

**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 2, 2015

Presiding: Mr. Mark Biedron, President

Secretary: David C. Hespe, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

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

ABSENT

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Mr. Peter Simon

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Mark 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 2, 2015, 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 2, 2015.

RECONVENING

President Biedron reconvened the open meeting at 10:05 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 August 5, 2015. State Board member Ronald Butcher abstained.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Public Testimony

President Biedron stated that public testimony session will be held today at 2 pm. He stated that today's public testimony would be an Open Topic testimony session and members of the public may present testimony before the State Board on any educational topic of their choice.

President Biedron stated that registration for the October 7, 2015 public testimony session will open on Friday, September 18, 2015 and close on Friday, October 2, 2015. He stated that the topics for the October 7 public testimony include amendments to the Bilingual Education regulations and the Enlargement of Purpose request from the Camden County Educational Services Commission. He further stated that anyone interested in speaking at or also attending the public testimony session must register so that the State Board staff can make proper arrangements for space. President Biedron further 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 Alexis Bailey the 2015-2016 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education would not be in attendance today due to Freshman Orientation at her school.

Resolution in Honor of Claire Chamberlain

On behalf of the State Board, President Biedron presented a resolution to honor Ms Chamberlain for her service as a State Board member.

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

Resolution in Honor of Claire Chamberlain

WHEREAS, Ms. Claire Chamberlain served with distinction as a member of the New Jersey State Board of Education from February 2011 until August 2015 and is being honored for her distinguished tenure of service; and

WHEREAS, during her time as a State Board member, Ms. Chamberlain was a vocal supporter of innovative educational reform initiatives such as school choice, teacher evaluation and tenure

restructuring, which challenged the education community to expand their view of a traditional education and consider the diverse needs of students;

WHEREAS, Ms. Chamberlain strongly believed in the State Board of Education's role and responsibility in the development of education policy; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the education community hold Ms. Chamberlain in high regard for her ability to analyze educational policy and issues and to express her concerns regarding their effects on all of New Jersey's children; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize Ms. Chamberlain's many accomplishments and appreciate her qualities as an astute, forward-looking policymaker and strategic thinker that help guide the State Board to enact education policy that effectuated meaningful change and supported successful practices in New Jersey's public education system; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, it is both fitting and proper that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education extend their sincerest gratitude to Ms. Chamberlain for her leadership and steadfast commitment to the children of New Jersey through her service on the State Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education hereby honor Ms. Claire Chamberlain for devoting her time and energy to the State Board and to the oversight of public education in New Jersey.

National Association of State Boards of Education Election

President Biedron stated that elections for the NASBE Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 year including President-Elect and Area Directors will take place at the annual conference in Baltimore, MD in October. He also stated that the NJ State Board of Education needs to decide their choice for President-Elect and also indicate if they support the two unopposed candidates for Secretary-Treasurer and Northeast Area Director. The NJ State Board of Education chose Jay Barth from Arkansas as their choice for President-Elect and supports the choice of Scott Gordon from Georgia to be Secretary-Treasurer and Mary Ann Stewart from Massachusetts to be Northeast Area Director.

Opportunity to meet with members of the State Board of Education

President Biedron stated that the State Board has rescheduled the opportunity to meet with members of the State Board of Education in south Jersey. He also stated that on Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 members of the State Board will be at Hammonton High School located at 566 Old Forks Road in Hammonton, NJ 08037. He further stated that priority to speak would be given to those members of the public that were scheduled to speak at the June 25, 2015 meeting that was cancelled.

Junior Achievement of New Jersey

President Biedron stated that he recently met with members of Junior Achievement of New Jersey to hear about the innovative business-education partnerships they create that engage corporate and community volunteers to serve as role models, allowing students to see how what is learned in the classroom can apply in the real world. He also stated that he invited Ms. Catherine Milone, President of JA, Ms. Christy Tighe, Vice President for Education and Programs at JA and Tyler Seville, Associate Director of Education and Workforce Development at New Jersey Business and Industry to make a presentation to the State Board and the public about this work. The presentation can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/education/sboe/sboe.pl?y=2015&m=September&t=public>.

