

**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 6, 2017

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Kimberley Harrington, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mrs. Mary Beth Berry
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

ABSENT

Ms. Edithe Fulton

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte 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 6, 2017, was called to order.

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 November 1, 2017.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated public testimony would not be held today at 2 pm. He also stated that the State Board would accept written testimony on the reoption with amendment to N.J.A.C. 6A:8, Standards and Assessment.

President Aponte stated that registration for the January 3, 2018 public testimony session would open on Thursday, December 7, 2017 and close at noon on Thursday, December 28, 2017. He also stated that the topics the January 3, 2018 public testimony session would be an Open Topic Public Testimony session meaning registered members of the public may speak on any educational topic of their choice.

President Aponte 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. He further stated that registered members of the public must now also submit their written testimony to the State Board office via the State Board email stateboardoffice@doe.state.nj.us for the testimony to meet Accessibility Standards and be posted on the Department's website.

State Board Agenda Subscribers Renewal

President Aponte stated that requests for advanced paper copies of the public meeting agenda expire on December 30 of each year. He also stated that to continue to receive an advanced paper copy of the agenda in 2018, subscriptions will need to be renewed. He further stated that electronic subscribers will continue to receive the agenda without renewing.

Permanent Student Representative

President Aponte welcomed Karan Chauhan the 2017-2018 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Karan Chauhan is a senior from Parsippany Troy-Hills High School in Morris County. Karan spoke to the State Board about sexual harassment and the need for conversations around this subject to take place in the school setting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

There were no Commissioner's reports.

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 school districts for certification.

***C. Programs to Support Student Development**

- Vacated the November 1, 2017 vote to adopt 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. State Board member Joseph Ricca abstained.

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

- Adopted 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. State Board member Joseph Ricca abstained.

E. Standards and Assessment

- Discussed the sunset re adoption with amendments at Chapter 8, 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, 18A:59-5 and 18A:4-15.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

President Aponte stated that State Board members should review options for participation on committees and forward the information to Diane Shoener.

State Board member Kathy Goldenberg expressed her appreciation to Commissioner Harrington for including the information about the Food Finder App in the recent broadcast memo to school districts.

State Board member Sylvia Sylvia requested that when the State Board conducts a voice vote, it is often difficult for members of the public to hear the responses. Mrs. Sylvia suggested that voice votes be restated so that all members of the public are aware of the final count.

State Board President Aponte wished all the Happiest of Holidays.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Aponte 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 6, 2017.

RECONVENING

State Board President Arcelio Aponte 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 6, 2017 public meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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