

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

September 12, 2018

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

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

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

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

ABSENT

Mr. Jack Fornaro
Dr. Ernest Lepore

CONVENING

State Board of Education Vice President Kathy Goldenberg 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 September 12, 2018 was called to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Goldenberg 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 September 12, 2018.

RECONVENING

State Board President Arcelio Aponte 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 motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on August 1, 2018. State Board members Fatimah Burnam-Watkins and Mary Beth Gazi abstained from voting on the minutes of the meeting on August 1, 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

New Academic Year

President Aponte thanked teachers and school leaders for all of their hard work to prepare schools for opening this school year. He also wished school leaders, teachers, parents and students a happy and successful school year.

Moment of Silence

President Aponte requested a moment of silence to remember the victims of the September 11, 2011 attacks and for the tragic loss of life of a student in the Long Branch school district.

Hurricane Florence

President Aponte sent well wishes for the safety of all in the path of Hurricane Florence.

Change in Agenda

Commissioner Repollet stated that standardized assessment has a significant impact on the educational system of New Jersey. He also stated that as we move toward the new generation of statewide assessments, the Department and State Board are committed to working collaboratively on the next steps. He further stated that therefore, in consultation with the State Board President, today we will continue to discuss Item D. Standards and Assessment so that all State Board members have a complete and full understanding of the regulations. Commissioner Repollet stated that there will be no vote today.

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated public testimony would be held today at 2 pm. He also stated that the topic for today's public testimony session would be an open topic public testimony session.

President Aponte stated that the State Board would be holding a public testimony session on September 12, 2018. He also stated that information regarding the October 3 public testimony session would be found on the NJDOE website or by calling the State Board Office.

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.

Introduction of Senator Teresa Ruiz

President Aponte introduced Senator Teresa Ruiz, chair of the Senate Education committee who spoke to the State Board about future of state assessments.

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 talked to the State Board members present about the environmental concerns of students and schools.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

NJDOE 2.0

Commissioner Repollet and members of his staff provided a comprehensive presentation that detailed how the Department will become a model organization that strengthens teaching, leading and learning in order to increase educational equity for all students.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

***A. Commissioner**

- Adopted the organizational structure for the State Department of Education at N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(1).

B. Appointment(s)

- There were no appointments.

***C. 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
South Orange Maplewood	Essex

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.

E. New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs and State Board of Examiners and Certification

- Postponed the discussion of new rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:9A and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B pertaining to a teacher leader endorsement pursuant to P.L. 2015, c. 111 (N.J.S.A. 18A:26-2.18 through 2.22).

F. Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency, and Budgeting Procedures

- Postponed the discussion of the amendments at N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.6(a)66 pertaining to private employers providing sick time to certain employees pursuant to P.L. 2018, c. 10 (N.J.S.A. 34:11D-1 et seq.).

G. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

- Postponed the discussion of the amendments pertaining to the Quality Single Accountability Continuum regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:30 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 et seq. 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 September 12, 2018, public meeting at 1:10 p.m.

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