

**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**

January 2, 2019

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Lamont O. Repollet, Ed. D., Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Mrs. Mary Beth Berry
Mrs. Elaine Bobrove
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca (via teleconference)
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi
Mr. Jack Fornaro

ABSENT

Dr. Ernest Lepore
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mrs. Fatima Burnam-Watkins

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte convened the public meeting at 9:00 a.m. 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 January 2, 2019 was called to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Aponte 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 Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on January 2, 2019.

RECONVENING

State Board President Arcelio Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 10:30 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 motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on December 5, 2018. State Board member Arcelio Aponte abstained.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

Sign Language Interpreters

President Aponte introduced and welcomed the two the Sign Language Interpreters, Monica Ayer and Rita Jo Scarcella.

Permanent Student Representative

President Aponte welcomed Nora Faverzani the 2018-2019 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Nora Faverzani is a senior from Ocean City High School in Cape May County. Nora talked to the State Board members about the harm that vape pens pose to students and asked schools and administrations to consider implementing stricter disciplinary action for students caught vaping in school.

Honoring Mrs. Anne S. Dillman

On behalf of the State Board and the Department of Education, President Aponte and Commissioner Repollet presented the family of Mrs. Anne S. Dillman, a former State Board of Education Member, with a resolution honoring her commitment and dedication to the students of New Jersey.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board Vice President Kathy Goldenberg:

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MRS. ANNE S. DILLMAN

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anne S. Dillman faithfully served with distinction as a member of the New Jersey State Board of Education from 1975 to 2005, including four terms as President; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anne S. Dillman retired in 2005 as the longest-serving member of the New Jersey State Board of Education, devoting 30 years of her life to establishing education policy that considered the diverse needs of students and expanded the view of a traditional education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anne S. Dillman's dedication to her community included establishing the Perth Amboy Parent Teacher Association and serving as a member and former president of the Perth Amboy Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anne S. Dillman's advocacy for high-quality educational opportunities for students extended beyond high school during her service as a member of the New Jersey State Board of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anne S. Dillman's outstanding service to Statewide public education led her to the national level, where she served on various committees of the National Association of State Boards of Education and was awarded that association's prestigious Distinguished Service Award; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize Mrs. Anne S. Dillman's numerous accomplishments and her contributions to education in New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is both fitting and proper that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education express their sincere appreciation to the family of Mrs. Anne S. Dillman for her service to education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education posthumously honor Mrs. Anne S. Dillman and her commitment and dedication to the students of New Jersey.

Honoring School Board Recognition Month

President Aponte introduced the following resolution in honor of School Board Recognition month. State Board Vice President Kathy Goldenberg read the resolution. Daniel Sinclair, President of the New Jersey School Boards Association and Dr. Lawrence Feinsod, Executive Director of the New Jersey School Boards Association accepted the resolution and thanked the State Board for the recognition.

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education, which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to all code provisions, with the goal of providing an outstanding education to prepare all students for college and the workplace and to enable them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey's status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2019 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Department of Education recognize the contributions of our state's local boards of education to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members of their local school boards.

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated public testimony would be held today at 11:30 a.m. He also stated that the topics for the January 2 are Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Procedures and Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts. He further stated that the January 2 public testimony session would be an Open Topic Public Testimony session meaning registered members of the public may speak on any educational topic of their choice.

He stated that the State Board would not be holding a public testimony session on February 6, 2019. He stated that more information regarding the next public testimony session is forthcoming.

President Aponte stated that anyone interested in speaking at and/or also attending the public testimony session must register so the State Board staff can make proper arrangements for space. He further stated that members of the public should contact the State Board office at 609-376-9071 or check the following website <https://www.state.nj.us/education/sboe/meetings/pubtest.shtml> for updates.

State Board Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports today.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Standards and Assessments Update

Commissioner Repollet and members of his staff provided a comprehensive presentation that detailed updates to the English Language Arts and Mathematics Instructional Units: Connected Action Roadmap and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards Review and Revise. President Aponte requested an update on the Standards Review Process be provided to the State Board in April or May.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Appointment(s)**

- There were no appointments.

***B. Certification of School District(s)**

- 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
Burlington City School District	Burlington
Cumberland County Vocational School District	Cumberland
Lawrence Township	Cumberland
Greenwich Township	Gloucester
Monroe Township	Gloucester
Freehold Borough School District	Monmouth
Red Bank Borough School District	Monmouth
Pennsville School District	Salem
Pittsgrove Township	Salem
Harmony	Warren

***C. State Board of Examiners**

- On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board unanimously adopted the following resolution approving the appointments 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 Commissioner, after consulting with members of the education community, has recommended the appointments of two new members to the Board of Examiners; and

WHEREAS, the persons whom the 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:

Ms. Thelma Ramsey
Principal
East Orange School District
Term Expires September 2019

Ms. Suzana Roque Zeitz
Teacher
Woodbridge School District
Term Expires September 2021

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 January 2, 2019, public meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Dr. Lamont O. Repollet, Commissioner
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education