

**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**

June 4, 2014

Presiding: Mr. Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: David C. Hespe, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mr. Mark Beidron
Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Mr. Joseph Fisicaro
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Peter Simon
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

ABSENT

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill

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 June 4, 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 June 4, 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 approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on May 7, 2014. State Board member Peter Simon abstained.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on May 22, 2014. State Board members Peter Simon, Ernest Lepore and Mark Biedron 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 the State Board would receive public testimony on the Education of Homeless Children and Students in State Facilities, School District Operations and State Board Rulemaking.

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.

Report of the State Board Nominating Committee

Ernest Lepore, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates as: Mark Biedron for president and Joseph Fisicaro for vice president. The vote will occur next month. State Board members Dorothy Strickland and Jack Fornaro were also on the committee.

Resolution to Honor Caitlin Slate

The State Board members approved a resolution congratulating and thanking Caitlin Slate, a senior at High Point Regional High School (Sussex County) and permanent student representative for the 2013-2014 school year for her service.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board member Joseph Fisicaro:

RESOLUTION FOR CAITLIN SLATE

WHEREAS, Caitlin Slate, a student at High Point Regional High School in Sussex County, has served with distinction as the student representative to the New Jersey State Board of Education from July 2013 to June 2014; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin has ably executed her responsibilities as a representative of both the New Jersey Association of Student Councils and High Point Regional High School; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin took a leadership role and served as the State Board liaison to the student community; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin executed the role of the permanent student representative at State Board meetings by conveying thoughtful, well articulated and informative reports on a broad range of topics important to the student community and the New Jersey Association of Student Councils; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin's school career demonstrates that she has many and varied interests and is an accomplished student and an asset to the school community and others; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education, David C. Hespe, extend their sincere congratulations and appreciation to Caitlin Slate for a job well done; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education wish to acknowledge Caitlin's commitment of time and energy as the State Board Student Representative, and that they wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

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

The State Board members approved a resolution establishing the monthly public meeting dates calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board unanimously approved the following resolution read by State Board member Joseph Fisicaro:

RESOLUTION **ANNUAL CALENDAR OF STATE BOARD MEETING DATES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:4-7 states that, the State Board of Education shall hold public meetings at least once each month at such times as its rules may prescribe and at such other times and such places within the state as in its judgment may be necessary, but no meeting may commence later than 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:1-2.2 requires that such meetings be held at such time, place, and on such dates as established by the State Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.,

Open Public Meetings Act, and notice of such meetings shall be made in a manner consistent with the law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board establishes the following dates for its monthly business meetings and public hearings for the 2014-2015 school year, and directs that a copy of the dates be sent to the Governor, the Secretary of State, the news media, the county superintendents, and the state board agenda subscribers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS/WORK SESSION MEETINGS 2014-2015

July 9	November 5	March 4
August 6	December 3	April 1
September 3	January 7	May 6
October 1	February 4	June 3

PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS 2014-2015

July 9	November 5	March 4
August 6	December 3	April 1
September 3*	January 7*	May 6*
October 1	February 4	June 3

*Open Topic Sessions

Notice of changes in the above will be made in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Special Meeting of the State Board of Education

President Aponte state that the State Board will host a special meeting to discuss the Next Generation Science Standards on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Liberty Science Center in the Board Room. He also stated that the meeting would begin at 10:20 am. He further stated that Mr. Stephen Pruitt, Vice President, Content, Research & Development, Achieve, Inc. would provide the background and description of the Next Generation Science Standards.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Student Growth Percentiles (SGOs) Presentation

Peter Shulman, Chief Talent Officer and his staff provided an overview of Student Growth Objectives (SGOs) to the State Board members. He stated that SGOs are long-term learning goals set by teachers for groups of students that are also approved by each teacher's supervisor. He also stated that SGOs provide a useful and transparent student achievement performance measure for every teacher; promote reflective and collaborative teaching practice; are flexible and can be used in any teaching circumstance and promote alignment of standards, instruction and assessment. He further stated that all teachers in NJ must set SGOs and that they comprise 15% of the teachers summative rating.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Appointments**

- 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.

Certified School District	County
Hammonton	Atlantic
Bergenfield	Bergen
Ramapo-Indian Hills Regional	Bergen
River Dell Regional	Bergen
Cape May City	Cape May
Cape May County Vocational	Cape May
Ocean City	Cape May
Greenwich Township	Gloucester
Robbinsville	Mercer
Brielle	Monmouth
Roxbury Township	Morris
Bay Head	Ocean
Lavallette	Ocean
Berkeley Heights	Union

***C. State Operation of the City of Newark Public Schools**

- Adopted the following resolution approving the proposal pertaining to the return of the Fiscal Management function to the local control of the Newark City Public Schools, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.1.

RESOLUTION TO RETURN FUNCTION OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT TO LOCAL CONTROL IN THE NEWARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, by administrative order issued by the State Board of Education on July 5, 1995, the State Board of Education removed the Newark School District Board of Education and created a State-operated school district in Newark pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 et seq., effective on January 24, 2007, the New Jersey Legislature, in review and consultation with the Joint Committee on the Public Schools, directed the Commissioner of the Department of Education to develop and implement a system for monitoring and evaluating the thoroughness and efficiency of public school districts

in the State of New Jersey to be called the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC); and

WHEREAS, NJQSAC involves an assessment of each school district's performance in the five key components of school district effectiveness: Instruction and Program, Personnel, Fiscal Management, Operations, and Governance; and

WHEREAS, local control of Operations was returned to Newark on October 17, 2007, while the remaining key components of school district performance remained under partial State intervention; and

WHEREAS, the Newark School District has demonstrated substantial and sustained progress in improving its NJQSAC scores in Fiscal Management from meeting an initial 66% of the performance indicators in 2008 to having met 94% in 2009, 90% in 2010, 93% in 2011 and 88% of the performance indicators in 2012, as well as substantial evidence that the public school district has adequate programs, policies and personnel in place and in operation to ensure that the demonstrated progress in Fiscal Management will be sustained; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.1 the Acting Commissioner has determined that Newark has met the factors for initiating return of the function of Fiscal Management to local control; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the process for transition to local control of the function of Fiscal Management shall be initiated forthwith in the Newark School District pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and that the functions of Instruction and Program, Personnel, and Governance shall continue to be placed under partial State intervention pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2. The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Newark School District, shall develop a transition plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and 7.3; and be it further

RESOLVED, that consistent with and upon approval by the Acting Commissioner of a transition plan to return the function of Fiscal Management to local control pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and 7.3, the Newark Board of Education shall be empowered to vote on matters presented to the board relating to the function of Fiscal Management, subject, however, to veto by the Acting Commissioner or designee pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-53.

***D. State Operation of the City of Paterson Public Schools**

- Adopted the following resolution approving the proposal pertaining to the return of the Operations function to the local control of the Paterson City Public Schools, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.1.

**RESOLUTION TO RETURN FUNCTION OF OPERATIONS TO LOCAL CONTROL
IN THE PATERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, by administrative order issued by the State Board of Education on August 7, 1991, the State Board of Education removed the Paterson School District Board of Education and created a State-operated school district in Paterson, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 et seq., effective on January 24, 2007, the New Jersey Legislature, in review and consultation with the Joint Committee on the Public Schools, directed the Commissioner of the Department of Education to develop and implement a system for monitoring and evaluating the thoroughness and efficiency of public school districts in the State of New Jersey to be called the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC); and

WHEREAS, NJQSAC involves an assessment of each school district's performance in the five key components of school district effectiveness: Instruction and Program, Personnel, Fiscal Management, Operations, and Governance; and

