

**New Jersey State Board of Education  
Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education  
In the Conference Room on the First Floor  
100 River View Executive Plaza  
Trenton, NJ**

**November 6, 2019**

**Presiding:** Kathy Goldenberg, President

**Secretary:** Lamont O. Repollet, Ed.D., Commissioner

**Present Constituting A Quorum**

Mrs. Mary Beth Berry  
Mrs. Elaine Bobrove  
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins  
Dr. Ronald Butcher (via teleconference)  
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia-Cioffi  
Mr. Jack Fornaro (meeting only)  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi  
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill

**Absent**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Dr. Joseph Ricca

**Convening**

State Board of Education President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:10 a.m. 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 November 6, 2019, was called to order.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

President Goldenberg 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 Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on November 6, 2019.

### **Reconvening**

President Kathy Goldenberg reconvened the open meeting at 10:35 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 October 2, 2019. State Board member Dr. Nedd J. Johnson abstained. On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members unanimously approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on October 21, 2019.

### **President's Reports**

### **Announcements**

### **Public Testimony**

President Goldenberg stated that public testimony would be held today at 2 pm. She stated that the topic for today's public testimony session is the proposed amendments to chapter 9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification, related to swimming and water safety endorsement. She further stated that she along with State Board members Jack Fornaro, Andrew Mulvihill, Fatimah Burnam-Watkins would hear public testimony today.

President Goldenberg stated that public testimony will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. The topic for the December 4 public testimony session is the draft Perkins V Plan. Registration for the December 4, 2019, public testimony session will open Wednesday, November 13, 2019, and close at noon on Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

President Goldenberg stated that anyone interested in speaking at and/or also attending the public testimony session must register so the State Board staff can make proper arrangements for space. Members of the public should contact the State Board office at 609-376-9071 or check the following [website](https://www.state.nj.us/education/sboe/meetings/pubtest.shtml) <https://www.state.nj.us/education/sboe/meetings/pubtest.shtml> for updates.

### **Permanent Student Representative**

President Goldenberg welcomed Sahil Ganatra, the 2019-2020 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Sahil is a senior from South Brunswick High School in Middlesex County. Sahil spoke further about student participation in the policy-making process. Sahil also spoke the upcoming student summit at the New Jersey Association of Student Councils (NJASC) Winter Conference.

### **Commissioner's Reports**

#### **Career and Technical Education – Perkins V Plan Presentation**

Dr. David Greer, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Division of Academics and Performance, Kathy Paquette and Lisa Haberl, Office of Career Readiness provided a broad overview of career and technical education in New Jersey and Perkins V. Additionally, they described key decisions and shared stakeholder feedback to date related to Perkins V and highlighted the major milestones for Perkins V between now and April 2020.

#### **Charter Act Outreach Report Review**

This report was tabled.

#### **National Assessment of Educational Progress- NAEP**

Diana Pasculli, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Division of Academics and Performance, provided an overview of the 2019 results for New Jersey on the National Assessment of Educational Progress. She stated that the test is given every two years to representative samples of students in every state. This year's results are in 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math.

#### **Items for Consideration:**

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

##### **\*A. Appointments**

- There were no appointments.

##### **\*B. Certification of School Districts**

- There were no districts for certification.

##### **\*C. State Special Education Advisory Council**

- Adopted the following resolution approving one appointment and one re-appointment to the State Special Education Advisory Council for a period of two years, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-66.1 and US P. L. 94-142.

**Resolution  
One Appointment and One Reappointment  
To The State Special Education Advisory Council**

**Whereas**, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2 requires that the Commissioner shall appoint biannually, with the approval of the State Board of Education, an advisory council for special education that will consist of not fewer than seven nor more than 15 members representative of professionals in the field of special education and parents of children with disabilities; and

**Whereas**, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2 defines the role of the advisory council as advising in the promulgation of rules, regulations and implementation of N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and the establishment of standards and qualifications for professional personnel and further provides that the council members shall serve without remuneration; and

**Whereas**, the reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004 requires each state education agency to have an advisory panel for special education; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) has established and maintains an advisory panel, known as the State Special Education Advisory Council, for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State; and

**Whereas**, the advisory panel consists of members, that are representative of the state population and are composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities, including: (i) parents of children with disabilities; (ii) individuals with disabilities; (iii) teachers; (iv) representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel; (v) state and local education officials; (vi) administrators of programs for children with disabilities; (vii) representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities; (viii) representatives of private schools and public charter schools; (ix) at least one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities; and (x) representatives from the state juvenile and adult corrections agencies; and

**Whereas**, a majority of the members of the panel shall be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities; and

**Whereas**, the advisory panel shall: (i) advise the Department of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities; (ii) comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the Department regarding the education of children with disabilities; (iii) advise the Department in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary of the United States Department of Education under Part B Section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; (iv) advise the Department in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports under this part; and (v) advise the Department in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the State Special Education Advisory Council meets the state mandate for an advisory council and the federal requirements for an advisory panel; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Commissioner recommends that Debora Esposito be appointed for a two-year term effective November 6, 2019; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Commissioner recommends that Barbara Gantwerk be reappointed for a two-year term effective November 6, 2019.

**\*D. Professional Standards, State Board of Examiners and Certification**

- Adopted the amendments pertaining to career and technical education (CTE) endorsement at N.J.A.C. 6A:9, Professional Standards, and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-34, 18A:6-38, 18A:26-2.7, and 18A:26-10, and P.L. 2012, c. 11.

**E. State Board of Examiners and Certification**

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to the swimming and water safety endorsement at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.10, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15, 18A:6-38, and 18A:26-2.3.

**Work Session**

There was no work session.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Public Testimony**

There was no public testimony.

**Adjournment**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its November 6, 2019, public meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Dr. Lamont O. Repollet, Commissioner  
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education