

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

June 3, 2015

Presiding: Mr. Mark Biedron, President

Secretary: David C. Hespe, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

ABSENT

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Mr. Joseph Fisicaro
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Ms. Edithe Fulton-via teleconference
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Mr. Peter Simon
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Mark Biedron convened the public meeting 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 June 3, 2015, was called to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Biedron 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 of Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on June 3, 2015.

RECONVENING

President Biedron reconvened the open meeting at 10:00 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 May 6, 2015. State Board members Claire Chamberlain and Ernest Lepore abstained.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Public Testimony

President Biedron stated that public testimony session will be held today at 2 pm. He stated that topics for today's public testimony include the amendments to chapter 23A, Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Procedures. President Biedron also stated that today's public testimony session is an Open Topic testimony session and members of the public may present testimony before the state board on any educational topic of their choice.

President Biedron stated that registration for the July 8, 2015 public testimony session will open on Friday, June 19, 2015 and close on Friday, July 3, 2015. He stated that the topics for the July 8 public testimony include amendments to chapter 15, Bilingual Education.

He also stated that anyone interested in speaking at or also attending the public testimony session must register so that the State Board staff can make proper arrangements for space. President Biedron stated that members of the public should contact the State Board office at 609-984-6024 or check the following website <http://education.state.nj.us/sboe/reg.php> for updates.

Resolution to Honor Russell Bauer

President Biedron welcomed Russell Bauer, the student representative for the 2014-2015 school year, and his advisor, Ms. Laura Hoy. In his last address before the State Board, Russell spoke about the skills he has learned this year. Russell thanked the State Board members for the positive experience as the state board student representative.

The State Board members approved a resolution congratulating and thanking Russell Bauer, a senior at Seneca High School (Burlington County) and permanent student representative for the 2014-2015 school year for his service.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board member Joseph Fisicaro:

RESOLUTION FOR RUSSELL BAUER

WHEREAS, Russell Bauer, a student at Seneca High School in Burlington County, has served with dedication as the student representative to the New Jersey State Board of Education from July 2014 to June 2015; and

WHEREAS, Russell has executed his duties as the State Board's liaison to the student community with commitment, interest and enthusiasm; and has been an excellent representative of both the New Jersey Association of Student Councils and the Seneca High School;

WHEREAS, Russell participated in State Board meetings by making presentations which were well-researched, articulate, thought-provoking and a benefit to the State Board members; and

WHEREAS, Russell's school career demonstrates that he is an accomplished student of academics and his leadership activities and community services on the local and state level show that others have confidence in Russell and value his contributions; and

WHEREAS, Russell is a bright, outgoing young man who sets long range goals and pursues them with eagerness and dedication; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education, David C. Hespe, extend their sincere congratulations and appreciation to Russell Bauer for a job well done and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education wish to acknowledge Russell Bauer's personal and academic excellence as well as his leadership qualities, and that they wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

Resolution to Establish the State Board Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2015-2016

The State Board members approved a resolution establishing the monthly public meeting dates calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board unanimously approved the following resolution read by State Board member Joseph Fisicaro:

RESOLUTION ANNUAL CALENDAR OF STATE BOARD MEETING DATES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:4-7 states that, the State Board of Education shall hold public meetings at least once each month at such times as its rules may prescribe and at such other times and such places within the state as in its judgment may be necessary, but no meeting may commence later than 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:1-2.2 requires that such meetings be held at such time, place, and on such dates as established by the State Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., Open Public Meetings Act, and notice of such meetings shall be made in a manner consistent with the law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board establishes the following dates for its monthly business meetings and public hearings for the 2015-2016 school year, and directs that a copy of the dates be sent to the Governor, the Secretary of State, the news media, the county superintendents, and the state board agenda subscribers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS/WORK SESSION MEETINGS 2015-2016

July 8	November 4	March 2
August 5	December 2	April 6
September 2	January 6	May 4
October 7	February 3	June 1

PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS 2015-2016

July 8	November 4	March 2
August 5	December 2	April 6
September 2*	January 6*	May 4*
October 7	February 3	June 1

*Open Topic Sessions

Notice of changes in the above will be made in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Report of the State Board Nominating Committee

Peter Simon, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates as: Mark Biedron for president and Joseph Fisicaro for vice president. The vote will occur next month. State Board members Dorothy Strickland and Ernest Lepore were also members of the committee.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

Standards Announcement

Commissioner Hespe stated that this past week Governor Christie announced that teachers and parents will participate in a statewide review of the standards known as Common Core to ensure that the standards accurately reflect the aspirations New Jersey holds for all students. He also stated that the review will identify if the standards are high enough, clear enough and if they are age appropriate. He further stated that the Department would be moving forward with assembling educator and parent groups to begin the work and that a more formal presentation on this plan would be presented at the July meeting.

Educator Evaluation Panel

Dr. Stacey Leftwich, Professor in Resident, Rowan University; Dr. Joseph Campisi, Chief School Administrator, Hainesport Township School District; Diana Voci, Holly Glen Elementary School; and Jacy Heaton, Rowan University Clinical Intern provided a presentation to the board that described the work that underway at Rowan University to create and implement a yearlong clinical practice model to increase novice teacher effectiveness.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Appointment(s)**

- There were no appointments.

***B. Certification of School Districts**

- Certified for a period of three years, the following school districts recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14a and b.

Certified School District	County
Mainland Reg.	Atlantic
Carlstadt	Bergen
Little Ferry	Bergen
Palisades Park	Bergen
Ridgefield Park	Bergen
Rochelle Park	Bergen
West Orange	Essex
Harrison Twp.	Gloucester
Bethlehem	Hunterdon
Middlesex Borough	Middlesex
North Brunswick	Middlesex
Piscataway Twp.	Middlesex
Beach Haven	Ocean
Lacey Twp.	Ocean
Haledon	Passaic
Oldmans Twp.	Salem
Lenape Valley Reg.	Sussex
Greenwich Twp.	Warren
Mansfield Twp.	Warren
Phillipsburg	Warren

***C. State Special Education Advisory Council**

- Adopted the following resolution approving the appointments to the State Special Education Advisory Council for a period of two years, pursuant to *NJSA* 18A:4-66.1 and *USPL* 94-142.

RESOLUTION FOR TWO APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2 requires that the Commissioner shall appoint biannually an advisory council for special education with the approval of the State Board which will consist of not fewer than seven nor more than 15 members representative of professionals in the field of special education and parents of children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2 defines the role of the advisory council as advising in the promulgation of rules, regulations and implementation of N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and the establishment of standards and qualifications for professional personnel and further provides that the council members shall serve without remuneration; and

WHEREAS, the reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004 requires each state education agency to have an advisory panel for special education; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has established and maintains an advisory panel, known as the State Special Education Advisory Council, for the purpose of providing

policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, the advisory panel consists of members, that are representative of the state population and are composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities, including: (i) parents of children with disabilities; (ii) individuals with disabilities; (iii) teachers; (iv) representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel; (v) state and local education officials; (vi) administrators of programs for children with disabilities; (vii) representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities; (viii) representatives of private schools and public charter schools; (ix) at least one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities; and (x) representatives from the state juvenile and adult corrections agencies; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the panel shall be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the advisory panel shall: (i) advise the department of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities; (ii) comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the department regarding the education of children with disabilities; (iii) advise the department in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary of the United States Department of Education under Part B Sec. 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; (iv) advise the department in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports under this part; and (v) advise the department in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Special Education Advisory Council meets the state mandate for an advisory council and the federal requirements for an advisory panel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Barbara Gantwerk be appointed for a two-year term effective June 3, 2015

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Amy Smith be appointed for a two-year term effective June 3, 2015.

***D. Enlargement of Purpose**

- Adopted the following resolution approving the Enlargement of Purpose for the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-69.

