

**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**

December 5, 2018

Presiding: Kathy Goldenberg, Vice President

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

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mrs. Elaine Bobrove
Mrs. Mary Beth Berry
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson (via teleconference)
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca (via teleconference)
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi

ABSENT

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ron Butcher
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill

CONVENING

State Board of Education Vice President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:00 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 December 5, 2018 was called to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

On a motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on November 7, 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

Moment of Silence

Vice President Goldenberg requested a moment of silence to honor Former U.S. President George H.W. Bush who passed away on Friday, November 30, 2018. In respect to the national day of mourning, the meeting paused for a moment to reflect on the late President Bush's legacy.

Sign Language Interpreters

Vice President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed the two the Sign Language Interpreters, Monica Ayrrer and Rita Jo Scarcella.

Permanent Student Representative

Vice President Goldenberg welcomed Nora Faverzani the 2018-2019 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Nora Faverzani is a senior from Ocean City High School in Cape May County. Nora talked to the State Board members about student mental health and wellness.

Camden School District Fiscal Report

Katrina McCombs, Acting Superintendent of Camden City School District, and Anisah Coppin, Camden City School Business Administrator, provided their district fiscal report to the State Board outlining Camden City school district's progress over the past five months. Acting Superintendent McCombs and Coppin highlighted five areas in their presentation: challenges, root causes, high impact levers of change, improvement plans, and progress to date.

Agenda Subscribers Renewal

Vice President Goldenberg stated that requests for advanced paper copies of the public meeting agenda expire on December 30 of each year. She also stated that to continue to receive an advanced paper copy of the agenda in 2019, subscriptions will need to be renewed. She further stated that electronic subscribers will continue to receive the agenda without renewing.

Public Testimony

Vice President Goldenberg stated public testimony would not be held today at 2 pm as there were no topics scheduled.

Vice President Goldenberg stated that the next public testimony would be held on January 2, 2019 and will be an open topic public testimony session. She further stated that registration for the January 2, 2019, public testimony session will open on Thursday, December 6, 2018, and close at noon on Thursday, December 20, 2018.

She 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. She further stated

that members of the public should contact the State Board office at 609-376-9071 or check the following website <http://education.state.nj.us/sboe/reg.php> for updates.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

There were no Commissioner's reports today.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Appointment(s)**

- There were no appointments.

***B. Certification of School District(s)**

- There were no districts for certification.

***C. New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs and State Board of Examiners and Certification**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register*, the new rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:9A and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B pertaining to a teacher leader endorsement pursuant to P.L. 2015, c. 111 (N.J.S.A. 18A:26-2.18 through 2.22).

D. Controversies and Disputes

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register*, the amendments to the Controversies and Disputes regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.1 et seq., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15, and N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice 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 December 5, 2018.

RECONVENING

State Board Vice President Kathy Goldenberg reconvened the open meeting at 11:30 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its December 5, 2018, public meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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