

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

October 19, 2007

Presiding: Ronald K. Butcher, President

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Ms. Josephine E. Hernandez
Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Mr. Kenneth Parker

ABSENT:

Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.

CONVENING

Ronald K. Butcher, 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 Friday, October 19, 2007.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Butcher 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 *NJSA 10:4-12(b)*, the State Board of Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel including new hires, separations and appointments and NJQSAC within the parameters set forth at *NJSA 10:4-12(b)*.

RECONVENING

President Butcher reconvened the public meeting 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 *NJSA 10:4-12(b)*, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Personnel Matter**

- Approved the employment contract for Marion Bolden, the State Superintendent of the State Operated School District of Newark, pursuant to *NJSA 18A:7A-35*. State Board member Arcelio Aponte recused. State Board members Debra Casha and Edithe Fulton opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its October 19, 2007 special meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner

