



ACTION ITEM A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For Meeting of January 10, 2023

FOR: (X) ACTION

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FROM: DR. TIMOTHY J. PURNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Approval of Open Session Minutes of the October 18, 2022 meeting

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MINUTES
OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via Webex
NJSBA Headquarters
413 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey
October 18, 2022

President Irene LeFebvre called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., read the Open Public Meetings Act statement, and asked for a roll call. Executive Committee members attended virtually, Ms. Irene LeFebvre, president; Mr. Michael McClure, immediate past president; Mr. Bruce Young, vice president for county activities; Dr. Karen Cortellino, vice president for legislation/resolutions and Tim Purnell, Executive Director.

Staff present for the entire meeting, with the exception of the executive session, Marcina Bowen, senior executive assistant to executive director.

The following staff members attended part of the meeting to observe or provide department reports: Carl Tanksley – Acting General Counsel; Jonathan Pushman, Director of Governmental Relations; Ray Pinney, Director of County Activities & Member Engagement; Beverly Plein, Professional Learning/Field Services; Vince DeLucia, Educator-in-Residence; Lauren Cuervo, Director of Communications, Information Technology and Marketing; Janet Bamford, Chief Public Affairs Office ; John Faford, Director & Finance & Operations.

President LeFebvre asked Dr. Purnell to provide an update.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Purnell thanked President LeFebvre and greeted everyone.

Dr. Purnell spoke on the following topics:

Workshop 2022: We are just one week away! 5,000 participants and 446 districts have registered. The Commissioner of Education is expected to appear all three days. Looking forward to these four programs: Patrick Dunning: The Signature Project - A multimedia artist who has traveled the US for the past 20 years performing and developing a mural that will have more than one million people's collaboration. Keynote, Jon Staff of Gateway – talking about rest and leisure for all. Dr. Allen-McMillan, talking about the state of public education in New Jersey and lastly, the LEG panel, promising to be a lively exchange of views.

Listening Tour: Tim's been learning what our membership needs and wants are. It gives a better understanding of what this Association needs to better serve NJ board members.

Situation Room: Enables us to quickly convene staff members from different disciplines in a small group to discuss some time-sensitive situations. All with the goal of getting our members' information in a timely manner.

NJSBA Dues: As of today, we have received from members 97.5% of member dues paid. There are 14 districts that have not yet paid.

Open Enrollment: Our HR effort is focused on helping employees get through this process.

AND SOME FUN ITEMS: Board Member of the Year, Adam Parkinson, was very appreciative. We will be presenting Adam with his plaque on stage at Workshop. The Milken Award was won by Shaina Brenner, from Jackson Township. She was honored with a \$25K cash award for being an outstanding teacher. Tim and Janet were in attendance and thought the program was outstanding.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Dr. Purnell noted that all the division/departments directors/managers provided written updates. The reports have been posted on the Executive Committee website at www.njsba.org/ec. The directors/managers presented brief comments from their reports as follows:

- Carl Tanksley - Gave an update on Gabel/Aces and the fluctuations of natural gas prices. He advised Gabel to lock into the 6.40 – 6.50 dekatherm which protects us against higher prices that will come into effect this coming season. Carl also reported there is no added information on electricity prices since his last report.
- Jonathan Pushman – Jon is looking forward to the Legislative Panel at Workshop and is excited that our Officers will be in attendance. Jonathan also mentioned that the later high school start times bill has not advanced.
- Ray Pinney – Informed us that Calvin Back's 60-year tenure as Board Member in Cape May County is being recognized at the 10/19 County meeting. Ray and Tim will present Calvin with a resolution at the meeting.
- Beverly Plein – Advised that this is the season for Professional Learning and that most work revolves around Workshop.
 - Gov 1-2-3-4 are being offered in person at Workshop
 - Certification is continuing and Professional Learning is working with the call center to process these certifications
 - Beverly spoke of Teacher Shortages and the possibility of Future Educator Clubs
- Vince DeLucia – Informed us of an article regarding a board that appointed a student on the board in 1991, he also spoke about South African Provincial Educational Leaders who will be planning a conference in NJ in February.
- Lauren Cuervo – A couple of items were covered by Lauren.
 - We have moved from a long-term contract with Acelus, our IT Helpdesk Support. Brian Green and our IT department have been setting up help desk monitoring on our new laptops. This will lead to our in-house IT professionals monitoring the desktops and will save money by us doing our own work.
- Janet Bamford – Janet is working hard trying to get the Press to Workshop. Inquiries about Cherry Hill referendum – the largest in NJ since 2022.

- John Faforde – Gave an informative financial update on our positive audit report.

Dr. Purnell thanked the Directors and Managers for their insightful reports and their dedication and leadership.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2022, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Dr. Purnell proposed the agenda for the November 4, 2022, Board of Directors meeting. It was reviewed and approved by President Irene LeFebvre and duly seconded.

ACTION ITEMS

President LeFebvre asked for a motion to approve the following Action Items:

- **Action Item A**
Approval of Open Session Minutes of the September 13, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. A motion to approve Action Item A was made by VP Bruce, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.
- **Action Item B**
Approval of Cumberland County Board of Vocation Education Culinary Department's donation of 50 dozen Cookies for Workshop. A motion to approve Action Item B was made by Mike, was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Began at 1:30 p.m. Confidential meeting of Dr. Purnell and Officers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President LeFebvre asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Vice President Bruce Young; was duly seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Timothy J. Purnell

Executive Director