

**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**

July 9, 2014

Presiding: Mr. Joseph Fisicaro, Vice President

Secretary: David C. Hespe, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Mr. Mark Beidron--via teleconference
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Mr. Peter Simon

ABSENT

Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

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 July 9, 2014, 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 July 9, 2014.

RECONVENING

Vice President Fiscaro reconvened the open meeting at 10:30 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

ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OFFICERS

Acting Commissioner David C. Hespe, acting secretary to the State Board, conducted the annual election of State Board officers. Jack Fornaro, member, State Board Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers. On motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members elected Mark Biedron as State Board President and Joseph Fiscaro as State Board Vice President. Both were elected for a one-year term.

President Biedron and Vice President expressed their gratitude to the members of the State Board for electing them to their leadership positions.

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 June 4, 2014. State Board member Ronald Butcher abstained.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Permanent Student Representative

Vice President Fiscaro welcomed Russell Bauer the 2014-2015 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Russell is a senior from Seneca High School in Burlington County. His advisor is Ms. Erica Maira. Russell introduced himself to the State Board members. Russell expressed his excitement at being the new student representative.

Public Testimony

Vice President Fiscaro 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 amendments to the Educator Effectiveness, Charter Schools and Student Residency regulations.

He also stated that registration for the August 6, 2014 public testimony session would open Friday, July 18, 2014 and close Friday, August 1, 2014. Vice President Fiscaro 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.

Announcements

Vice President Fiscaro stated that four state board members attended a meeting at Liberty Science Center to discuss the Next Generation Science Standards on Thursday, June 12, 2014. He also stated that Mr. Stephen Pruitt, Vice President, Content, Research & Development, Achieve, Inc. provided the background and description of the Next Generation Science Standards. He further stated that Mr. Dan Mennelly, Vice President of STEM Education at Liberty Science Center, Mr. Anthony Gardner, Executive Director, NJ State and Ms. Beth Cooper also spoke about what their agency's are doing relative to science education and the science standards.

Vice President Fiscaro stated that this meeting was made possible with funds provided by the National Association of State Board's of Education (NASBE) to assist State Boards with their deliberations, planning, communication and activities related to new college and career ready science standards such as the Next Generation Science Standards.

Vice President Fiscaro stated that NASBE is providing additional funds in the amount of \$3,500 under the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Project. He also stated that these 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 CCSS or similar high quality college and career standards. He further stated that the proposal includes a parent/board academy to be developed over this summer and held in the Fall. The academy will provide board members and parents an opportunity to move through a series of short work sessions where the CCSS will be explained or demonstrated. The event will culminate with a question and answer session. The sessions will be offered in English and Spanish, be video-captured and placed on the NJDOE website for all to access.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

There were no Commissioner's reports.

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
Greater Egg Harbor Regional	Atlantic
Ventnor	Atlantic
Stone Harbor	Cape May

Commercial Township	Cumberland
Lawrence Township	Cumberland
Harrison	Hudson
Hudson County Vocational	Hudson
Secaucus	Hudson
Franklin Township	Hunterdon
Pequannock Township	Morris
Little Egg Harbor Township	Ocean
Montgomery Township	Somerset
Westfield	Union
Hampton Township	Sussex

***C. Resolution to Adopt the Revised Core Curriculum Content Standards**

- Adopted the following resolution to re-adopt the Core Curriculum Content Standards, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a)5.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS,
INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE,
SOCIAL STUDIES, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION,
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS, WORLD LANGUAGES,
AND PRESCHOOL TEACHING AND LEARNING STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education is empowered, pursuant to P. L. 1990, c. 52, P. L. 1991, c. 3 and P. L. 1991, c. 62, with the authority to establish the State's educational goals and standards, and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education is responsible under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a)5 for initiating every five years a review and readoption process for the Core Curriculum Content Standards based on recommendations by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, the standards define the knowledge and skills students should acquire within their Preschool through grade 12 education careers to graduate from high school with the ability to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education reaffirmed its commitment to the implementation of the adopted Core Curriculum Content Standards, including the Common Core State Standards, through the adoption of the Resolution in Support of and Commitment to The Common Core State Standards on February 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, expert panels of preschool through grade 12 educators and representatives from higher education have reviewed the Core Curriculum Content Standards, including the science, social studies, comprehensive health and physical education, visual and performing arts, world languages, and preschool teaching and learning standards; and

