

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

April 13, 2004
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mr. John C. Austin, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mr. Reginald M. Turner
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)
Ms. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Bill Cecil, Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Memorandum Regarding Assessment Issues and High School Testing from Jeremy Hughes dated April 7, 2004
- B. Memorandum Regarding Information on Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee dated April 13, 2004
- C. Memorandum Regarding Information on the Instructional Excellence Conference from Tom Watkins dated April 13, 2004

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OR PRIORITY

- A. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week – added to agenda

- B. Report on Request for Consolidation of Wakefield School District and Marenisco School District – added to agenda
- C. 2004-2005 State Improvement Grant (SIG) – Initial – added to agenda
- D. 2003-2004 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program – Amendment – added to agenda
- E. 2003-2004 Instruction for Pupils of Limited English-Speaking Ability – Initial – added to agenda
- F. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment – added to agenda

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Weiser**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Weiser joined the meeting via telephone at 9:08 a.m.

IV. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Presentation of Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award

Mrs. Straus gave background on the Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award. She said in 1991, the State Board of Education approved the establishment of the Stella Gikas Secretarial Award, later renamed the “Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award,” to be given annually to an outstanding support person in the Michigan Department of Education. Mrs. Straus said the award, named after a long-time, outstanding State Board of Education Recording Secretary, is given for providing leadership to others, outstanding service to education, dedication to excellence, and maintaining the highest professional standards.

A subcommittee comprised of Mrs. Straus; Dr. Moyer; Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive; Ms. Terry Wardell, Director, Office of Human Resources; Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant for Awards and Recognition Programs; and Mr. Terry Booth, Procurement Technician in the Office of the Superintendent and the 2003 Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award recipient; met to review the nominations received for the 2004 award.

Mrs. Straus presented the 2004 Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award to Ms. Yolanda Stephens, Secretary in the Office of

Special Education and Early Intervention Services. Mrs. Straus read statements from the information submitted supporting the nomination of Yolanda for the award. “Yolanda honestly is concerned about providing the best service to her customers both within the Department as well as outside the Department. She treats all with the highest respect. She has high standards for herself and her work ethics are great. She is passionate about inclusion and acceptance.” The State Board of Education joined Mrs. Straus in presenting the crystal apple award, and Mrs. Curtin as she presented a certificate signed by all the Board members.

Ms. Stephens expressed her thanks and appreciation for the fine people she works with at the Michigan Department of Education.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Report of Youth Worker Ad Hoc Committee

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Mrs. Marianne McGuire, Chair, Youth Worker Ad Hoc Committee
- Mr. Larry Edwards, Executive Director of Youth, Sports and Recreation Commission in Detroit
- Ms. Shari Krishnan, Special Education Representative
- Mr. Kenneth Ayouby, Dearborn Public Schools
- Mr. Charles Smith, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation
- Mr. Nicholas Krishnan, Special Education Representative

By consensus, this item was added to the consent agenda of the Regular Meeting.

B. Presentation and Update on Universal Education

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Ms. Fran Loose, Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Mr. Ryan Donlan, Superintendent, Bay-Arenac Community High School
- Mr. Michael Peterson, Wayne State University
- Mr. Maurice Moses, Community Based Intervention Services

C. Presentation on Proposed Amendments to Michigan's Accountability Workbook

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

D. Update on MEAP and Education YES! and NCLB AYP Reporting

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

E. Presentation on K-8 Grade Level Content Expectations

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Betty Underwood, Coordinator, Partnership for Success

F. Presentation on Michigan English Language Proficiency Standards

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Mr. Mazin Heiderson, Consultant, Office of Field Services
- Ms. Sandy Hagman, English as a Second Language/Social Studies Teacher, Southfield Public Schools

G. Presentation on ETS ParaPro Assessment and Passing Score for Title I Paraprofessionals

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Linda Brown, Supervisor, Office of Field Services

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

X. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 9, 2004

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 9, 2004.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus
Absent During Vote: Turner, Weiser**

The motion carried.

XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Grade-Level Expectations for Mathematics and English Language Arts

Mrs. Straus said she and Board members Mrs. McGuire, Dr. Moyer, and Mrs. Bauer, attended the Grade Expectations = Great Expectations Conference on March 30, 2004, at Michigan State University. She said the speakers were very informative and teachers enthusiastically received the Grade-Level Expectations for Mathematics and English Language Arts.

