

**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**

**May 4, 2016**

**Presiding:** Mark Biedron, President

**Secretary:** David C. Hespe, Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Mr. Joseph Fisicaro  
Ms. Edithe Fulton  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mr. Peter Simon  
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

**ABSENT**

Mr. Andrew Mulvihill  
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 May 4, 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 May 4, 2016.

**RECONVENING**

President Biedron reconvened the open meeting at 10 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 April 6, 2016. State Board members Arcelio Aponte and Ernest Lepore abstained.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Public Testimony**

President Biedron stated public testimony would be held at 2 pm following the May 4, 2016, State Board meeting. He also stated that the topic for the May public testimony is the amendments to chapter 16, Programs to Support Student Development and chapter 28, School Ethics Commission. He further stated that this is an Open Topic Public Testimony Session meaning that members of the public may register to present testimony before the State Board on any educational topic of their choice.

President Biedron stated that registration for the June 1, 2016 public testimony session would open on Thursday, May 12, 2016 and close on Thursday, May 26, 2016. He also stated that the topics for the June 1 public testimony include the amendments to chapter 8, Standards and Assessment and chapter 10, Educator Effectiveness. He further stated that the board would also hear testimony on the request from the Passaic County Educational Services Commission to change its name.

President Biedron stated that anyone interested in speaking at or also attending the public testimony session 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 college decision day.

#### **Selection of the State Board Nominating Committee**

President Biedron announced the selection of the State Board Nominating Committee that will nominate the 2016-2017 State Board of Education president and vice president. Peter Simon will serve as chairperson, and Edithe Fulton and Andrew Mulvihill will serve as members. The nominating committee will give its report at the June State Board monthly meeting and the State Board will vote on officers at the July State Board monthly meeting.

#### **Resolution to Establish the State Board Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2016-2017**

President Biedron presented the draft monthly public meeting dates calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. The State Board plans to adopt a resolution at its June 1, 2016 monthly public business meeting regarding the annual calendar of the 2016-2017 meeting dates of the State Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:1-2.2, N.J.S.A. 18A:4-7 and 10:4-6 et seq.

#### **Resolution to Recognize May 2016 at Physical Education and Sport Month**

President Biedron presented a resolution to recognize May 2016 as Physical Education and Sport month. On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board Vice president Joseph Fisicaro:

### **Resolution to Recognize May 2016 as Physical Education and Sport Month**

**WHEREAS**, childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions in the United States; and New Jersey has the highest obesity rate in the nation among low-income children; and

**WHEREAS**, today's childhood obesity rates are putting our children on course to be the first generation in this country to live shorter and less healthy lives than their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, a decline in physical activity has contributed to the unprecedented epidemic of childhood obesity; and regular physical activity is necessary to support normal and healthy growth in children; and

**WHEREAS**, children spend many of their waking hours at school and therefore need to be active during the school day to meet the recommendations of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend that children engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on most, and preferably all, days of the week; and

**WHEREAS**, teaching children about physical education and sports not only ensures that they are physically active during the school day, but also educates them on how to be physically active and its importance; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that fit and active children are more likely to thrive academically and participation in sports and physical activity improves self-esteem and body image in children and adults; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes the month of May as National Physical Education and Sport Month and urges all school districts in the State of New Jersey to renew their commitment to quality health and physical education programs and physical activity to improve the health and well-being of this state's children.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

#### **Holocaust/Special Education Lessons**

Susan Martz, Chief Learning Supports and Student Services Officer/Assistant Commissioner, Division of Learning Supports and Student Services presented information on a new set of lessons that utilize the principles of Universal Design for Learning to teach students about the Holocaust, Genocide, Prejudice and Bullying.

#### **Passaic County Educational Services Commission Name Change Request**

Commissioner Hespe stated that the Passaic County Educational Services Commission submitted a request to change its name to The Northern Region Educational Services Commission. He also stated that in order for the State Board to consider this request, first the Commission had to receive approval from the State Board to enlarge its purpose. He further stated that the Enlargement of Purpose request was granted by the State Board on August 5, 2015.