WHEREAS, extensive public input was provided through regional testimony sessions, written comments, and feedback submitted through the Department’s website; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that district boards of education shall fully comply with this directive and shall implement all Core Curriculum Content Standards, align their curricula with the standards, and ensure all students learn and are assessed as required by federal law; and be it further

RESOLVED, the State Board of Education hereby directs that school districts implement the revised science standards in grades 6 through 12 by September 2016 and in kindergarten through grade 5 by September 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, the revised Core Curriculum Content Standards and accompanying cumulative progress indicators in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, comprehensive health and physical education, visual and performing arts, world languages, and preschool teaching and learning standards dated July 9, 2014, will serve as the basis for any state or local assessment deemed appropriate by the Department of Education and the State Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, the State Board of Education commends the individuals and organizations, both within the State and beyond its borders, who have contributed to this revision of the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

***D. State Board of Examiners**

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

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS RE-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 reappointments of nine 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 reappointments of the following [eight] **nine** persons to fill the corresponding staggered terms on the State Board of Examiners:

TERMS EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2015:

Mr. Derek Jess, School Business Administrator
Perth Amboy School District

Dr. Patricia McGeehan, Superintendent, Type I District
Bayonne School District

Dr. Mary Jane McNally, Library Media Specialist
Bernards Township School District

Mr. Peter Tirri, Teacher
Paterson School District

TERMS EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2016:

Dr. Jonathan Dauber, High School Principal
Lawrence Township School District

Ms. Joann D. Gales, Teacher
Mt. Holly School District

Ms. Kristin Hennessy, Teacher
Brielle School District

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent, Type II School District
Somerville School District

Ms. Gloria Tunstall, Elementary School Principal
Trenton School District.

E. Resolution to Adopt the Revised PRAXIS II Tests and Qualifying Scores

- Discussed the following resolution to adopt the Revised PRAXIS II Tests and Qualifying Scores for Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Science in Grades 5 – 8, Teacher of Health and Physical Education, Teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences, Speech and Language Specialist, and Teacher of Elementary Education Grades K-6 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:9-11.10

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTING NEW PRAXIS II TESTS AND QUALIFYING SCORES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, ELEMENTARY

EDUCATION: READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS SUBTEST, AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS SUBTEST

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has required that teacher certification candidates pass tests in specified disciplines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1, effective January 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has required tests for the certificates for Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Science in Grades 5 – 8, Teacher of Health and Physical Education, Teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences, Speech and Language Specialist, and Teacher of Elementary Education Grades K-6 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:9-11.10; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has recently established new tests in these subjects to replace the current Praxis II Subject Assessment tests that are in use by the department; and

WHEREAS, the department has participated in national standard-setting studies for the Art and Technology Education tests to determine the validity of and the theoretically appropriate qualifying score for those tests; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education approves the department’s selection of the respective Praxis II tests and initial qualifying scores for those certificates; and

WHEREAS, the department will monitor the impact of these tests and qualifying scores on the passing rates for each subject area and will report any problems with the same to the State Board of Education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby supports the department’s selection of these Praxis II Subject Assessment tests; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby acknowledges and accepts the department’s establishment of the following qualifying scores effective September 1, 2014:

<u>Praxis II Test</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Middle School Science	150
Health and Physical Education	160
Family and Consumer Sciences	153
Speech-Language Pathology	162
Elementary Education:	
Reading and Language Arts Subtest	157
Mathematics Subtest	157

***F. School District Operations**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register* 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**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register* 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.

H. 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.

I. Qualified Zone Academy Bond

- Discussed the readoption with amendments to the rules pertaining to school financing proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:25, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15, 18A:7G-26, and 18A:36A-18 and 26 U.S.C. § 1397E.

J. Special Education

- Discussed the amendments to the rules pertaining to changes in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and 18A:46-1, U.S.P.L. 93-112, Sec. 504. 94-142, 99-457, 101-476, 105-17,108-446, and 34 CFR 300.1 et seq.

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 July 9, 2014, public meeting at 12:39 p.m.

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