- B. School Infrastructure Press Conference

Mrs. Straus said she, Mr. Austin, and Dr. Moyer participated in a press conference on March 30, 2004, at the Capitol announcing the State Board of Education's Study to Improve School Infrastructure. She said the Board is authorizing education financing experts, Doug Roberts, and David Olmstead, to study and make recommendations for the Board to forward to the Governor and Legislature regarding school capital financing to repair crumbling school buildings and invest in school infrastructure. She said the Citizens Research Council and Michigan State

University Education Policy Center and Institute for Public Policy and Social Research are currently researching the needs and will also be involved in this effort. Mrs. Straus thanked Mr. Austin for taking the lead on this issue.

C. Visit to Dickinson East Elementary School in Hamtramck

Mrs. Straus said she read to students at Dickinson East Elementary School in Hamtramck on March 18, 2004. She also listened to second grade students read stories they had written about their native countries. She said the students also shared their artwork with her, and later sent her thank you letters.

D. First Regional Robotics Competition

Mrs. Straus said she and Ms. Pam Wong, Chief of Staff, attended the regional Robotics Competition at Eastern Michigan University on March 13, 2004. Mrs. Straus said the relationship the students have with their mentors benefits the mentors as well as the students.

E. Strategic Planning Session

Mrs. Straus said the Board will be participating in the CogniScope strategic planning session on May 18-19, 2004. Mrs. Straus said she is looking forward to 100% participation in the CogniScope process that has been used by Special Education and the Department.

F. Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

Mrs. Straus said the second annual Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award will be presented at the June Board meeting. She said Mrs. Beardmore was the recipient of the first award, and it is now time to make nominations for the next award recipient.

G. Cherry Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth

Mrs. Straus said Lieutenant Governor Cherry will head the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth to be appointed by Governor Granholm. She said the Commission is charged with proposing ways to double the number of college graduates in Michigan within the next 10 years, and ensuring college graduates have general and specific skills to success in the 21st century workplace. Straus asked Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Curtin, to join her on a subcommittee to meet with staff to develop position papers to be advanced to the Commission. Mrs. Straus said she will ask that the Board and Department be represented on the Commission.

H. Cultural Coalition Meeting

Mrs. Straus said she, Mr. Watkins, and Ms. Ana Cardona, the Department's Fine Arts Consultant, met with the Cultural Coalition in the Metropolitan Detroit area on April 8, 2004, to discuss how the Department can collaborate with cultural institutions in the Detroit area to provide educational services.

I. May State Board Meetings in South Redford and Wayne

Mrs. Straus said the May 11, 2004, State Board of Education meeting will be held in South Redford School District with a dinner and a public forum at Wayne RESA on the evening of May 10, 2004. Mrs. Straus said she would like representatives from the *Detroit Free Press* to be honored for the children's publication, *Yak's Corner*, at the May meeting.

J. Senate Passed Department Appropriations Bill

Mrs. Straus said the Senate passed the Department of Education Appropriations Bill containing language that would eliminate payment of per diems and travel expenses to the State Board of Education. Mrs. Straus said the bill has not yet been taken up in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. Weiser resumed her telephone connection at 1:10 p.m.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood provided comments and written materials on Bay Mills authorized charter schools.

B. Ms. Donna Scheidt, 2765 Boardwalk Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Ms. Scheidt, representing Student Advocacy Center, shared oral and written comments on Michigan reporting of graduation rates, withdrawal agreements, and expelled students.

C. Mr. Greg Wilson, 684 Leo Road, Jackson, Michigan 49203. Mr. Wilson provided written and oral comments about Jackson Public School District.

D. Mr. Nicholas Krishnan, 1550 Brandywine, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. Mr. Krishnan thanked the Board for making his life better through special education services.

E. Ms. Sandra McGuire, 54687 56th Street, Lawrence, Michigan 49064. Ms. McGuire provided comments on Van Buren Intermediate School District change of special education plan.

XIII. UPDATE ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law and Federal Relations, presented Update on Federal Legislation.

Ms. Stanley provided an update on Senate Bill 1248, the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). She said two primary areas of concern are maintenance of effort and the No Child Left Behind requirement that special education teachers be highly qualified in every subject.

Ms. Stanley said the United States House of Representatives passed the Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act. She said this bill would reduce the paperwork required for child nutrition programs.

Mrs. Bauer said many families believe that the proposed legislation on the reauthorization of IDEA drastically reduces special education services for children.

