

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Work Session
in the Conference Room on the First Floor,
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

August 17, 2005

Presiding: Arnold G. Hyndman, Ph.D., President

Secretary: Richard Rosenberg, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Ms. Margaret F. Bartlett
Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Maud Dahme
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Josephine E. Figueras
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith

ABSENT:

Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Mr. John A. Griffith
Rev. Frederick H. LaGarde, Jr.
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

CONVENING

Arnold G. Hyndman, president, State Board of Education, convened the public meeting with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey 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, and

WHEREAS, 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, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that by adopting this resolution the State Board of Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Wednesday, August 17, 2005.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION:

On motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education took the following action:

A. Enlargement of Purpose

- Adopted the resolution to approve the enlargement of purpose for the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission pursuant to *NJSA 18A:6-69*. State Board Members Maud Dahme and Thelma Napoleon-Smith abstained. State Board Member Kathleen Dietz opposed.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

B. Highly Qualified Teacher Survey

Jay Doolan, director, Academic and Professional Standards, provided the results of the 2005 Highly Qualified Teacher Survey. He stated that the 2005 survey results show that nearly 94% of New Jersey's public school classes are taught by highly qualified teachers. He also stated that the percent of classes taught by highly qualified teachers in this second survey remains consistent with the 2004 survey results, though there is a slight decrease in the K-8 area and a slight increase in the grade 9-12 area. He further stated that in order to be highly qualified, a teacher must have a bachelor's degree, a standard certification for which no requirements have been waived, and documentation of content area expertise in each subject taught.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its August 17, 2005 public work session at 2:35 p.m.

Richard Rosenberg, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, NJ State Board of Education