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State Board Re-elects Dahme, Butcher as Officers for 2002-03

The State Board of Education today re-elected Maud Dahme of Annandale and Dr. Ronald K. Butcher of Pitman as officers for 2002-03. Dahme will serve in her fifth consecutive one-year term as president and Dr. Butcher will serve his fourth consecutive term as vice president.

Dahme has been a member of the State Board since 1983. She has distinguished herself for many years on public school boards at the local, state and national levels. In 1995-96, she became the first New Jersey resident to serve as president of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Before that, she served on NASBE's board of directors. NASBE is a nonprofit association that represents state and territorial boards of education.

A survivor of the Holocaust, Dahme frequently speaks to students and teacher groups, recounting her experiences as a young Jewish girl in Nazi-occupied Holland.

Dahme has served on the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education since 1982. In 1994, she was chosen from a select group of leading American educators who traveled to Poland to learn firsthand about the Holocaust.

Born in the Netherlands, Dahme came to the United States in 1950 and became a naturalized citizen in 1954. Her long record of voluntary service to education began as a member of the North Hunterdon Regional Board of Education from 1976 to 1983. She was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Education in 1981 and was appointed to the State Board in 1983.

Dr. Ronald K. Butcher was first appointed to the State Board in 1990. He is currently an administrator in the College of Education, Rowan University.

Butcher is a career educator whose past responsibilities include serving the New Jersey Department of Education in the Bureau of Adult and Continuing Education, where he helped plan and implement many state initiatives in the area of community education.

On the national level, Butcher has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Boards of Education for two years and for one year as director of NASBE's Northeast Region.

Butcher holds a Ph.D. in educational administration and supervision from the University of Michigan, a masters degree in education leadership from Eastern Michigan University, and a bachelors degree in business education from Western Michigan University.

Butcher is also president and chief executive officer of Ronald K. Butcher & Associates, Inc., a consulting corporation. He is married and has three children.

The State Board of Education consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The board is responsible for general supervision and control of public education for the state's public school system. Members serve without compensation for six-year terms.