XIV. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION ENDORSEMENTS AND OF STANDARDS FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation; Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation; Ms. Sue Wittick, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation; Ms. Glenna Zollinger-Russell and Ms. Karen Pohja, Office of Career and Technical Preparation, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth; presented Approval of Changes to Distributive Education and Vocational Distributive Education Endorsements and of Standards and Requirements for the Preparation of Teachers.

Ms. Wittick said the recommendations related to the preparation of business teachers are updates to definitions and no new endorsements are being added. She said the Distributive Education endorsement will be renamed Marketing Education, and the Vocational Distributive Education endorsement will be renamed Vocational Marketing Education.

Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the changes to Distributive Education and Vocational Distributive Education endorsements and of standards and requirements for the preparation of teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 29, 2004.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Moyer, Straus, Turner, Weiser
Absent During Vote: McGuire**

The motion carried.

XV. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO BUSINESS EDUCATION ENDORSEMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS FOR A NEW BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND TECHNOLOGY ENDORSEMENT FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation; Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation; Ms. Sue Wittick, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation; Ms. Glenna Zollinger-Russell and Ms. Karen Pohja, Office of Career and Technical Preparation, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth; presented Approval of Changes to Business Education Endorsements and Standards for the Preparation of Teachers for a New Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology Endorsement for Teacher Certification.

Ms. Wittick said the proposed endorsement and preparation standards reflect the recommended revisions for the Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology (GQ) endorsement for teachers.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the changes to business education endorsements and standards for the preparation of teachers for a new business, management, marketing, and technology endorsement for teacher certification, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 29, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. APPROVAL OF SEVERAL NEW VOCATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOCATIONAL TEACHERS

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation; Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation; Ms. Sue Wittick, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation; Ms. Glenna Zollinger-Russell and Ms. Karen Pohja, Office of Career and Technical Preparation, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth; presented Approval of Several New Vocational Endorsements and Preparation Requirements for Vocational Teachers.

Ms. Zollinger-Russell said the proposed vocational endorsements would provide clarification by establishing codes for specific areas that were previously grouped into one code. She said the curriculum has not changed.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve new vocational endorsements and preparation requirements for vocational teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 29, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVII. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET FOR 2004-2005

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; and Mr. Rick Floria, Director, Office of Financial Management; presented Update on Department of Education Budget for 2004-2005.

Ms. Wolenberg said the Senate made many changes to the Department's budget presented by the Governor, and the House Appropriations Subcommittee will begin hearings on April 21, 2004. She said the changes will have a negative effect on the ability of the Department to carry out its functions, as defined by law.

Mr. Floria explained the following budget issues: State Board of Education Travel, State Board Per Diems, Departmental Travel, Personal Service Contracts, Before and After School Programs, Bi-lingual Certification Programs, Audit Costs, and Unrolling of Appropriation Program Lines.

Mr. Turner said as a member of the State Board of Education, he is not looking for special treatment other than that accorded to other public officials. He said the Board is willing to share the pain of the state's fiscal crisis, however, elimination of funding for State Board of Education travel and per diems seem to be uniquely punitive. Mr. Watkins said the Board has been extremely prudent and responsible with expenditures. Mrs. McGuire said per diems and travel were drastically decreased in the last decade.

Mr. Watkins asked staff to notify Board members of opportunities to testify before the House regarding the Department budget.

XVIII. REPORT ON STATUS OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director, presented Report on Status of Legislation.

Mr. Morris said the Department Budget Bill has passed the Senate and the Department is working with the House subcommittee members.

Mr. Morris said the House of Representatives passed the first phase of the intermediate school district package on March 17, 2004. He said many of the amendments and changes discussed at the March 9, 2004, Board meeting were adopted.

Mr. Morris said Senate Bills 943 and 944 regarding sex education remain on the Senate floor, and there are discussions regarding teaching of abstinence, and teaching of behavioral risks. He said House Bills 5477 and 5478 concerning sex education are on the House floor currently.

Mr. Watkins said he has asked Mr. Morris to work with the Board and associations to strengthen the relationship with intermediate school districts. Mr. Turner said he is encouraged that the Department and Board are working proactively to develop plans

to implement consistency among intermediate school districts and the assistance they are providing to high priority schools, and all school districts. Mrs. Straus accepted Mr. Turner's offer to join the Board subcommittee working with Department staff regarding legislation relating to intermediate school districts.

Mr. Morris said the issue of replacing the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests with the American College Test (ACT) test will be discussed by the Legislature the week of April 19, 2004.

