

**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**

**August 6, 2014**

**Presiding:** Mr. Mark W. Biedron, President

**Secretary:** David C. Hespe, Acting Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Ms. Edithe Fulton  
Mr. Joseph Fiscaro  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mr. Peter Simon  
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

**ABSENT**

Ms. Claire Chamberlain  
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill

**CONVENING**

State Board of Education President Mark W. Biedron 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 August 6, 2014, was called to order.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Biedron 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 August 6, 2014.

## **RECONVENING**

President Biedron 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**

## **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 July 9, 2014. State Board members Arcelio Aponte and Ernest Lepore abstained.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Public Testimony**

President Biedron 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 Qualified Zone Academy Bond and Special Education regulations. He further stated that he, along with State Board members Peter Simon and Edithe Fulton would hear public testimony.

President Biedron stated that registration for the September 3, 2014 public testimony session would open Friday, August 15, 2014 and close Friday, August 29, 2014. He also stated that the State Board would receive public testimony on the amendments to the State Board Rulemaking and School District Operations regulations. He further stated that the September 3 public testimony is an Open Topic public testimony opportunity meaning that members of the public may present testimony on any educational topic of their choice.

President Biedron 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.

### **Regional Hearings on the Second Set of Revised Core Curriculum Content Standards**

President Biedron stated that there would also be opportunities for the public to testify regionally on the second set of revised Core Curriculum Content Standards in Technology and 21st Century Life and Careers. He also stated that registration is open now for the hearings to be held on August 12 at Gloucester County College, 1360 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ 08080 and August 13 at Hunterdon County Complex Building 1, 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ 08822. He further stated that registration for the hearing to be held on September 3, 2014 at the New Jersey Department of Education, Trenton, NJ 08625 would open on Friday, August 15, 2014 and close on Friday, August 29, 2014.

President Biedron 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.

### **Permanent Student Representative**

President Biedron stated that Russell Bauer the 2014-2015 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education would not attend the August 6 or the September 3, 2014 State Board meetings.

### **Resolution to Honor Mr. Arcelio Aponte as President of the State Board of Education**

On behalf of the State Board, President Biedron presented Mr. Aponte with a resolution and a ceremonial gavel honoring him for his years of service as State Board President. Mr. Aponte has been a State Board member for nine years and served four terms as Vice President and four terms as President.

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

#### **RESOLUTION TO HONOR ARCELIO APONTE FOR SERVICE AS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Arcelio Aponte has served with distinction and integrity as President of the New Jersey State Board of Education from July 2010 to July 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Aponte has been a member of the State Board for nine years, has served four terms as president and four terms as vice president, and chaired and served on numerous committees of the State Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as State Board President, Mr. Aponte consistently supported best practices and innovation in education, in part, by encouraging policy that provided multiple opportunities for collaboration and sharing among education professionals to enable them to implement proven methods of success in their classrooms and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Aponte also demonstrated his sincere belief that all children, regardless of their residence or economic status, can achieve and be college and career ready through the provision of a comprehensive and aligned system of high-quality preschool through post-secondary instructional programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Aponte further exemplified his unwavering commitment to adult education by advocating for many options for qualified students seeking a high school diploma; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure as State Board President, Mr. Aponte supported far-reaching reform initiatives such as the educator evaluation requirements and the adoption of the Common Core State Standards in mathematics and English language arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Aponte gave of his time to serve on a statewide panel to research effective strategies for closing the achievement gap and used this valuable experience to

inform the State Board’s consideration of educational programs aimed at enhancing the academic and social environment for minority students and students of lower socioeconomic status; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the State Board of Education appreciate Mr. Aponte’s efforts to engage new and current board members to increase their collective understanding of education policy; now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education applaud Mr. Arcelio Aponte for his intelligent and broad-minded leadership style that ably guided the board to enact education policy that effectuated meaningful change and supported successful practices in New Jersey’s public education system; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the New Jersey State Board of Education expresses sincere gratitude for his dedication and service to the State Board and continued work on behalf of all of the children of New Jersey.

### **COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS**

#### **Career and Technical Education Report**

Susan Martz, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Student and Field Services and Career Readiness and Marie Barry, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education provided an overview of Career and Technical Education programs to the State Board of Career and Technical Education that included relevant issues, trends in Career and Technical Education and the Department's vision for the future.

#### **Student Growth Objectives (SGOs) Report**

Peter Shulman, Chief Talent Officer, Division of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness and Timothy Matheny, Director, Office of Evaluation provided a deeper look at how teachers develop Student Growth Objectives (SGOs) as a follow-up from a presentation provided at the June 4 board meeting.

### **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.

<b>Certified School District</b>	<b>County</b>
Greenwich Township	Cumberland
Harding Township	Morris
Pompton Lakes	Passaic

Lower Alloways Creek	Salem
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**\*C. Resolution to Adopt the Revised PRAXIS II Tests and Qualifying Scores**

- Approved 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

**\*D. Student Residency**

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register* 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.

**\*E. Educator Effectiveness**

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register* the amendments to the rules pertaining to educator evaluation proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:10, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

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

- Discussed the following resolution to adopt the revised Core Curriculum Content Standards including the Technology and 21st Century Career and Life standards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a)5.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS, INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY, AND 21st CENTURY LIFE AND CAREERS**

**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 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**, preschool through grade 12 educators, representatives from higher education, business, industry and stakeholders statewide have provided focused expertise in reviewing the Core Curriculum Content Standards, including the Technology, and 21st Century Life and Careers; and

**WHEREAS**, extensive public input was sought through regional testimony sessions, written comments, and feedback submitted through the Department’s website; and

**WHEREAS**, revisions to the Technology Standards reflect changing technologies and related skills and language, and alignment with the Next Generation Science Standards and nationally recognized technology standards and best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, revisions to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers Standards primarily include technical changes and the inclusion of career-ready practices; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the State Board of Education hereby directs school districts to integrate the career-ready practices of the Technology Standards in preschool through grade 12, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers Standards in kindergarten through grade 12 by September 2015; and be it further

**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 revised Core Curriculum Content Standards in Technology and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers dated October 1, 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.

**G. 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.

**H. 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**

State Board President Mark Biedron requested a presentation on the Common Core at the September 1, 2014 monthly public business meeting.

State Board members and Department staff discussed various methods for the dissemination of information from DOE to the field and mechanisms for ensuring that all administrators, teachers and district staff receive critical information in a timely manner.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its August 6, 2014, public meeting at 12:52 p.m.

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