

**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**

February 1, 2017

Presiding: Mark W. Biedron, President

Secretary: Kimberley Harrington, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

ABSENT

Mr. Arcelio Aponte

Dr. Ronald Butcher-via teleconference

Mr. Joseph Fisicaro

Mr. Jack Fornaro

Ms. Edithe Fulton

Dr. Ernest Lepore

Mr. Andrew Mulvihill

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Mark Biedron 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 February 1, 2017, 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 Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on February 1, 2017.

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 4, 2017.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Public Testimony

President Biedron stated public testimony would not held today at 2 pm because no one registered to testify.

President Biedron stated that public testimony would be held on March1 following the monthly public meeting of the State Board. He also stated that the topic for the March board meeting is the readoption with amendments of chapter 3, Controversies and Disputes. He further stated that registration for the March 1, 2017 public testimony session would open on Thursday, February 9, 2017 and close on Thursday, February 24, 2017.

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 Ava Rybicki the 2016-2017 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Ava Rybicki is a senior from Williamstown High School in Gloucester County. President Biedron also introduced Ava's advisor Mr. David Zane and her teacher, Ms. Tamara Zimmerman. Ava spoke to the State Board about her high school's senior option program.

Resolution in Honor of J. Peter Simon

On behalf of the State Board, President Biedron presented J. Peter Simon with a resolution honoring him for his service as a member of the State Board. Mr. Simon resigned December 12, 2016 after serving on the board since 2009.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board member Edith Fulton:

Resolution to honor J. Peter Simon

WHEREAS, J. Peter Simon has served with distinction as a member of the New Jersey State Board of Education since 2009 and is being honored today for his tenure of service; and

WHEREAS during the course of his term, J. Peter Simon exhibited his commitment to enhancing the quality of education in school districts by using his business acumen and life-experiences to thoroughly analyze and consider policy in public education with the guiding principle of improving the lives of all New Jersey children; and

WHEREAS, J. Peter Simon was a vocal supporter of innovative educational reform initiatives such as school choice, teacher evaluation and tenure restructuring, which challenged the education community to consider the diverse needs of students and expand their view of a traditional public school education; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the State Board's Strategic Planning Committee, J. Peter Simon provided leadership and insightful analysis when examining critical issues related to goal and priority development; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize and appreciate J. Peter Simon's personal and professional qualities as an astute policymaker and strategic thinker who assisted the State Board in enactment of education policy effectuating necessary changes and supporting successful practices in New Jersey's public education system; and

WHEREAS, after many years of service, J. Peter Simon has resigned as a member of the State Board of Education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it is both fitting and proper that the New Jersey State Board of Education extends its sincerest gratitude to J. Peter Simon for his commitment to the children of New Jersey for his statesmanlike contribution of professional wisdom, which has greatly benefited the public education system in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Board members extend best wishes for health and happiness to J. Peter Simon and his family.

New Jersey Future Farmers of America (NJFFA)

New Jersey Future Farmers of America State Officers, Jeremy Posluszny, State Treasurer; Morgan Rutar, State Vice President and Kelsey Stockton, State Parliamentarian spoke to the State Board about the training they have received through their high schools. They also spoke about their offices and the achievements they have attained due to the high quality agricultural education programs experienced at the secondary level.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

State Operated School District Annual Report- Jersey City Public Schools

Dr. Marcia Lyles, Superintendent of the State Operated School District of the Jersey City Public Schools provided her annual report to the State Board of Education. Her report focused on three main topics: Student Achievement, Operations and Facilities.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan Presentation

Jill Regan, project manager and Diana Pasculli, facilitator of stakeholder outreach provided an update on the Department's work regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Appointment(s)**

- Approved the following appointments and title changes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-32-35 and N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq.:

Appointments

- Kevin Dehmer, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Finance
- Robin Knutelsky, Chief Intervention Officer

***B. Charter Schools**

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register*, as amended, the amendments to the regulations pertaining to charter schools, proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, 11, 23A, and 26, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-18. State Board members Andrew Mulvihill and Jack Fornaro opposed.

***C. Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Procedures**

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register* the amendments to the regulations pertaining to Tuition for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-12 and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

***D. Resolution to Revise the Handbook Alignment for the edTPA Performance Assessment in the Technology Education Endorsement Area**

- Adopted the resolution to revise the handbook alignment for the edTPA Performance Assessment in the Technology Education Endorsement Area for novice teachers to receive certification pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.2(a)6, N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-5.5(a)2, N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.8 and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.7(a)4.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED HANDBOOK ALIGNMENT FOR THE edTPA PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT IN THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT AREA

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education adopted a resolution on August 3, 2016 that established the cut score and handbook alignment for the Commissioner-approved performance assessment edTPA in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.7(a)4i; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education resolution permitted the Department to study flexibility options for candidates completing the Commissioner-approved performance assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Department has studied flexibility for the alignment of allowable edTPA handbooks for New Jersey certification areas and has determined that additional edTPA handbooks should be deemed allowable for the Technology Education Endorsement Area; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby supports that the assessment described in the table below serves as allowable for the endorsement area listed effectively immediately.

Code	Endorsement Area	Allowable edTPA Handbook(s)
1810	Technology Education	1. Educational Technology Specialist 2. Technology and Engineering Education

E. Controversies and Disputes

- Discussed the readoption with amendments of 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, 18A:6-9, 18A:6-10 et seq., 18A:7G-

12, 18A:11-3, 18A:12-29, 18A:29-14, 18A:38-1, 18A:38-13 and 18A:60-1. The State Board agreed to move this rulemaking to proposal level at the March meeting.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

State Board President Biedron stated that he would like to revisit conversations around flexibility for charter schools and Career and Technical Education Programs.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its February 1, 2017, public meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Kimberley Harrington, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education