State Board Retreat and Strategic Plan

President Biedron stated that the State Board would be holding its retreat on October 21, 2015 at the Visitors Center located on Busch Campus at Rutgers University in New Brunswick for the purpose of beginning the steps to draft a new Strategic Plan. He also provided an overview of the process including the goals, the key elements and the timeline.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

SAT/ACT Data Presentation

Bari Erlichson, Chief Performance Officer provided a presentation on the results from the 2014- 2015 administrations of SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement Assessments. She stated that New Jersey's participation in College Readiness assessments is up significantly. She also stated that the SAT saw an increase of 2.7% with Hispanic students up 9% and African American student participation up 4.9% She further stated that approximately 80% of 2015 graduating seniors took the SAT; about 26% took the ACT.

Newark Update

Commissioner Hespe stated that Christopher D. Cerf, Superintendent of the State Operated School District of the City submitted a written report to State Board. President Biedron summarized the report highlighting efforts to close the budget gap, readiness for the opening of school, efforts to engage the community, implementation of universal enrollment and NJQSAC scores.

Standards Review Process Update

Kimberley Harrington, Chief Academic Officer provided an update on the review of New Jersey's academic standards in language arts literacy and mathematics. She stated that the Department has formed committees of volunteers representing a cross-section of the state's education community to discuss the standards, collect input and feedback from the public, and recommend how the current standards could be revised. She also stated that the Standards Review Committee and 3 subcommittees (K-2, ELA, and mathematics) met September 1, 2015 from 9:00 -3:00. She further stated that the Listening Tour dates have been set to receive feedback to inform the review process and the work of the committees. The schedule follows:

North

Location: Public Safety Training Academy, 500 West Hanover Ave, Parsippany, NJ 07054

<http://www.morrisacademy.org/directions.asp>

Date: September 17, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Registration link: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/details.php?recid=23042>

Central

Location: Mercer County Special Services School District, 1020 Old Trenton Road, Hamilton, NJ 08690

<http://www.mcsssd.info/#!contact-us/c13w>

Date: September 29, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Registration link: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/details.php?recid=23043>

South

Location: Stockton College Conference Room 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205-9441

<http://education.state.nj.us/events/details.php?recid=23044>

Date: September 28, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Registration link: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/details.php?recid=23039>

Additionally, she stated that the Department has put into action a survey tool to receive feedback on individual standards. She also stated that the survey will be operational for public feedback on each Kindergarten through Grade 12 standard until October 9, 2015. She further stated that responses from the survey will be compiled and used to inform the New Jersey Standards Review.

The New Jersey Standards Review Survey can be found at: <http://njstandardsreview.statestandards.org>.

Enlargement of Purpose Discussion Resolution and presentation from the Camden County Educational Services Commission

Discussed the resolution approving the Enlargement of Purpose for the Passaic Educational Services Commission, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-69.

Daniel Del Vecchio, Superintendent of the Camden County Educational Services Commission provided a presentation to the State Board regarding the Commission's request to enlarge their purpose. The presentation included information about the Commission's mission statement/objective; an explanation of the services the Commission provides and the services it seeks to provide if the request is granted. The presentation also included an explanation of the locations/counties that the Commission provides services and how the Commission seeks to change this going forward. The presentation also included details about the Commission's annual budget and an explanation of how it receives funding and how funds are spent.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Appointment(s)**

- 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
Montclair	Essex
Highland Park	Middlesex
South Plainfield	Middlesex
Rockaway Borough	Morris

***C. Programs to Support Student Development**

- Adopted the amendments to Chapter 16 pertaining to health services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1, 4, 12, 23 through 31, 34, 41, and 44 and N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12.

***D. Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Procedures**

- Adopted the amendments to the rules proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.4, pertaining to the financial operations of charter schools, pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:36A-12.

***E. Managing for Equality and Equity in Education**

- Approved for publication in the New Jersey Register the readoption with amendments to the regulations pertaining to equality in educational programs proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7, Managing for Equality and Equity in Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20.

***F. State Board of Examiners**

- Adopted the following resolution approving reappointments and new appointments to the State Board of Examiners in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-34 and 35.

**RESOLUTION
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

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 Commissioner, after consulting with members of the education community, has recommended the reappointment of four members and the appointment of two new members to the State Board of Examiners; and

WHEREAS, the persons whom the 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 persons, whose terms shall expire on September 14, 2017:

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

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the appointments of the following persons, whose terms shall expire on September 14, 2017:

Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Teacher
Trenton School District

Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Teacher
Waldwick School District

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 September 2, 2015, public meeting at 1:03 p.m.

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