

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

April 17, 2019

Presiding: Kathy Goldenberg, Vice President

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

Present Constituting a Quorum

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg
Mrs. Elaine Bobrove
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Berry
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson (via teleconference)
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

Absent

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Joseph Ricca
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins
Mrs. Mary Beth Gazi

Convening

State Board of Education Vice President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:30 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 April 17, 2019 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 April 17, 2019.

Reconvening

State Board Vice President Kathy Goldenberg reconvened the open meeting at 11:04 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 March 6, 2019. State Board members Dr. Ron Butcher, Dr. Ernest Lepore, and Mr. Andrew Mulvihill abstained.

Moment of Silence

State Board Vice President Kathy Goldenberg called for a moment of silence in memory of Samantha Josephson, a student at the University of South Carolina who was murdered earlier this month by a false Uber driver.

Commissioner Lamont Repollet called for a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Derrick Nelson who passed away on April 14, 2019 after undergoing a procedure to donate bone marrow to a 14-year old child in France whom he never met. Dr. Nelson was the first African-American to serve as the principal of Westfield High School in Union County, New Jersey, and a 20-year U.S. Army Reservist.

Honoring School Library Month

Vice President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed Christina Cucci, Joan Vicari, and Mary Moyer Stubbs from the New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL) to receive the following resolution in honor of School Library month.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board unanimously approved the following resolution read by State Board member Elaine Bobrove:

Resolution for School Library Month

Whereas, the month of April 2019, has been designated nationally as School Library Month by the American Association of School Librarians; and

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes that information literacy skills are essential for students to become independent, informed citizens; and

Whereas, school libraries contribute to developing a culture of innovation and creativity for students by delivering personalized learning experiences for students through its use of collaborative work spaces and an environment that allows for reading and learning, investigation and research, and the lifelong pursuit of knowledge; and

Whereas, school libraries provide materials which reflect diversity of ideas and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical and ethnic groups and their contributions to the American and world heritage and culture; and

Whereas, school libraries contribute to students' well-being and their social and emotional learning needs providing equitable access to resources and instruction; and

Whereas, the full potential of school libraries is dependent upon trained professional school library media specialists whose varied skills assist teachers and students in effectively using the wide range of information resources; and

Whereas, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school library programs and the role of certified school library media specialists in education throughout the state of New Jersey; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize April 2019 as School Library Month in New Jersey.

President's Report

Announcements

Sign Language Interpreters

Vice President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed the two the Sign Language 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 senior from Ocean City High School in Cape May County.

Nora presented the feedback and results from the New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Association of Student Councils (NJASC) Student Summit to the State Board members. At the Summit, Nora surveyed students about school climate and culture, school safety, and career and college preparation.

Student Representative Nora Faverzani also shared with the State Board members that she will be attending Yale University in the Fall. She thanked the State Board members and Commissioner Repollet for their continued support during her college application process.

Public Testimony

Vice President Goldenberg stated public testimony would be held today at 2:00 p.m. She also stated that the topics for today's session are Career and Technical Education endorsement (Chapters 9 and 9B) and the Religious Holidays Calendar.

Vice President Goldenberg further stated that public testimony will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The May 1 public testimony session will be an Open Topic Public Testimony session meaning registered members of the public may speak on any educational topic of their choice.

Registration for the May 1, 2019 public testimony session opened on Thursday, April 11, 2019, and will close at noon on Thursday, April 25, 2019.

Vice President Goldenberg 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 <https://www.state.nj.us/education/sboe/meetings/pubtest.shtml> for updates.

State Board Committee Reports

Special Education Committee—Mary Beth Berry, chair of the Special Education Committee stated that the committee met with the Department’s Special Education Office on March 6, 2019. Department staff updated the committee members on the changes to ESSA and how those changes will affect students with special needs.

Career and Technical Education—Kathy Goldenberg, chair, highlighted the NASBE Legislative conference that she and Dr. Ron Butcher attended earlier this month. At the conference, Vice President Goldenberg and Dr. Butcher met with U.S. Department of Education senior officials and other prominent national education community stakeholders. Attendees discussed the importance of equity and diversity in STEM classes and the importance of teaching students how to code. Timothy Shriver, Chairman of Special Olympics, also attended the conference and addressed the value of studying how social and emotional learning affect students.

Dr. Ron Butcher talked to the State Board members about a forthcoming document from the National Commission on Social and Emotional Development. Dr. Butcher stated that there is a letter from NASBE to Congress that introduces a new program for the higher education act that will impact teacher licensing. Dr. Butcher estimates that there will be a reauthorization of the higher education act by the end of this year.

Vice President Kathy Goldenberg also stated that she and Dr. Nedd Johnson attended the Atlantic County Superintendent’s table talk in March. Vice President Goldenberg further stated that she attended the meeting of the Garden State Coalition of Schools in March. She reported that research was presented during that meeting that was especially informative in outlining how to respond to students who experience traumatic loss and in explaining what resources are available to those students.

