



New Board Member Sworn into State Board of Education

Jeanne M. DelColle selected from among 21 county teachers of the year and one state facility teacher

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Trenton, N.J. - Long-time educator Joseph Fiscaro was sworn into office as the 13th member of the New Jersey State Board of Education at the board's monthly meeting held today.

The appointment of Fiscaro, a resident of Evesham Township, Burlington County, provides the State Board with a full complement of members. Fiscaro replaces former State Board member Florence McGinn, who resigned earlier this year.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Joe to the State Board. Throughout his career, Joe has encompassed a wealth of experience in education. His knowledge, perspective and expertise will be a great benefit to the children of New Jersey," Acting Education Commissioner Chris Cerf said.

"I am honored to have been appointed by Governor Chris Christie to serve on the N.J. State Board of Education," Fiscaro said. "Education is my life's passion, and I have enjoyed a long career as an educator and in service to my community as a member of my local board of education. I hope to bring my experiences as a teacher and local board member to my new role on the State Board."

Fiscaro currently serves on staff of the Office of Special Education at the Burlington County Institute of Technology's Medford Campus. He previously worked for 33 years in the School District of Philadelphia as a teacher of Social Studies, Spanish and Italian. Fiscaro started his career as a teacher working with Project G.O.A.L. at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

Fiscaro served as a member of Lenape Regional High School District Board of Education from 1993 until his appointment to the State Board. He was president of the Lenape board from 1999 to 2001 and vice president from 1997 to 1999. He also was a member of the N.J. School Boards Association for nine years.

Fiscaro earned a Master of Arts in Education and a Bachelor of Arts in American History from Widener University. He also earned his certification to teach Italian from LaSalle University and his K-8 certification from Immaculata College.

Fiscaro also has served as a member of the Evesham Township Municipal Utilities Authority since 2003-present and has held the positions of chairperson and vice chairperson. He also previously was a member of the Evesham Township Historical Preservation Commission for 18 years.

The State Board has 13 members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the N. J. State Senate. Members serve without compensation for six-year terms. By law, at least three members of the State Board must be women, and no two members from the same county can be appointed.

The State Board adopts the administrative code, which sets the rules needed to implement state education law. Such rules cover the supervision and governance of the state's nearly 2,500 public schools, which serve 1.38 million students. In addition, the State Board advises on educational policies proposed by the Commissioner and confirms Department of Education staff appointments made by the Commissioner.

More information about the State Board of Education and its members can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/sboe/>.



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