

**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**

**October 1, 2014**

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

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

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

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

**ABSENT**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
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 October 1, 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 October 1, 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 September 3, 2014. State Board member 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 Educator Effectiveness regulations. He further stated that State Board members Ernest Lepore, Peter Simon and Jack Fornaro would hear public testimony.

President Biedron stated that registration for the November 5, 2014 public testimony session would open Friday, October 17, 2014 and close Friday, October 31, 2014. He also stated that the State Board would receive public testimony on the amendments to the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, Special Education and Student Residency 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.

### **Permanent Student Representative**

President Biedron introduced Russell Bauer, the student representative for the 2014-2015 school year, and his advisor in attendance, Ms. Erica Maira. Russell spoke to the State Board members about Seneca High School's summer reading assignment and how the school integrates the reading assignment into various fund raising activities throughout the school year

### **New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Conference**

President Biedron stated that members of the NJ State Board of Education have been invited to attend the 2014 Fall Conference hosted by the NJ Principals and Supervisors Association on October 16-17, 2014 in Long Branch, NJ. He also stated that State Board members that would like to attend should advise the State Board Office staff who will RSVP on their behalf.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

## **NJ Teacher of the Year**

Chief Talent Officer Peter Shulman introduced Mark Mautone, a Preschool Special Needs teacher at Wallace Elementary School in Hoboken, NJ, the newly named 2014-15 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year. He said Mr. Mautone has been teaching for the past nineteen years.

Representatives from the following organizations and companies presented Mr. Mautone with these items: New Jersey Education Association - a one-year lease on a new car and a \$500 clothing allowance; and Educational Testing Service - a half-year sabbatical. SMART Technologies will also provide Mr. Mautone with a SMART package for his classroom.

## **Chronic Absenteeism**

Bari Erlichson, Chief Performance Officer, Rosie Grant, Paterson Education Fund and Sandra Didionet, Principal of Paterson School #5 provided a presentation on Chronic Absenteeism. The presenters discussed the impact that Chronic Absenteeism has on a student's learning and an initiative implemented in Paterson to combat it.

## **Transitioning Graduation Requirements**

Bari Erlichson, Chief Performance Officer provided information regarding the transition to the PARCC assessments 2015-2018 school years including the substitute assessments that will be permitted.

## **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. Appointments**

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

- William Haldeman, Chief of Staff/Assistant Commissioner/Division of Executive Services
- Robert Bumpus, Assistant Commissioner/Division of Field Services
- David Joye, Director, Office of Budget and Administration
- Kimberley Harrington, Chief Academic Officer/Division of Academics
- Timothy Matheney, Chief Intervention Officer
- Glenn Forney, Director, Office of State Monitors
- James Palmer, Director, Office of Project and Grants Management
- Silvina Traba, Director, Office of Legislative and External Affairs
- Diana Pasculli, Director, Office of Educator Policy and Outreach
- Evan Linhardt, Chief Information Technology Officer

**\*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.

<b>Certified School District</b>	<b>County</b>
Guttenberg	Hudson
Weehawken	Hudson

**\*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 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 Technology Standards in preschool through grade 12, and the career-ready practices of 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.

**\*D. Educator Effectiveness**

- Adopted 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.

**WORK SESSION**

There was no work session.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Biedron clarified the misperception that test scores are telling us all we need to know about teachers. He stated that neither the Department nor the State Board is making these statements or claims.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its October 1, 2014, public meeting at 12:43 p.m.

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