

**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**

December 21, 2005

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

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Mr. John A. Griffith
Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Maud Dahme
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Josephine E. Figueras
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

ABSENT:

Rev. Frederick H. LaGarde, Jr.

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, December 21, 2005.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts / NJQSAC

Acting Commissioner Lucille Davy presented Penelope Lattimer, Chief of Staff, Donna Arons, special assistant, and Diane Schonyers, director, Office of Strategic Initiatives and Accountability, who provided a summary outline of the New Jersey Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC), which will eventually replace the existing regulations at NJAC 6A:30, Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts. Dr. Lattimer stated that NJQSAC is a monitoring and evaluation system that is based on five components of school district effectiveness. Dr. Lattimer also stated that the five components are 1) Instruction and Program; 2) Personnel; 3) Fiscal Management; 4) Operations; and 5) Governance. She further stated that the new law and regulation will require school districts to conduct a self-evaluation on an annual basis and that the results of the annual evaluation will be verified through an internal, departmental process by which the school district will receive technical or targeted assistance based on the results. The results of each school district's self-evaluation will determine their level of compliance with each of the five components of school district effectiveness. Additionally, NJQSAC will simplify the existing monitoring system and integrates existing regulations and statutes, Abbott mandates, state takeover law and Federal mandates inclusive of the No Child Left Behind and Individuals with Disabilities Act. It will also streamline the monitoring of school progress and quality education programs through the development of one set of standards that apply to all public school districts.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its December 21, 2005 public work session at 2:50 p.m.

Lucille E. Davy, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, NJ State Board of Education