**RESOLUTION
REQUESTING ENLARGMENT OF PURPOSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:6-69 FOR THE
MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-52, the State Board of Education approved the establishment of the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission in or about December, 1977, to provide educational and administrative services and programs to member school district boards of education; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission was approved to provide services to nonpublic schools, cooperative transportation to out-of-district schools, cooperative purchasing, adult education, summer school, computer services, specialized consultants, printing and duplicating services, equipment maintenance services, and other specialized services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-69, the State Board of Education approved an enlargement of scope of purpose for the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission in or about December, 1991, which permitted the provision of nursing services to nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education approved a name change request from the “Middlesex County Educational Services Commission” to the “Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission” in or about June 2005; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission has provided a wide variety of education services to twenty-four (24) school districts in Middlesex County, as well as educational and business services to numerous school districts and municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission is providing services to over eight hundred (800) school districts, colleges, county colleges, and municipalities in all twenty-one (21) counties throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in light of the fact that the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission is no longer only serving the needs of the greater Middlesex County area, but also presently meeting the educational needs of over eight hundred (800) public entities in all twenty-one (21) counties throughout the State of New Jersey, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission believes it is appropriate to expand its areas of service beyond those identified in its original petition; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission believes that an expansion in its areas of service and geographic area served would better identify and authorize the scope of services it now provides to its clientele; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-69, the State Board of Education grants approval to the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to enlarge its purpose beyond those identified in its original petition, and to accurately represent its areas of service and geographic areas served.

***E. Resolution to Adopt a New Praxis II Test and Qualifying Score for Teachers of Early Childhood**

- Adopted the following resolution to adopt a new test and qualifying score for the Praxis II test required for initial New Jersey teacher and educational services licensure pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9B-8.1(a)6 and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9B-10.1(a)6.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A NEW PRAXIS II TEST AND QUALIFYING SCORE FOR TEACHERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has required that teacher certification candidates pass tests in specified disciplines in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9-8.1, effective January 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has required such a test for the endorsement for Teacher of Early Childhood in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9-8.1 and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9-10.1; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has recently established a new test for this subject to replace the current Praxis II Subject Assessment test that is in use by the department; and

WHEREAS, the department has participated in a national standard-setting study for the proposed Early Childhood test to determine the validity of and the theoretically appropriate qualifying score for that test; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education approves the department’s selection of the proposed Praxis II test and initial qualifying score for that endorsement; and

WHEREAS, the department will monitor the impact of this test and qualifying score on the passing rates for this subject area and will report any problems with the same to the State Board of Education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby supports the department’s selection of the proposed Praxis II Subject Assessment test for Teacher of Early Childhood; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby acknowledges and accepts the department’s establishment of the following qualifying score effective September 1, 2015:

<u>Praxis II Test</u>	<u>Qualifying Score</u>
Early Childhood	156 on a 100 – 200 scale

***F. Professional Standards
NJ Educator Preparation Programs
State Board of Examiners and Certification
Professional Development for Teaching Staff Members and School Leaders**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register* the readoption with amendments to Chapters 9, Professional Standards; 9A, NJ Educator Preparation Programs; 9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification; and 9C, Professional Development for Teaching Staff Members and School Leaders pertaining to educator preparation and licensing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-34, 18A:6-38, 18A:36-10, and 18A:26-2.7.

G. Bilingual Education

- Discussed the readoption with amendments to the regulations pertaining to bilingual education proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:15, Bilingual Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-15 to 26.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

President Biedron stated that the Department is working with the National Association of State Boards of Education to conduct a Data Privacy Audit. He stated that the State Board and the Department would be discussing Data Privacy issues once the audit results are complete.

President Biedron stated that executives from Junior Achievement New Jersey would be coming to the September board meeting to share the initiatives and good work they are doing throughout the state.

President Biedron stated that he would like to have a discussion in the fall about sustainable schools and creating more sustainable school buildings.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its June 3, 2015, public meeting at 12:33 p.m.

David C. Hesse, Commissioner
Secretary, State Board of Education