

**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**

May 7, 2014

Presiding: Mr. Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: David C. Hespe, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mr. Mark Beidron
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Mr. Joseph Fisicaro
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

ABSENT

Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
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 May 7, 2014, 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 May 7, 2014.

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 April 2, 2014. President Aponte and State Board member Ernest Lepore abstained.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated that public testimony would be held following today's monthly public business meeting. He also stated that today is an Open Topic public testimony opportunity meaning that members of the public could present testimony on any educational topic of their choice.

He also stated that registration for the June 4, 2014 public testimony session would open Friday, May 16, 2014 and close Friday, May 30, 2014. 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.

Selection of the State Board Nominating Committee

President Aponte announced the selection of the State Board Nominating Committee that will nominate the 2014-2015 State Board of Education president and vice president. Ernest Lepore will serve as chairperson, and Dorothy Strickland and Jack Fornaro will serve as members. The nominating committee will give its report at the June State Board monthly meeting and the State Board will vote on officers at the July State Board monthly meeting

Permanent Student Representative

President Aponte introduced Russell Bauer the permanent student representative to the State Board for the 2014-2015 school year and his advisor Ms. Erika Miro. He stated that Russell is a junior from Seneca High School in the Lenape Regional High School District. Russell will begin his term in July.

Resolution to Establish the State Board Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2014-2015

President Aponte presented the draft monthly public meeting dates calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. The State Board plans to adopt a resolution at its June 4, 2014 monthly public business meeting regarding the annual calendar of the 2014-2015 meeting dates of the State Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:1-2.2, N.J.S.A. 18A:4-7 and 10:4-6 et seq.

Resolution to Recognize May 2014 as Physical Education and Sport Month

President Aponte presented a resolution to recognize May 2014 as Physical Education and Sport month. On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board Vice president Joseph Fisicaro:

Resolution to Recognize May 2014 as Physical Education and Sport Month

WHEREAS, childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions in the United States; and New Jersey has the highest obesity rate in the nation among low-income children; and

WHEREAS, today's childhood obesity rates are putting our children on course to be the first generation in this country to live shorter and less healthy lives than their parents; and

WHEREAS, a decline in physical activity has contributed to the unprecedented epidemic of childhood obesity; and regular physical activity is necessary to support normal and healthy growth in children; and

WHEREAS, children spend many of their waking hours at school and therefore need to be active during the school day to meet the recommendations of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend that children engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on most, and preferably all, days of the week; and

WHEREAS, teaching children about physical education and sports not only ensures that they are physically active during the school day, but also educates them on how to be physically active and its importance; and

WHEREAS, research shows that fit and active children are more likely to thrive academically and participation in sports and physical activity improves self-esteem and body image in children and adults; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes the month of May as National Physical Education and Sport Month and urges all school districts in the State of New Jersey to renew their commitment to quality health and physical education programs and physical activity to improve the health and well-being of this state's children.

National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Stipend

President Aponte stated that NASBE is providing State's funds under the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Project. He also stated that the stipends are intended to increase the

State Board's capacity, time and/or capability to advance policies such as the adoption and implementation of the NGSS or similar high quality college and career science standards.

President Aponte stated that State Board member Mark Biedron is working with the State Board Office and the Department to finalize a proposal. He also stated that the proposal includes an information meeting with the State Board to be held at the Liberty Science Center on June 12. She further stated that Steve Pruitt from Achieve will provide a presentation on the Science Standards designed to raise awareness of the Standards as well as implications for policy development, adoption and implementation.

President Aponte stated that the presentation would be video-taped and put on the DOE website to share with the educational community and interested parties. He also stated that the proposal includes an upcoming strategic implementation meeting with the state board and stakeholders.

Awards Ceremony and Special Work Session Meeting of the State Board of Education

President Aponte state that the State Board will host an Awards ceremony and work session meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2014. He stated that the Awards ceremony would begin at 10:00 am. He also stated that the purpose of the work session meeting is to review the proposed revisions to the Core Curriculum Content Standards. He further stated that the work session would begin at noon here at the Department of Education building in the First Floor Conference Room.

President Aponte stated that since the State Board is embarking on its five year review and readoption of the standards, public testimony sessions would also be held on this topic on June 4, 11 and 12, 2014. He also stated that details regarding registration for the hearings can be found on the Department's website at <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Update on the Review and Readoption Process for the Core Curriculum Content Standards

Dr. Tracey Severns, Chief Academic Officer stated that the Department would begin the readoption process of the Core Curriculum Content Standards. She also stated that the first set (Science, Mathematics, Language arts literacy, Social Studies, World Languages, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Visual and Performing Arts and 21st-Century Life and Careers) would be reviewed with the State Board at a special meeting on May 22, 2014. She further stated that three public hearings would follow in early June.

Dr. Severns stated that the first set would be presented to the State Board for adoption at the July 9, 2014 State Board meeting. She also stated that the second set (Career and Technical Education and Technology) would be presented at the August 6 monthly meeting for discussion. She further stated that three public hearings on the first set would occur late August, early September and be presented to the State Board for adoption at the October 1, 2014 monthly meeting.

Update on Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Field Tests

Dr. Bari Erlichson, Chief Performance Officer provided an update on the PARCC field tests. She stated that by replicating test administration environments, the field test allowed about 77% of New Jersey's school districts to identify technology capacity strengths and needs, administrators and educators to preview planning and proctor requirements, and students to become familiar with the online assessment. She also stated that the efforts and teamwork of New Jersey educators across the state led to a successful initial experience with the tests. She also stated that although initial feedback indicates that the practice runs was positive overall, its purpose was also to proactively identify challenges prior to full implementation.

