

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

November 2, 2016

Presiding: Mark W. Biedron, President

Secretary: Peter Shulman, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mr. Joseph Fisicaro
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Mr. Peter Simon

ABSENT

Dr. Ernest Lepore

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 November 2, 2016, 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 November 2, 2016.

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 October 5, 2016.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Public Testimony

President Biedron stated public testimony would be held at 2 pm today following the November 2, 2016 meeting. He also stated that the topics for the November public testimony session are the amendments to the Charter Schools, Interdistrict Public School Choice, Student Residency and Student Transportation regulations.

President Biedron stated the State Board would be accepting written testimony only in December. He also stated that the topics for December include . He further stated that registration for the November 2, 2016 public testimony session would open on Thursday, October 13, 2016 and close on Thursday, October 27, 2016.

President Biedron stated that anyone interested in speaking at or also attending the public testimony session must register so the State Board staff can make proper arrangements for space. He also 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.

National Association of State Boards of Education Report

State Board member Dr. Ronald Butcher reported on the recent NASBE annual conference held in Kansas in October.

Juvenile Justice Commission/Department of Education (JJC/DOE) Collaborative

Nancy Curry, Director, and Mary McKillip, Coordinator of Data Collection and Evaluation, Office of Student Support Services along with Jennifer LeBaron, Deputy Executive Director, Policy Research and Planning and Tremaine Harrison, Director of Education, Juvenile Justice Commission provided a presentation to highlight the collaborative work of the two agencies that began in 2014.

The Citizens Campaign

Harry Pozycki, Co-founder and Chair, and Ellen Clarkson, Chief Operating Officer, The Citizens Campaign along with Brian Rock, history teacher, East Orange Public Schools provided an overview of the work of The Citizens Campaign.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

State Operated School District Annual Report- Newark Public Schools

Christopher D. Cerf, Superintendent of the State Operated School District of the City of Newark Public Schools provided his annual report to the State Board of Education. His report focused on three main topics: Student Achievement, Operations and Facilities.

PARCC Comprehensive Update

Peter Shulman, Deputy Commissioner and Laura Morana, Acting Chief Academic Officer provided a presentation of 2016 PARCC results to the members of the State Board of Education. The presentation focused on statewide performance growth from the prior year and showcased opportunities for improvement in the years to come. Also provided was an overview of the development and implementation of PARCC spanning the first few years and how PARCC is part of a broader assessment system. Highlights of the PARCC tools, resources and data informing classroom instruction and the shared responsibility to continue improving PARCC in the coming years was also noted.

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 district(s) recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14a and b.

Certified School District	County
Carlstadt-East Rutherford	Bergen
Harrington Park	Bergen
New Milford	Bergen
Park Ridge	Bergen
South Hackensack	Bergen
Wildwood Crest	Cape May
Fair Haven	Monmouth

***C. State Board of Examiners**

- On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution approving the reappointments to the State Board of Examiners in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-34 and 35.

RESOLUTION

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-38, the State Board of Examiners is responsible for issuing, revoking and suspending educational certificates under rules prescribed by the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-34, members of the State Board of Examiners are appointed by the Commissioner of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner, after consulting with members of the education community, has recommended the appointments of two members to the Board of Examiners; and

WHEREAS, the persons whom the Acting Commissioner has recommended have established a reputation for distinguished service in their profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the appointments of the following persons:

Dr. Richard Stepura
Acting Executive County Superintendent
Atlantic and Cape May Counties
Term Expires September, 2017

Ms. Kristen Ludman
Teacher
Pemberton School District
Term Expires September 2018

***D. Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Procedures**

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register* the sunset readoption with technical amendments of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16 through 22, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-12 and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

***E. Interdistrict Public School Choice**

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register* the sunset readoption without amendments to the regulations pertaining to school choice proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:12, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-14 through 24 and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15. State Board member Ronald Butcher abstained.

***F. Student Residency**

- Approved for publication in the *NJ Register* the sunset readoption with amendments proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:22, Student Residency, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1.

G. Charter Schools

- Discussion of the amendments to the regulations pertaining to charter schools, proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:11, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-18 was tabled until the December 7, 2016 meeting.

H. Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Procedures

- Discussed the amendments to the regulations pertaining to Tuition for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-12 and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its November 2, 2016, public meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Kimberley Harrington, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, State Board of Education