

**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**

November 7, 2018

Presiding: Kathy Goldenberg, Vice President

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

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

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

ABSENT

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi
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 November 7, 2018 was called to order.

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 November 7, 2018.

RECONVENING

State Board Vice President Kathy Goldenberg 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 motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on October 3, 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

Moment of Silence

Vice President Goldenberg requested a moment of silence to remember the victims of gun violence around the country that the past few weeks specifically in Pittsburgh at the Tree of Life Synagogue, the bus accidents in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Mississippi and the supermarket shootings in Kentucky.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Vice President Goldenberg stated that beginning today we will have Sign Language Interpreters attend State Board meetings. Vice President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed the two interpreters, Monica Ayrer 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 junior from Ocean City High School in Cape May County. Nora talked to the State Board members present about the accessibility of the Department of Education website and the possibility of the Department creating additional pages on the website for parents and students that are easy to access and easier to read.

Honoring Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith

On behalf of the State Board and the Department of Education, Vice President Goldenberg and Commissioner Repollet presented the family of Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith, a former State Board of Education Member, with a resolution honoring her service to New Jersey schools and her lifelong dedication to education.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board Member Ronald Butcher:

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF DR. THELMA NAPOLEON-SMITH

WHEREAS, Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith worked for 36 years in Trenton Public Schools, beginning as a classroom teacher in 1963 then working as a principal for the district, and culminating her career as the director of elementary curriculum when she retired in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Napoleon-Smith served with distinction on the New Jersey State Board of Education from 2003 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Napoleon-Smith exhibited her unwavering belief in a child's right to a quality education through her previous role as chair of the State Board Study Group, Implications of Desegregation on Student Achievement and the Community, that presented a comprehensive strategy to identify and eliminate all forms of discrimination in public education policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Napoleon-Smith advocated for educational opportunities for all children regardless of their socioeconomic status or race; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Napoleon-Smith's late mother, Berline Williams, helped desegregate Trenton's public schools in the 1940s, shaping her daughter's education and career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Napoleon-Smith received the Administrator of the Year Award in 1996 from the National Association of University Women and the Women in Education Award in 1997 from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize and posthumously honor Dr. Napoleon-Smith's commitment to the children of New Jersey and her lifelong dedication to education.

Public Testimony

Vice President Goldenberg stated public testimony would be held today, November 7, 2018 at 2 pm. She also stated that information regarding the December 5 public testimony session would be found on the NJDOE website or by calling the State Board Office.

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

Charter Schools Program Act Review Update

Commissioner Repollet and members of his staff provided a comprehensive presentation that detailed how the Department is progressing with the Charter School review.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Appointment(s)**

- Approved the following appointment(s) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-32-35 and N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq.:

Appointments

- David Greer, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Division of Academics and Performance
- Diana Pasculli, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Division of Academics and Performance
- Tonya Coston, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Division of Early Childhood Education
- Amanda Schultz, Director, Office of Budget and Accounting

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

- There were no districts for certification.

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

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register* the amendments at N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.6(a)66 pertaining to private employers providing sick time to certain employees pursuant to P.L. 2018, c. 10 (N.J.S.A. 34:11D-1 et seq.). State Board Member Mary Beth Berry abstained.

D. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register* the amendments pertaining to the Quality Single Accountability Continuum regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:30 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

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

- Discussed 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).

F. Controversies and Disputes

- Discussed 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. The State Board agreed to move this to Proposal Level next month.

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 November 7, 2018, public meeting at 11:32 a.m.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Teacher Leader Regulations
- Standards and Assessments

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