

**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**

February 15, 2006

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

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Josephine E. Figueras
Mr. John A. Griffith
Rev. Frederick H. LaGarde, Jr.
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

ABSENT:

Ms. Maud Dahme

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, February 15, 2006.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. The Role of Social and Emotional Skills in Academic Success

Dr. Maurice Elias, director, Rutgers University Social-Emotional Learning Lab presented information on promoting social-emotional learning and positive character to improve academic outcomes and school climate, safety and civility.

B. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to the implementation of the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJ QSAC) proposed at *NJAC* 6A:30 pursuant to *NJSA* 18A:7A-3 et. seq.

C. Overview of Statewide Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards

Acting Commissioner Davy presented Jay Doolan, acting assistant commissioner, Division of Educational Programs and Assessment and Linda Morse, acting director Academic and Professional Standards who provided a presentation on the State Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards (SCASS) that focused on three projects in the arts, health education, and social studies. Ms. Morse stated that the Council of Chief State School Officers created the SCASS projects in 1991 to encourage and assist states to work together on the assessment design and the development of National and State standards.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its February 15, 2006 public meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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