Commissioner Hespe stated that now that the Passaic County Educational Services Commission received approval to enlarge its purpose, their name change request can now be considered. He also stated that the

State Board would receive input from the public on this request during public testimony following the June 1, 2016 monthly public business meeting.

**Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week**

Peter Shulman, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Talent and Performance showcased a video produced by Chelsea Collins, this year's Teacher of the Year, to honor the wonderful teachers we have in New Jersey.

**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.

<b>Certified School District</b>	<b>County</b>
Delran	Burlington
Eastampton Township	Burlington
Washington Township	Burlington
Hazlet	Monmouth
Matawan-Aberdeen Regional	Monmouth
Ocean Township	Monmouth
Jefferson Township	Morris
Rockaway Borough	Morris
Central Regional	Ocean
Island Heights	Ocean
Jackson	Ocean
Haledon	Passaic
Quinton Township	Salem
Manville	Somerset
Somerset Hills Regional	Somerset
Hardyston	Sussex
Sussex County Vocational	Sussex
Sussex-Wantage Regional	Sussex
Wallkill Valley Regional High	Sussex
Clark	Union
Warren Hills Regional	Warren
Washington Township	Warren

**\*C. Resolution to Adopt the Revised English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards**

- Adopted following resolution and revised English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a)5. State Board member Arcelio Aponte abstained.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISED  
STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education is empowered, pursuant to P. L. 1990, c. 52, P. L. 1991, c. 3 and P. L. 1991, c. 62, with the authority to establish the State's educational goals and standards, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education is responsible under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a)5 for the review and readoption of our Standards based on recommendations by the Commissioner of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the standards define the knowledge and skills students should acquire within their preschool through grade 12 education careers to graduate high school with the ability to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education reaffirmed its commitment to review and revise the Common Core State Standards, to ensure that the standards both set expectations for and meet the needs of New Jersey's students, and

**WHEREAS**, preschool through grade 12 educators, representatives from higher education, business, industry, parents, professional organizations and other stakeholders statewide have provided focused expertise in reviewing the Standards for English Language Arts and mathematics, and

**WHEREAS**, extensive public input was sought through regional testimony sessions, written comments, online survey, focus groups, and feedback submitted through the Department's website;

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Department of Education has fully considered the recommendations of the Standards Review Committee, revised the standards accordingly, and now presents them to the State Board of Education for review and adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education and the State Board of Education will further review and refine the standards and expectations based on testimony gathered through public hearings; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education approves renaming all preschool through grade 12 Standards the New Jersey Student Learning Standards; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby directs that upon adoption these revised standards will become applicable to all students; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that district boards of education shall fully comply with this directive and shall implement all Standards, align their curricula with the standards, and ensure all students learn and are assessed as required by federal law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the State Board of Education commends the New Jersey individuals and organizations who have contributed to this revision of the Standards.

**\*D. Programs to Support Student Development**

- Discussed the amendments to Chapter 16 pertaining to anti-bullying pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and 18A:37-15 and 21 and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.

**E. Educator Effectiveness**

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to educator evaluation proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A: 9C Professional Development and N.J.A.C 6A:10, Educator Effectiveness pursuant to N.J.S.A. N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-34 and 38, 18A:26-2.7 and 10, and P.L. 2012, c. 11., and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

**\*H Revised Application to Stay the March 2, 2016 Decision by the State Board of Education Granting the Request for a Name Change**

- Denied the revised request to stay its decision to grant the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission's request to change its name to The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1. State Board member Edythe Fulton abstained.

**WORK SESSION**

There was no work session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

State Board member Arcelio Aponte congratulated New Jersey's teachers. He stated that he would like to see greater diversity in the video showcasing NJ's teachers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its May 4, 2016, public meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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