Commissioner’s Reports

Commissioner Repollet reported to the State Board members that he attended spoke in Washington D.C. last week about teacher support and accountability. During that time, the New Jersey Department of Education was honored at the National level for its work in preschool expansion.

Commissioner Repollet stated that Itunu Balogun, Director of the Office of Media Relations and Strategic Outreach gave a presentation about what the Department is doing with communication with its new podcast. He also stated that the first podcast was hosted by Ken Bond, Acting Director of the Principal Learning Network and aired on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 followed by a conversation on Twitter with stakeholders. He further stated that the success of the podcast demonstrates the State leading by example and continuing in the pathway of NJDOE 2.0. The podcast will continue to air, monthly with a new topic each episode.

Commissioner Repollet reported that the Department will host the first Social and Emotional conference, May 23, 2019 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick campus. He stated that the purpose of the

conference is to bring awareness to social and emotional learning and ensure that all New Jersey students can sit in a classroom and receive information. He further stated that the Department will host a Professional Learning conference July 31 at TCNJ, led by Tonya Breland, Director of the Office of Professional Learning.

Items for Consideration:

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

***A. Organization Chart**

- Adopted the new organizational structure for the State Department of Education at N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(1). The new organization chart outlines the reporting responsibilities of the Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Executive Services and their chief officers, the Executive Legal Affairs Officer, and the Director of the Office of Charter and Renaissance Schools.

***B. Appointments**

- Approved the following appointment(s) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:2:
 - Kim Walker, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Division of Executive Services
 - Bulisa Ky Sanders, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, Division of Executive Services
 - Jamar Purnsley, Director, Office of Fiscal Accountability, Division of Field Services

***C. Appointment(s)**

- Approved the following appointment(s) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15.1. State Board member Elaine Bobrove abstained. State Board member Sylvia Sylvia-Cioffi read the following resolution:

Appointment of State District Superintendent for The State-Operated School District of The City of Camden

Whereas, on June 5, 2013, the State Board of Education issued an Administrative Order pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15 et seq. directing that the Camden City Board of Education be placed under full State intervention; and

Whereas, on June 5, 2013, the State Board of Education ordered the Commissioner of Education to take all actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34 et seq.; and

Whereas, Katrina McCombs was appointed Acting State District Superintendent of Camden City School District on June 28, 2018; and

Whereas, after a comprehensive search and in recognition of her performance as Acting State District Superintendent, the Commissioner has identified Katrina McCombs as the best candidate to serve as the State District Superintendent in Camden City; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education hereby recommends the appointment of Katrina McCombs as State District Superintendent in the State-Operated School District of Camden City; now be it therefore

Resolved, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Katrina McCombs, the current Acting State District Superintendent for Camden City School District, as State District Superintendent of the State-Operated School District of Camden City effective April 17, 2019.

***D. Certification of School Districts**

- Certified for a period of three years, the following school district(s) recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14a and b. State Board member Dr. Nedd Johnson abstained and Elaine Bobrove and Sylvia Sylvia-Cioffi recused from the vote.

Certified School District	County
Absecon	Atlantic
Egg Harbor Township	Atlantic
Linwood	Atlantic
Hackensack	Bergen
Lyndhurst	Bergen
Moonachie	Bergen
Palisades Park	Bergen
Chesterfield Township	Burlington
Riverton	Burlington
Southampton Township	Burlington
Westampton	Burlington
Barrington	Camden
Haddon Township	Camden
Waterford	Camden
Middle Township	Cape May
Colts Neck Township	Monmouth
Eatontown	Monmouth
Highlands	Monmouth
Matawan-Aberdeen Regional	Monmouth
Ocean Township	Monmouth
Lakeland Regional	Passaic
Manville	Somerset
Somerset County Vocational	Somerset
Somerset Hills Regional	Somerset
Somerville	Somerset
Garwood	Union
Kenilworth	Union
Scotch Plains-Fanwood	Union
Union County Vocational	Union
Winfield	Union

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

- Adopted 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 recused herself from the vote.

***F. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts**

- Adopted 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.

***G. Controversies and Duties**

- Adopted 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.

***H. Teacher Leader Regulations**

- Adopted 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).

***I. Professional Standards, State Board of Examiners and Certification**

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to the career and technical education (CTE) endorsement at N.J.A.C. 6A:9, Professional Standards, and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-34, 18A:6-38, 18A:26-2.7, and 18A:26-10, and P.L. 2012, c. 11.

Work Session

There was no work session.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Testimony

- Career and Technical Education Endorsement (Chapters 9 and 9B)
- Religious Holidays Calendar

Adjournment

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its April 17, 2019, public meeting at 12:13 p.m.

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