

**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**

**March 6, 2019**

**Presiding:** Arcelio Aponte, President

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

**Present Constituting a Quorum**

Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg  
Mrs. Elaine Bobrove  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Berry  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson  
Dr. Joseph Ricca (via teleconference)  
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

**Absent**

Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Mrs. Mary Beth Gazi  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill  
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins

**Convening**

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte convened the public meeting at 10:00 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 March 6, 2019 was called to order.

**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 March 6, 2019.

## **Reconvening**

State Board President Arcelio Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 10:10 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 February 6, 2019. State Board member Mary Beth Berry abstained.

## **President's Report**

### **Announcements**

### **Sign Language Interpreters**

President Aponte introduced and welcomed the two the Sign Language Interpreters, Monica Ayer and Rita Jo Scarcella.

### **Permanent Student Representative**

Nora Faverzani is the 2018-2019 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Nora is a senior from Ocean City High School in Cape May County. Unfortunately, Nora was unable to attend today's meeting and present her report to the State Board members.

Commissioner Repollet commended Nora's participation in the Department's first Black History Month celebration that was held on February 21, 2019.

### **Public Testimony**

President Aponte stated public testimony would not be held today. He also stated that public testimony will be held on April 17, 2019. Topics for the April public testimony session include the Career and Technical Education endorsement (Chapters 9 and 9B) and the Religious Holidays Calendar.

Registration for the April 17, 2019 public testimony session will open on Thursday, March 28, 2019, and will close at noon on Thursday, April 11, 2019.

President Aponte further 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. He 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 committee will be meeting after the Board meeting to discuss any updates to Special Education. Mrs. Berry also reported that she and Vice President Goldenberg attended the New Jersey Special Education Advisory Council meeting on February 14. The council provides guidance to stakeholders who work with special education services and address any issues that may arise within those services.

Career and Technical Education—Kathy Goldenberg, chair, reported on the CTE committee meeting that was held December 19 with Department staff. Committee members discussed Perkins V and its regulatory changes. Additionally, Vice President Goldenberg and Mary Beth Berry attended a school visit to Brooklyn PTECH. During the visit Vice President Goldenberg and Mary Beth Berry witnessed the CTE collaboration that PTECH has with International Business Machines Corp. (IBM) and how through them the students experience working in a professional work environment.

Vice President Goldenberg stated the committee met again January 16 and further discussed Perkins V, CTE teacher certification and were introduced to some proposals that will be brought to the Board soon.

President Aponte stated that Committee reports will be provided at the April 17 State Board meeting.

## **Commissioner's Reports**

### **Consent Order**

Chris Huber, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, informed the Board Members that the Department has entered into a consent order with the Education Law Center to resolve the ongoing litigation concerning graduation assessment and associated regulations. Huber stated the consent order was signed by the appellate division and allows the Department to apply the class of 2019 graduation assessment requirements to the classes of 2019 and 2020. Mr. Huber further stated that those students will have three pathways to graduating: passing the decided graduation assessment (including Algebra I & ELA 10), passing an assessment from the menu of options (PSAT, SAT, ASVAB), or entering the portfolio appeals process. Mr. Huber stated that the Department staff intends to consult with the Board members to work on the Statewide assessments for the class of 2021 and beyond.

### **Graduation Data and Overview of Performance Reports**

Dr. Linda Eno, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Academics and Performance and her staff presented the 2017-2018 school performance reports to the State Board Members. She stated that the performance reports have been enhanced based on community input to provide more informative and clear summary reports, improve navigation tools, put emphasis on student growth, and provide more information about CTE. She also stated that the reports will be released to the public this month.

### **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) Update**

Dr. Linda Eno, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Academics and Performance and Dr. David Greer, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Academics presented updates to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards to the State Board Members. They stated that their team will host regional information sessions in April for the Connected Action Roadmap (CAR) process and for the mathematics and ELA instructional teams. The Division of Academics and Performance has established teams for review of the following standards: comprehensive health and physical education, science, social studies, technology, visual and performing arts, world languages, and 21<sup>st</sup> century life and careers. Dr. Eno and Dr. Greer also stated that the review teams are also scheduled have a Spring 2019 kickoff at the College of New Jersey for all review team members.

### **Items for Consideration:**

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

#### **\*A. Appointments**

- 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**

- Itunu Balogun, Director, Office of Media Relations and Strategic Outreach

- Ashley Bencan, Director, Office of Strategic Operations
- LaVar Young, Director, Office of Civic and Social Engagement
- Carmen Cusido, Director, Office of Public Affairs
- Susan Kutner, Director, Office of School Facility Planning
- Bernard Piaia, Director, Office of School Facility Projects
- Jane Griesinger, Director, Office of Career Readiness
- Beverly Plein, Director, Office of Standards
- Anthony Wright, Director, Office of Innovation
- Gilbert Gonzales, Director, Office of Assessments
- Jessica Merville, Director, Office of Performance Management
- Tanisha Davis, Director, Office of Recruitment and Preparation
- Kelly Williams, Director, Office of Student Support Services
- Dominic Rota, Director, Office of Special Education Policy & Dispute Resolution
- Kathy Ehling, Director, Office of Fiscal and Data Services

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

- 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.

<b>Certified School District</b>	<b>County</b>
New Hanover School District	Burlington
South Harrison School District	Gloucester
Hoboken	Hudson
Union City	Hudson
Deal Borough	Monmouth
Hazlet	Monmouth
Long Branch	Monmouth
Barneget Township	Ocean
Berkely Township	Ocean
Brick Township	Ocean
Little Egg Harbor	Ocean
Manchester	Ocean
Pinelands Regional	Ocean
Bloomington	Passaic
Clark	Union
Elizabeth	Union
Linden	Union
Roselle	Union
Washington Borough	Warren

**\*C. Religious Holidays Calendar Resolution**

- The State Board discussed the resolution pertaining to the annual calendar of religious holidays for the 2019-2020 school year as established at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14-16.

**\*D. Professional Standards, State Board of Examiners and Certification**

- The State Board discussed the amendments pertaining to 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**

There was no public testimony.

**Adjournment**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its March 6, 2019, public meeting at 11:58 a.m.

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