

**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**

February 10, 2016

Presiding: Mr. Mark Biedron, President

Secretary: David C. Hespe, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mr. Joseph Fisicaro
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Mr. Peter Simon - via teleconference
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

ABSENT

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Mr. Jack Fornaro

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 February 10, 2016, 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 February 10, 2016.

RECONVENING

President Biedron reconvened the open meeting at 10:00 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 January 11, 2016.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Public Testimony

President Biedron stated that public testimony session will be held today at 2 pm. He also stated that the topic for today's public testimony is the Standards and Assessment regulations and the draft revisions to the English language arts and mathematics standards.

President Biedron stated that public testimony would not be held after the March 2, 2016 State Board meeting because there are no topics scheduled.

Regional Public Testimony

President Biedron stated that the State Board will be hosting regional testimony sessions on the draft revisions to the Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. He also stated that the central session is today at 2 pm here at the Department. He further stated that the northern session will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Auditorium at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy, 500 West Hanover Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 and that the southern session will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 10:00 am-12:00 noon in the Dennis Flyer Theatre at Camden County College, 200 College Drive, Blackwood, NJ 08012

President Biedron stated that anyone interested in speaking at or also attending any public testimony session(s) must register so the State Board staff can make proper arrangements for space. He also 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 welcomed Alexis Bailey the 2015-2016 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Alexis is a senior from Bayonne High School in Hudson County. President Biedron also introduced Alexis's advisor, Ms. Kerry Toomey.

Alexis spoke to the State Board about the integration of technology in school districts and classrooms.

Announcement of the Withdrawal of Requests to Enlarge Purpose

President Biedron stated that both the Camden Educational Services Commission and the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission are withdrawing their request of the State Board to Enlarge its Purpose(s). Each agency will submit to the State Board Office its official minutes documenting each Board's desire to withdraw the request.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

State Operated School District of Jersey City Annual Report

Commissioner Hesper introduced Dr. Donald Evans, superintendent, Paterson Public Schools who provided his annual report to the State Board. Dr. Evans updated the State Board on the status of student achievement, facilities and operations of the school district. A copy of the presentation can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/education/sboe/sboe.pl?y=2016&m=February&t=public>.

State Operated School District of the City of Paterson Annual Report

Commissioner Hesper introduced Dr. Marcia Lyles, superintendent, Jersey City Public Schools who provided her annual report to the State Board. Dr. Lyles updated the State Board on the status of student achievement, facilities and operations of the school district. A copy of the presentation can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/education/sboe/sboe.pl?y=2016&m=February&t=public>.

Using the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Data to Inform Curriculum and Instruction

Bari Erlichson, provided a presentation about using the data from the PARCC to improve student learning. A copy of the presentation can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/sboe/meetings/2016/February/public/PARCC%20Update%20Feb%202016.pdf>.

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

- There were no districts recommended for certification.

***C. State Operation of the City of Paterson Public Schools**

- Adopted the following resolution approving the proposal pertaining to the return of the Fiscal Management and Personnel functions to the local control of the City of Paterson Public Schools, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.1.

RESOLUTION TO RETURN FUNCTIONS OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL TO LOCAL CONTROL IN THE PATERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, by administrative order issued by the State Board of Education on August 7, 1991, the State Board of Education removed the Paterson School District Board of Education and created a State-operated school district in Paterson pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 et seq., effective on September 26, 2005, the New Jersey Legislature, in review and consultation with the Joint Committee on the Public Schools, directed the Commissioner of the Department of Education to develop and implement a system for monitoring and evaluating the thoroughness and efficiency of public school districts in the State of New Jersey to be called the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC); and

WHEREAS, NJQSAC involves an assessment of each school district's performance in the five key components of school district effectiveness: Fiscal Management, Governance, Instruction and Program, Operations, and Personnel; and

WHEREAS, local control of Operations was returned to Paterson on June 4, 2014, while the remaining key components of school district performance remained under partial State intervention; and

WHEREAS, the Paterson School District has demonstrated substantial and sustained progress in improving its NJQSAC scores in Fiscal Management, from meeting an initial 41% of the performance indicators in 2007, the initial review upon the adoption of NJQSAC, to having met 80% in 2013, 84% in 2014 and 86% of the performance indicators in 2016, as well as substantial evidence that the public school district has adequate programs, policies and personnel in place and in operation to ensure that the demonstrated progress in Fiscal Management will be sustained; and

WHEREAS, the Paterson School District has demonstrated substantial and sustained progress in improving its NJQSAC scores in Personnel from meeting an initial 60% of the performance indicators in 2007, the initial review upon the adoption of NJQSAC, to having met 80% in 2013, and 100% of the performance indicators in 2016, as well as substantial evidence that the public school district has adequate programs, policies and personnel in place and in operation to ensure that the demonstrated progress in Personnel will be sustained; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.1 the Commissioner has determined that Paterson has met the factors for initiating return of the function of Fiscal Management and Personnel to local control; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the process for transition to local control of the functions of Fiscal Management and Personnel shall be initiated forthwith in the Paterson School District pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and that the functions of Instruction and Program and Governance shall continue to be placed under partial State intervention pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Paterson School District, shall develop a transition plan to return the functions of Fiscal Management and Personnel to local control, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and 7.3.

***D. Bilingual Education**

- Adopted the amendments to the regulations pertaining to bilingual education, proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:15, Bilingual Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-15-26.

E. Standards and Assessment

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to high school graduation requirements, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 through 14, 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:7E-2 through 5, 18A:35-4.2 and 4.7, and 18A:59-5.

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 February 10, 2016, public meeting at 12:42 p.m.

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