WHEREAS, the Paterson School District has demonstrated substantial and sustained progress in improving its NJQSAC scores in Operations from meeting an initial 73% of the performance indicators in 2007 to having met 85% in 2010 and 95% of the performance indicators in 2013, as well as substantial evidence that the public school district has adequate programs, policies and personnel in place and in operation to ensure that the demonstrated progress in Operations will be sustained; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.1, the Acting Commissioner has determined that the Paterson School District has met the factors for initiating return of the function of Operations to local control; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the process for transition to local control of the function of Operations shall be initiated forthwith in the Paterson School District pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and that the functions of Instruction and Program, Personnel, Fiscal Management, and Governance shall continue to be placed under partial State intervention, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2. The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Paterson School District, shall develop a transition plan in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and -7.3; and be it further

RESOLVED, that consistent with and upon approval by the Acting Commissioner of a transition plan to return the function of Operations to local control pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and 7.3, the Paterson Board of Education shall be empowered to vote on matters presented to the board relating to the function of Operations, subject, however, to veto by the Acting Commissioner or designee pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-53.

***E. State Board of Examiners**

- Adopted the following resolution approving the appointment(s) to the State Board of Examiners in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-34 and 35.

RESOLUTION

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-38, the State Board of Examiners is responsible for issuing, revoking and suspending educational certificates under rules prescribed by the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-34, members of the State Board of Examiners are appointed by the Commissioner of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner, after consulting with members of the education community, has recommended the appointment of two new members to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the persons whom the Acting Commissioner has recommended have established reputations for distinguished service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following person to fill the unexpired term of the Executive County Superintendent on the State Board of Examiners, which term shall expire on September 14, 2015:

Dr. Laura Morana
Interim Executive County Superintendent, Mercer and Middlesex Counties

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following person to fill the unexpired term of the High School Principal on the State Board of Examiners, which term shall expire on September 14, 2014:

Dr. Jonathan Dauber, Principal
Lawrence High School, Mercer County

***F. State Special Education Advisory Council**

- Adopted the following resolution to fill appointments to the State Special Education Advisory Council for a period of two years, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-66.1 and P.L. 94-142.

**RESOLUTION
SEVEN APPOINTMENTS AND FOUR REAPPOINTMENTS TO
THE STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2 requires that the Commissioner shall appoint biannually an advisory council for special education with the approval of the State Board which will consist of not fewer than seven nor more than 15 members representative of professionals in the field of special education and parents of children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2 defines the role of the advisory council as advising in the promulgation of rules, regulations and implementation of N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and the establishment of standards and qualifications for professional personnel and further provides that the council members shall serve without remuneration; and

WHEREAS, the reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004 requires each state education agency to have an advisory panel for special education; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has established and maintains an advisory panel, known as the State Special Education Advisory Council, for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, the advisory panel consists of members, that are representative of the state population and are composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities, including: (i) parents of children with disabilities; (ii) individuals with disabilities; (iii) teachers; (iv) representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel; (v) state and local education officials; (vi) administrators of programs for children with disabilities; (vii) representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities; (viii) representatives of private schools and public charter schools; (ix) at least one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities; and (x) representatives from the state juvenile and adult corrections agencies; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the panel shall be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the advisory panel shall: (i) advise the department of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities; (ii) comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the department regarding the education of children with disabilities; (iii) advise the department in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary of the United States Department of Education under Part B Sec. 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; (iv) advise the department in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports under this part; and (v) advise the department in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Special Education Advisory Council meets the state mandate for an advisory council and the federal requirements for an advisory panel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Dr. Suzanne Buchanan be appointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Susan Colacello be appointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Deborah Lynam be appointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Magaly Milton be appointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Dr. Margaret O'Reilly be appointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Leslie Rubenstein be appointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Fred Tchang be appointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Lauren Agoratus be reappointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Myriam Alizo be reappointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Beth Kelly be reappointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Melanie McGacken be reappointed for a two-year term effective June 4, 2014.

