

New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education
July 6, 2022

Presiding: Kathy Goldenberg, President

Secretary: Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner

Present Constituting a Quorum

Mrs. Mary Beth Berry

Mrs. Elaine Bobrove

Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins

Mr. Jack Fornaro

Mr. Andrew Mulvihill

Dr. Joseph Ricca

Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

Absent

Mr. Arcelio Aponte

Dr. Ronald Butcher

Dr. Ernest Lepore

Dr. Nedd Johnson

Convening

State Board of Education President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:08 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 ensure 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 (Department), 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 6, 2022, was called to order.

Adjourn to Executive Session

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 July 6, 2022.

Reconvening

President Kathy Goldenberg reconvened the open meeting at 10:05 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

Election of State Board Officers

Acting Commissioner, Kevin Dehmer, acting secretary to the State Board, conducted the annual election of State Board officers. On motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members unanimously elected Kathy Goldenberg as State Board President and Andrew Mulvihill as State Board Vice President. Both were elected for a one-year term.

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

Approval of Minutes of The Meeting

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on June 1, 2022.

President’s Reports

President Goldenberg welcomed the viewing audience to the virtual State Board of Education meeting.

Public Testimony

President Goldenberg stated that the State Board will not receive written testimony as there were no educational topics for discussion. She also stated that for the month of August the State Board will receive written testimony on the proposed readoption of the School Ethics Commission regulations.

Introduction of the New Permanent Student Representative

President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed the State Board of Education’s new permanent student representative, Miss Lauren Knopp. Miss Knopp is a rising senior at Ocean City High School in Cape May County. She asked Miss Knopp to introduce herself and to say a few words.

Miss Knopp introduced herself to the State Board members. She stated she is honored to be chosen as the 2022-2023 permanent student representative for the State Board of Education. She further stated her accomplishments and the hobbies she enjoys. She stated that she is eager to be the voice for the students

in the state of New Jersey and is looking forward to having thoughtful conversations with the members of the State Board of Education.

State Board Committee Reports

Policy Committee

Ms. Elaine Bobrove, chair of the Policy committee, stated that the committee met with Department staff on June 15, 2022 to discuss the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English language arts and mathematics. She stated they also discussed the review of Chapters 9, 9A, 9B and 9C of the administrative code, which relate to educator preparation, certification and professional development. She stated the committee looks forward to the thorough stakeholder engagement that the Department will undertake prior to the public release of the proposed readoptions of the four chapters. Ms. Bobrove stated since the regulations directly affect the educator workforce and are extremely important topics, the committee anticipates multiple discussions with the Department before they are presented to the full State Board later in the year.

Policy Committee

Ms. Elaine Bobrove, chair of the Policy committee, stated that the committee met again with Department staff on June 30, 2022 to discuss the upcoming readoption of Chapters 9, 9A, 9B and 9C of the administrative code, which relate to educator preparation, certification and professional development. She stated the Policy Committee and Department staff thoroughly reviewed Chapters 9 and 9A and possible changes to the two chapters. She further stated this committee meeting was the first of multiple discussions with the Department before the chapters are presented to the full State Board later in the year.

CTE/Coding Committee

Ms. Mary Beth Berry, chair of the CTE/Coding committee, stated that the committee met with Department staff on June 22, 2022 to discuss an update about the P-TECH programs in Burlington City, New Brunswick, Paterson, and Trenton. She stated the committee also received an update on the forthcoming work-based learning manual and changes to the classification of instructional programs codes – or CIP codes – and the effect on CTE programs. She further stated they discussed the CTE community’s concerns with existing requirements to become certified as a CTE teacher. Ms. Berry stated it is reassuring to know that the Department is engaging the CTE community on this and other important issues.

Commissioner’s Reports

- There were no Commissioner’s reports.

Items for Consideration

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

***A. Appointments**

- There were no appointments.

***B. Certification of School Districts**

- Approved for a period of three years, those school districts recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14.a and b.

Districts	County
Mullica Twp.	Atlantic
Burlington Co. Spec. Serv.	Burlington
Hainesport Twp.	Burlington
Maple Shade	Burlington
Riverton	Burlington
Southampton Twp.	Burlington
Westampton	Burlington
Woodland Twp.	Burlington
Pinehill	Camden
Frenchtown	Hunterdon
Mercer County Special Serv.	Mercer
Eatontown	Monmouth
Hazlet Twp.	Monmouth
Lakeland Reg.	Passaic
Garwood	Union
Lopatcong	Warren

New Business

Dr. Joseph Ricca stated that the mandated fall Start Strong assessment which benchmarks student growth over the course of the academic year in addition to the spring testing administration will burden school districts when most already conduct beginning of the year benchmarking. He stated he would like the Department of Education to consider allowing the administration of the Start Strong assessment only if a school district cannot demonstrate that they have a benchmarking assessment in place.

Acting Commissioner Dehmer stated he will confer with his colleagues to get a complete and accurate answer and come back to the Assessment Committee and then the full Board with a comprehensive response.

Public Testimony

There were no administrative code topics scheduled for testimony.

Adjournment

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its July 6, 2022, public meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education