

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

July 11, 2018

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

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

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mrs. Elaine Bobrove
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins

ABSENT

Mrs. Mary Beth Berry
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Dr. Ernest Lepore

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte convened the public meeting at 1:00 p.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 July 11, 2018 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 July 11, 2018.

RECONVENING

State Board President Arcelio Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 2:00 p.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

ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OFFICERS

Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet, secretary to the State Board, conducted the annual election of State Board officers. On motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members elected Arcelio Aponte as State Board President and Kathy Goldenberg as State Board Vice President. Both were elected for a one-year term.

President Aponte and Vice President Goldenberg expressed their gratitude to the members of the State Board for electing them to their leadership positions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

On a motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meetings conducted on June 6, 2018 and June 28, 2018. State Board members Ronald Butcher and Mary Beth Gazi abstained from voting on the minutes of the meeting on June 28, 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated public testimony would not be held today at 2 pm as there were no topics scheduled.

President Aponte stated that public testimony would be held on August 1, 2018. He also stated that the topic for the August 1, 2018 public testimony session would be the amendments to the Standards and Assessment regulations. He further stated that registration for the August 1, 2018, public testimony session will open on Thursday, July 12, 2018, and close at noon on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

He 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 609-984-6024 or check the following website <http://education.state.nj.us/sboe/reg.php> for updates.

Permanent Student Representative

President Aponte welcomed Nora Faverzani the 2018-2019 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Nora Faverzani is a junior from Ocean City High School in Cape May County. Nora introduced herself to the State Board members and expressed her excitement at being the new student representative.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee—Mary Beth Gazi, chair of the Policy Committee stated that committee members were briefed by the Department on proposed amendments to Chapter 8, Standards and Assessments regarding statewide assessment, graduation requirements, the transition from current tests, and a new initiative called the Teacher Leadership Endorsement. The committee agreed to meet again to further discuss these topics including the implementation of the proposed programs.

Strategic Planning—Ronald Butcher, chair, stated that the committee held its second meeting the day before. At the meeting they discussed the draft strategic plan. The committee agreed it should be a joint plan with the Department, which would allow for collaboration. Ron asked the committee members, Commissioner, and DOE staff to review the draft over the week for anything they want to keep, modify, and/or adjust. At the next committee meeting, members will discuss any revisions they would like to make to the history, mission statement, etc. Ron stated that he believes the committee has a good handle on the guiding principles and strategies and that the next step is to put details into the plan to support those principles and strategies and create measurable objectives. The goal is for the plan to be continually reviewed overtime and making adjustments as necessary.

Career and Technical Education—Kathy Goldenberg, chair, reported on her various visits to vocational technical schools including: Morris County School of Technology on May 3; Atlantic City School of Technology in Mays Landing on May 9; and the State Board Student and Teacher Recognition Program at Mercer County Vocational Technical School on May 16.

Kathy also attended the Garden State Coalition of Schools annual meeting on May 30 and the National Association of State Boards of Education Finance Committee meeting on June 1. She and Arcelio Aponte also attended the Dedication of Essex County’s Donald M. Payne School of Technology on June 4.

Kathy along with Nedd Johnson and Sylvia Sylvia attended the National Association of State Boards of Education New Board Member Training in Washington DC on June 7-9. Kathy and Commissioner Repollet handed out diplomas on June 15 to Eastampton Community School 8th grade graduates at the Burlington County Institute of Technology.

Assessment—Nedd Johnson, chair, stated that the committee had received an update from the Department that focused on the summary of findings from the first stage of outreach with stakeholders and a presentation from New Meridien regarding the services they provide.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

Statewide Assessment Outreach Findings and Recommendations

Commissioner Repollet advised that he would hold this presentation until the board is prepared to discuss Item D. Standards and Assessment below.

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
East Rutherford	Bergen
Edgewater	Bergen
Hasbrouck Hgts.	Bergen
Little Ferry	Bergen
Lodi	Bergen
North Arlington	Bergen
Rochelle Park	Bergen
Saddle Brook Twp.	Bergen
Teaneck	Bergen
Wallington - Interim	Bergen
Wood-Ridge - Interim	Bergen
Bayonne	Hudson
North Bergen	Hudson
West New York	Hudson
Lawrence Township	Mercer
Edison	Middlesex
Highland Park	Middlesex
Howell Township	Monmouth
Keyport	Monmouth
West Long Branch	Monmouth
Oldmans Township	Salem

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

- The State Board adopted the following resolution approving five reappointments to the State Special Education Advisory Council for a period of two years, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-66.1 and U. S. P. L. 94-142.

**RESOLUTION
FIVE REAPPOINTMENTS 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 Section 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 Dr. Paul Barbato be reappointed for a two-year term effective July 11, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Susan Colacello be reappointed for a two-year term effective July 11, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Deborah Lynam be reappointed for a two-year term effective July 11, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Leslie Rubinstein be reappointed for a two-year term effective July 11, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Dr. Christopher Shamburg be reappointed for a two-year term effective July 11, 2018

D. Standards and Assessment

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to assessment and graduation requirements at Chapter 8, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 through 14, 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:7E-2 through 5, 18A:35-4.2 and 4.7, and 18A:59-5.

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 July 11, 2018, public meeting at 4:24 p.m.

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