She stated that the Department is collecting data to better understand what support, communications, and technology assistance will be necessary over the next twelve months to fill the identified gaps.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Results

Dr. Bari Erlichson, Chief Performance Officer provided an overview of the of the National Assessment of Educational Progress or (NAEP) results for New Jersey. She stated that New Jersey scored among the highest in states participating in a federal pilot testing program of 12th grade math and reading, according to 2013 National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) results.

She also stated that New Jersey seniors performed well compared to counterparts in the other 12 states that participated in the NAEP exam. She further stated that New Jersey's average math score of 159 placed it in a statistical tie for first with Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and South Dakota.

She stated that New Jersey's average reading score of 292 placed it third among participating states, with only Connecticut and New Hampshire scoring higher. She also stated that the average New Jersey score in mathematics increased three points from 2009 and the average New Jersey reading score of 292 was four points higher than the average score recorded four years earlier.

She stated that the NAEP report found the achievement gap in New Jersey, while narrowing slightly since 2009, still persists among racial/ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. She also stated that the gap in mathematics between higher performing high school seniors (those at the 75th percentile) and the lower performing students (those at the 25th percentile) was 47 points. She further stated that in reading, the gap among 12th graders was at 49 points, compared with a gap of 53 points recorded in 2009.

She stated that NAEP is also used as a measure of academic preparedness. She also stated that NAEP has set a score of 302 or higher (out of a possible 500) for what it considers to be academically prepared for college-level language arts. She further stated that in New Jersey, the ratio of students whose reading scores were considered "college ready" rose from 38 percent in 2009 to 41 percent last year.

Reorganization of Chapter 9, Professional Licensure and Standards

Peter Shulman, Chief Talent Officer advised the State Board that the Department with assistance from the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) will recodify the subchapters of chapter 9, Professional Licensure and Standards into four separate chapters with the following titles:

N.J.A.C. 6A:9	PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
N.J.A.C. 6A:9A	NEW JERSEY EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
N.J.A.C. 6A:9B	STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND CERTIFICATION
N.J.A.C. 6A:9C	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS

He stated that the goal is to better organize the current chapter into smaller parts that are more specific to the areas of professional standards, teacher preparation, certification, and professional development.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Commissioner**

- Adopted the organization structure for the State Department of Education at N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq., pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:4 et.seq and N.J.S.A 52:14B-3(1).

***B. Appointment(s)**

- Approved the following appointments and title changes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-32-35 and N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq.:

Appointments:

- Patricia Morgan, Chief Legal and External Affairs Officer
- Amy Ruck, Deputy Chief Innovation Officer
- Harry Lee, Director, Office of Charter Schools
- Lorraine Clapper, Director, Office of Informational Technology
- Dodi Price, Director, Office of Human Resources

Title Changes:

- David C. Hespe, Assistant Commissioner, Operations
- Susan Martz, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Student Services and Career Readiness
- Paula White, Director, Regional Achievement Centers
- Karen Campbell, Director, Office of Supplemental Educational Programs
- Michael Yaple, Director, Office of Public Information and Strategic Partnerships

***C. 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
Estell Manor	Atlantic
Dennis Township	Cape May
Cumberland Regional	Cumberland
Westville	Gloucester
Califon	Hunterdon
Tewksbury Township	Hunterdon
Ewing Township	Mercer
Hopewell Valley Regional	Mercer
Princeton	Mercer
Middlesex County Vocational	Middlesex
East Hanover Township	Morris
Sch. Dist. of the Chathams	Morris
Totowa	Passaic
Pittsgrove Township	Salem
Woodstown-Pilesgrove Reg.	Salem
Montague	Sussex
Springfield	Union
Allamuchy	Warren
Frelinghuysen Township	Warren
Hope Township	Warren
Washington Borough	Warren

***D. Charter Schools**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register*, the readoption with amendments pertaining to charter schools proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:11, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-18..

***E. Educator Effectiveness**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register*, the amendments pertaining to educator evaluation proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:10, Educator Effectiveness pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15. State Board member Edithe Fulton abstained.

F. School District Operations

- Discussed the readoption with amendments of the rules pertaining to school district operations, proposed at at N.J.A.C. 6A:32, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-10, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-50, 18A:7A-1, 18A:7A-1.1, 18A:10-6, 18A:12-21 et seq., 18A:13-14, 18A:16-1, 18A:17-14 to 14.3, 18A:27-15, 18A:17-17, 18A:17-20, 18A:17-32, 18A:22-14, 18A:22-19, 18A:24-11, 18A:28-9, 18A:28-13, 18A:29-6 to 16, 18A:38-1, 18A:40-12.1, and 18A:49-1 to 8.

G. State Board Rulemaking

- Discussed the proposed readoption with amendments of the rules pertaining to rulemaking, proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:6, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and 52:14B-1.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

President Aponte reminded the State Board members that the State Board Awards Ceremony would begin at 9:30 on Thursday, May 22, 2014.

State Board member Mark Biedron reaffirmed that a presentation on Student Growth Objectives would be made at the June 4, 2014 monthly public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its May 7, 2014, public meeting at 12:37 p.m.

David C. Hesse, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, State Board of Education