***G. Religious Holiday Calendar Resolution--Revised**

- Adopted the following resolution pertaining to the revised dates listed on the annual calendar of religious holidays for the 2014-2015 school year as established at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14-16.

RESOLUTION

The List of Religious Holidays Permitting Student Absence from School

WHEREAS, according to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 through 16 and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), regarding student absence from school because of religious holidays, the Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, is charged with the responsibility of prescribing such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the law; and

WHEREAS, the law provides that:

1. Any student absent from school because of a religious holiday may not be deprived of any award or of eligibility or opportunity to compete for any award because of such absence;
2. Students who miss a test or examination because of absence on a religious holiday must be given the right to take an alternate test or examination;
3. To be entitled to the privileges set forth above, the student must present a written excuse signed by a parent or person standing in place of a parent;
4. Any absence because of a religious holiday must be recorded in the school register or in any group or class attendance record as an excused absence;
5. Such absence must not be recorded on any transcript or application or employment form or on any similar form; and
6. The Commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, is required to:

(a) prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act; and

(b) prepare a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse a student. The list, however, is to be a minimum list. Boards of education, at their discretion, may add other days to the list for the schools of their districts; and

WHEREAS, although the New Jersey Department of Education makes every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates using the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars; and

WHEREAS, dates within this resolution may not be fixed before the State Board adopts the annual calendar and may require additional revision; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the State Board of Education permits the Commissioner of Education, after annual adoption by the State Board of Education, to revise the dates provided in list of religious holidays.

WHEREAS, the district board of education has the right to add any bona fide religious holiday to the list for its own schools; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED that the State Board of Education adopts the following list of religious holidays for the 2014-2015 school year:

2014-2015 School-Year	Observance
July 2014	
July 9	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
July [13]11	Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)
July 13-15	Ulambana/Obon (Buddhist)
July 24	Laylat as-Qadr (Islam)*
July 29[-31]	Eid al Fitr (Islam)*
August 2014	
August 1	Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 1	Lammas (Christian and Wicca)
August 5	Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 10	Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)*
August 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian) Dormition of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August [17]18	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)*
August 29	Ganesha Chaturthi (Hindu)*
September 2014	
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year begins (Orthodox Christian)
September 7	His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)
September 8	Nativity of Mary (Christian) Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 14	The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September [22]21	Mabon (Wicca)
[September 24-26]	[Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)]
September 25-26	Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God) Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
September 25-October 3	Navaratri (Hindu)*
[September 26 and 27]	[Simcat Torah (Jewish)]
October 2014	
October 3	Hajj Day (Islam)* Duserra (Hindu)*
October [3-]4	Yom Kippur (Jewish)

October 4	Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God) Eid al Adha (Islam)*
[October 5-13]	[Navaratri (Hindu)]
October [9-15] 8-15	Sukkot (Jewish); Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
[October 14 *]	[Hajj Day (Islam)]
[October 14 **]	[Duserra (Hindu)]
[October 15-18]	[Eid al Adha (Islam)]
October 16	Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
[October 16]	[Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)]
October 17	Simcat Torah (Jewish)
October 16-17	Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)
October 20	Birth of B'ab (Baha'i) Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh)
[October 20]	[Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh)]
October 23	Diwali [Deepavali] (Hindu, Jain and Sikh)*
October 25	Al Hijra – 1 st Muharram (Islam)*
November 2014	
November 1	All Saints' Day (Christian) Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)
[November 1]	[Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)]
November 2	All Souls' Day (Christian)
November 12	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
November 15	Advent/Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 17	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)
November 21	The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)
November 26	Day of Covenant (Baha'i)
November 28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l Baha (Baha'i)
December 2014	
[December 1] November 30	First Sunday of Advent (Christian)
December 8	Bodhi Day (Buddhist) Immaculate Conception (Christian)
[December 8]	[Immaculate Conception (Christian)]
December [17] 16-24	Hanukkah (Jewish)
December 21	Yule (Wicca and Christian)
December 25	Christmas (Christian) The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
[December 25]	[The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)]
December 26	Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)
January 2015	
January 1	Gantan-sai (Shinto)
January 3	Mawlid an Nabi (Islam)*
January 5	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (Sikh)
January 6	Feast of Epiphany (Christian [and Eastern Orthodox Christian]) Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

	Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)
[January 6]	[Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian)]
[January 6]	[Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)]
January 7	Feast of the Nativity (Orthodox Christian)
January 13	Maghi (Sikh)
January 14	Makar Sankranti (Hindu)*
January 18	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 24	Vasant Panchami (Hindu)*
February 2015	
February 2	The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)
[February 2]	[Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)]
[February 4]	[Vasant Panchami (Hindu)]
February 4	Tu B'shvat (Jewish)
February 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
February 17	Shrove Tuesday (Christian) Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)*
[February 17]	[Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)]
February 18	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
February 19	Chinese New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
[February 19]	[World Religion Day (Baha'i)]
February 23	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
February 26 through March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
March 2015	
March 5	Purim (Jewish)
March 6	Hola Mohalla (Sikh) Holi (Hindu)*
[March 6]	[Holi (Hindu)]
March 18	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)
March 20	Ostara (Wicca)
March 21	Nowruz (Zoroastrian) Naw Ruz (Baha'i) Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)*
[March 21]	[Naw Ruz (Baha'i)]
[March 21]	[Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)]
March 25	The Annunciation/The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Eastern Orthodox Christian; Christian)
March 26	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)
March 28	Rami Navami (Hindu)*
March 29	Palm Sunday (Christian)
April 2015	
April 2	Holy Thursday (Christian) Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)
April 3	Holy Friday (Christian)
[April 3]	[Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)]
April 4	Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)

	Theravadin New Year (Buddhist) Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)*
[April 4]	[Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)]
[April 4]	[Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)]
April 4-10	Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
April 4-11	Pesach (Jewish)
April 5	Easter (Christian) Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
[April 5]	[Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)]
April 6	Easter Monday (Christian)
April 8	Buddha's Birthday (Buddhist)
April 9	Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 10	Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 12	Pascha (Easter) (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 13	Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Baisakhi (Sikh)
[April 14]	[Baisakhi (Sikh)]
April 14	Passover (Philadelphia Church of God)
April 14	Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)*
[April 15]	[First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)]
April 15	Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)
[April 15-21]	[Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)]
[April 21]	[Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)]
April 21	First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
April [24] 23	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
April 25	The 11 th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)
April 29	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
May 2015	
May 1	Beltane (Wicca)
[May 2]	[Ascension of Our Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)]
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
May 4	Buddha Day – Visakha Puja (Buddhist)
May 7	Lag B'Omer (Jewish)
May 13	Lailat al Miraj (Islam)*
May 14	Ascension of Our Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
May [21] 23	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
May 24	Pentecost (Christian)
May 24-25	Shavuot (Jewish)
May 29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
May 31	Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 2015	
June 1	Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)*
June 8	Holy Apostles Fast Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
June 18	Ramadan (Islam)*

June 21	Litha (Wicca)
June 30	Synaxis of the 12 Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

*Approximate date based on lunar calendar.

*[** Disclaimer: New Jersey Department of Education has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates. The information has been verified through the use of various sources and some dates may vary due to the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars.]*

***H. Professional Licensure and Standards**

- Adopted 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:6-38 and 18A:26-2.7.

I. 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.

J. 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.

K. Student Residency

- Discussed 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.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

State Board member Mark Biedron requested that a presentation on Understanding the Educator Evaluation process be made at the July 9, 2014 monthly public meeting. President Aponte asked State Board members to send other recommendations for topics for discussion at upcoming State Board meetings to Diane Shoener. Acting Commissioner Hespe advised that the Department would also prepare a list of items for discussion at future State Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its June 4, 2014, public meeting at 12:37 p.m.

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