebanon Borough	Hunterdon
Manasquan	Monmouth
Spring Lake	Monmouth

**\*C. School District Operations**

- Adopted the amendments to the regulations pertaining to school district operations proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:32, School District Operations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

**\*D. Regulatory Equivalency and Waiver**

- Adopted the amendments to the Regulatory Equivalency and Waiver regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:5, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-1 et seq., specifically 18A:36A-18.

**\*E. Standards and Assessments**

- Adopted 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.

**\*F. Student Residency**

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

**\*G. Educational Facilities**

- Adopted 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.

**\*H. Professional Licensure & Standards**

- Approved for publication in the New Jersey Register, 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.

**I. Resolution for State-Issued High School Diplomas**

- Discussed the resolution pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-1.4(a) recommending three qualified providers of valid and reliable tests for the granting of state issued high school diplomas, their respective tests, and each test's initial qualifying scores.

**WORK SESSION**

There was no work session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vice President Fisicaro stated that some board members attended and participated in panel discussions at the New Jersey School Boards Convention on October 22, 2013 and the New Jersey Education Association Conference on November 7, 2013. He thanked the Associations for their invitations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its November 13, 2013, public meeting at 12:22 p.m.

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