

**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**

September 3, 2014

Presiding: Mr. Mark W. Biedron, President

Secretary: David C. Hespe, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Ms. Edithe Fulton-via teleconference
Mr. Joseph Fisicaro
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill-via teleconference
Mr. Peter Simon
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

ABSENT

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Dr. Ernest Lepore

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 September 3, 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 September 3, 2014.

RECONVENING

President Biedron reconvened the open meeting at 10:10 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 August 6, 2014.

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 School District Operations and State Board Rulemaking regulations. He further stated that State Board members Dorothy Strickland and Jack Fornaro would hear public testimony.

President Biedron stated that registration for the October 1, 2014 public testimony session would open Friday, September 12, 2014 and close Friday, September 26, 2014. He also stated that the State Board would receive public testimony on the amendments to the Educator Effectiveness regulations.

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 the State Board would also receive public testimony today at 4 p.m. on the second set of revised Core Curriculum Content Standards in Technology and 21st Century Life and Careers. He also stated that this was the last of the regional hearings on the revised standards. He further stated that he along with State Board members Dorothy Strickland and Jack Fornaro would hear public testimony.

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 September 3, 2014 State Board meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Common Core State Standards

Kimberley Harrington, Acting Chief Academic Officer, Irene LeFebvre, Boonton District School Board Member, Cathy Lindenbaum, Vice President of New Jersey PTA, Barry Saide, 5th grade teacher at Mount Prospect Elementary School in Bernards Township and Richard Allen, Principal of Neptune High School provided a panel presentation on the Common Core State Standards. The panel discussed the standards, how they are beneficial for students and how they differ from previous standards. The panel also discussed helpful ways parents can support their children in schools to meet the new standards.

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
Essex County Vocational	Essex
Essex Fells	Essex
Matawan-Aberdeen Regional	Monmouth
Wayne Township	Passaic
Bedminster Township	Somerset

***C. Education of Homeless Children and Students in State Facilities**

- Adopted the amendments to the regulations pertaining to educational services for students who are homeless or in State facilities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7B, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1.d and 19.

***D. Qualified Zone Academy Bond**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register*, the readoption with amendments of 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.

***E. Special Education**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register*, 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 August 6, 2014, public meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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