Mr. Austin said the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth chaired by Lieutenant Governor Cherry to increase success of college graduates should build on the systems that are in place. Mr. Austin suggested the Commission consider how to align educational systems to increase success of college graduates, align standards and assessments, prevent remediation, and decrease college dropout rates. He said MEAP and ACT, and the blend of each should be considered.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

XIX. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. THOMAS D. WATKINS, JR.

Mr. Watkins requested a personal privilege to welcome 16 University Administrators from Tianjin, China Education Commission, hosted by the Executive Education Program of The University of Michigan/Program Director, Mr. Louis Yen.

Mr. Watkins invited the group to meet informally with the Board following adjournment of today's Board meeting.

XX. CONSENT AGENDA

- B. Receive the Report on Youth Worker Ad Hoc Committee – added by consensus
- P. Approval of Michigan English Language Proficiency Standards
- Q. Approval of ETS ParaPro Assessment and Passing Score for Title I Paraprofessionals
- R. Appointment of a Committee of Scholars to Review the University of Phoenix Application to Become a Teacher Preparation Institution
- DD. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- B. receive the Report of Youth Worker Ad Hoc Committee, as described in Mrs. McGuire's memorandum dated April 9, 2004;**
- P. approve the Michigan English Language Proficiency Standards, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 29, 2004, to guide instruction and assessment of Limited English Proficient students in Michigan schools;**
- Q. approve the ETS ParaPro Assessment and Passing Score for Title I Paraprofessionals as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 7, 2004;**
- R. approve the appointment of Dr. Esther M. Coleman and Dr. Debra Thatches as replacement members of the Committee of Scholars to review the University of Phoenix application for an elementary teacher preparation program, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 29, 2004; and**
- DD. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 8, 2004, regarding National Teachers Appreciation Week.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner, Weiser
Absent: Austin

The motion carried.

The Resolution Regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week is attached as Exhibit A.

XXI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- S. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers**
- T. Report on the Midland County Educational Service Agency and Van Buren Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services**
- U. Human Resources Report**

- EE. Report on Request for Consolidation of Wakefield School District and Marenisco School District

Grants

- V. 2003-2004 Michigan Virtual High School – Continuation
- W. 2003-2004 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Initial and Continuation
- X. 2004 Title I, Part C, Education of Migratory Children, Summer Program – Initial
- Y. 2002-2003 Title II Teacher Quality Statewide Activities – Continuation
- Z. 2004-2005 State Improvement Grant (SIG) – Initial
- AA. 2003-2004 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program – Amendment
- BB. 2003-2004 Instruction for Pupils of Limited English-Speaking Ability – Initial
- CC. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed a written report “Superintendent’s Report, Highlights of Activities for March – April 2004.” Dr. Moyer requested that Mr. Watkins share a copy of the report with every Legislator.

Mr. Watkins addressed questions from Board members regarding comments made during the Public Participation portion of the meeting.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. Update on Detroit Public Schools – Mrs. Marianne McGuire

Mrs. McGuire asked Mr. Watkins for an update on the budget deficit in Detroit Public Schools. Mr. Watkins said Dr. Kenneth Burnley, Chief Executive Officer, Detroit Public Schools, is working with the Detroit Public Schools Board to address a budget shortfall. Mr. Watkins said many school districts are facing budget deficits, which will impact teaching, learning, and families.

Mr. Turner said Dr. Burnley has been working diligently with stakeholders to identify reductions that will do the least amount of damage to the educational process and comply with state and federal law, as well as

labor contracts. Mr. Turner said this illustrates a broader structural deficit issue of state and national priorities, and the acute need for resources devoted to public education.

Dr. Moyer said Dr. Burnley is a nationally renowned educator who is a tremendous asset to Detroit Public Schools.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins said the State Board of Education will meet at Wayne RESA on May 10, 2004, and South Redford School District on May 11, 2004.

Mr. Watkins said the May 18-19, 2004, CogniScope Strategic Planning Session will be held at Brandywine Creek in Covert, Michigan. He said Whirlpool has offered their facilities for the session.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. May 10-11, 2004 (10th at Wayne RESA, 11th at South Redford School District)
- B. May 18-19, 2004 (CogniScope/Strategic Planning Event at Brandywine Creek in Covert, Michigan)
- C. June 8, 2004
- D. July 13, 2004
- E. August 10, 2004

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:30 p.m. and met informally with the University Administrators from Tianjin, China Education Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary