

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

December 18, 2003  
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  
Ms. Sue C. 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 9:15 a.m.

II. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Report on Consent Agenda
- B. 2003-2004 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Initial
- C. 2003-2004 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs Emergency Supplemental Allocations – Amendment
- D. 2003-2004 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement Final Allocations – Amendment

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on Property Transfers – added to agenda
- B. 2003-2004 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Initial – added to agenda
- C. 2003-2004 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs Emergency Supplemental Allocations – Amendment – added to agenda
- D. 2003-2004 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement Final Allocations – Amendment – added to agenda

Mrs. Bauer asked that the following item be added to the agenda as a discussion item: Invitation to Submit Proposals to Manage Camp Tuhsmeheeta for 2004.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.**

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

**The motion carried.**

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:16 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

V. CALL TO ORDER

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

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

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Comments by Yvonne Blackmond, Director, Office of Drug Control Policy

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. Yvonne Blackmond, Director, Office of Drug Control Policy
- Ms. Judith Pasquarella, Manager, Education Section, Office of Drug Control Policy

B. Presentation by Dr. David N. Plank and Dr. David Arsen Regarding “Michigan School Finance Under Proposal A – State Control, Local Consequences”

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. David N. Plank, Professor and Co-Director, The Education Policy Center, Michigan State University
- Dr. David Arsen, Professor of Educational Administration, Michigan State University

C. Discussion Regarding Michigan Professional Educators Code of Ethics

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services
- Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Professional Preparation and Development
- Ms. Bonnie Rockafellow, Education Consultant, Professional Preparation and Development
- Ms. Barbara Stork, Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools

D. Introduction of Dr. Edward Roeber, and Discussion Regarding NCLB-AYP and *Education YES!*

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Edward Roeber, Executive Manager, Office of Educational Assessment

Mrs. Straus made the following statement for the record: The State Board of Education commends Department of Education staff in their efforts to work with the Department of Management and Budget to reopen existing contracts to negotiate new language regarding specific time lines for

deliverables, and penalties in the event the vendor (contractor) does not meet the time line(s). In addition, the Board encourages the Department of Education to continue to review and modify all existing memoranda of understanding with other state agencies to include language regarding specific accountability time lines and penalties.

E. Discussion Regarding Policy on Offering Healthy Food and Beverages in Venues Outside of the Federally Regulated Child Nutrition Programs

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Special Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Elizabeth Haller, Manager, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit
- Mr. Nick Drzal, Nutrition Education Consultant
- Ms. Paula Kerr, School Meals Nutrition Consultant
- Ms. Rochelle Hurst; Manager; Cardiovascular Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity; Michigan Department of Community Health
- Ms. Lori Adkins, Food Service Director, West Bloomfield High School
- Ms. Phyllis Atkins, Principal, Cory Elementary School, Romulus
- Ms. Jolie King, Physical Education Teacher, Kingsley Middle School
- Ms. Melinda Graham, Coordinator, Reading is Fundamental, Lincoln Elementary School, South Haven Public Schools

The following were recognized for their contributions to the presentation:

- United Dairy Industry of Michigan
- Kellogg USA, Inc.
- Henry H. North Elementary School, Lansing
- Lynna Hassenger, Food Service Program, Okemos Public Schools
- MSU Extension

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:40 p.m.

## REGULAR MEETING

### IX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 19-20, 2003.

**Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 19-20, 2003.**

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

**The motion carried.**

### X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. Micah Feldman, Ms. Janice Fialka, and Miss Sharon Berk, 10470 LaSalle, Huntington Woods, Michigan 48070. Mr. Feldman, Ms. Fialka, and Miss Berk provided comments on inclusive education via a computer presentation and written materials.
- B. Ms. Caryn Ivey, 18495 San Juan Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221-2171. Ms. Ivey shared comments on inclusive education.
- C. Ms. Sandee Koski, 11008 Treeline Drive, Pinckney, Michigan. Ms. Koski shared verbal and written comments on waivers to administrative rules for special education.
- D. Mr. Ben Walker, Mr. Rick Jacobi, and Ms. JoAnn Deitz, Arts Academy in the Woods, 12960 Frazho Road, Warren, Michigan 48089. Mr. Walker and Mr. Jacobi shared comments, and Ms. Deitz presented the Board with a piece of her artwork.
- E. Mr. Charles Allan, 3388 Tomlinson Road, Mason, Michigan 48854. Mr. Allan, representing Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics, shared comments and provided written materials on the mathematics grade level content expectations.
- F. Ms. Cindy Clingman and Mrs. Rita Maddox, (no address given), representing Michigan Reading Association, Michigan Council of Teachers of English, and the ISD Language Arts Network. Ms. Clingman and Ms. Maddox provided verbal and written comments on English Language Arts Grade Level Content Expectations.

- G. Dr. William Schmidt, 537 Kedzie, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. Dr. Schmidt provided comments on Michigan mathematics grade level content expectations.
- H. Mr. Kim Traverse, 1002 Coolidge, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006. Mr. Traverse, representing Parents of Blind Children, shared comments about Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- I. Ms. Gwen Botting, 4175 Westbrook Road, Ionia, Michigan. Ms. Botting, representing Michigan Parents of Children With Visual Impairments, provided comments about Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- J. Mr. Bud Ferrell, 12346 Lippincott, Davison, Michigan 48423. Mr. Ferrell shared comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- K. Mr. Larry Posant, 20812 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn, Michigan 48127. Mr. Posant, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- L. Mr. George Wurtzel, 1220 North Washington, Lansing, Michigan 48906. Mr. Wurtzel provided comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- M. Mr. Roger Houghtaling, 300 Carriage Way, Davison, Michigan 48423. Mr. Houghtaling shared comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- N. Mr. Fred Wurtzel, 1212 North Foster, Lansing, Michigan 48912. Mr. Wurtzel, National Federation for the Blind, provided written and verbal comments on the Michigan School for the Deaf/Blind.
- O. Ms. Phyllis Adkins, 1724 Dunmore, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. Ms. Adkins provided comments on Reading First, Leading Groups and Coaching for Change.
- P. Ms. Mary Bridget Monaghan, 3603 Sawgrass, Lansing, Michigan 48911-1263. Ms. Monaghan shared a writing, "The Teacher."
- Q. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood shared comments regarding charter school authorizers.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

XII. UPDATE ON GRADE LEVEL CONTENT EXPECTATIONS

Mr. Watkins said the Update on Grade Level Content Expectations was added to the agenda of the Regular Meeting by consensus, based on discussion during the Committee of the Whole Meeting earlier in the day.

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer, presented Update on Grade Level Content Expectations. Dr. Hughes said the Board and local educators raised questions about the Update on Grade Level Content Expectations during the October 23, 2003, meeting.

Dr. Hughes said one of the issues was formatting of the document. He said formatting changes are being made to more clearly show how the grade level content expectations relate to the former benchmarks, and how they may be better organized around strands.

Dr. Hughes said there was also a concern about the level of the standards. He said no one indicated that they were against raising the standards; however, there was concern that children are not currently at the level required, and a transition period may be needed. Dr. Hughes said concern has also been expressed that testing may reflect negatively upon schools as it relates to adequate yearly progress. Dr. Hughes said Dr. Roeber, Executive Manager, Office of Educational Assessment, has said other states have provided for transition through testing by requiring students to take the entire test, but scoring only the core portion of the test during the transition period, and Michigan may want to consider this option. Dr. Hughes said this would require enormous educator involvement to determine which standards should be in the core portion of the test.

Dr. Hughes said educators indicated a need for professional development and companion documents, and were troubled by a lack of involvement by local educators in the final stages of the process. He said groups of local educators have been formed to meet with the Department and Michigan State University to discuss: (1) how to share the final documents with the entire state, (2) the form in which to share the final documents; (3) companion documents necessary for clarification to various groups; and (4) design of a feedback system.

Mr. Watkins said work will continue on this issue and the Board will receive another update at its January meeting.

This was an update only and no action was required.

### XIII. RECESS

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 3:08 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

### XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- F. Discussion Regarding High Priority Schools – MI-MAP School Reform Toolkit

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Dr. Joanne Neuroth, MI-MAP Coordinator
- Ms. Betty Underwood, Partnership for Success Coordinator

- G. Presentation on Reading First Statewide Annual Report Results

The following individual presented:

- Ms. Faith Stevens, Coordinator, Reading First Program

### XV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 4:07 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### XVI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Instructional Excellence and Education Recognition Event

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Instructional Excellence and Education Recognition Event at the Kellogg Center on December 11-12, 2003, honoring outstanding educators. Mrs. Straus said participants used their skills and experience to develop strategies for assisting high priority schools. Mrs. Straus said Governor Granholm spoke to the participants. Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, and Dr. Moyer also attended the event. Mrs. Straus said the workshops were high quality, and she heard many rave reviews on Mr. Cecil's workshop. Mrs. Straus said the people that were honored, as well as the educators of high priority schools, are very dedicated, outstanding educators.

B. Michigan 2003 FIRST LEGO League State Tournament

Mrs. Straus said she was a judge at the Michigan 2003 First Lego League State Tournament in Novi on December 6, 2003, for elementary and middle school youngsters. Mrs. Straus said students presented their projects focusing on Mars exploration.

C. Policies and Programs to Support Michigan's Highest Priority Schools

Mrs. Straus said she attended the December 9, 2003, Policies and Programs to Support Michigan's Highest Priority Schools seminar sponsored by Learning Point, formerly known as North Central Regional Educational Laboratory. Mrs. Straus said Department staff did an outstanding job of presenting.

D. Creating Cool: Linking Culture, Community, and the Economy

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Creating Cool: Linking Culture, Community, and the Economy Conference at the Lansing Center on December 11, 2003. Mrs. Straus said the conference joined community, cultural, economic development, civic, business and government leaders. She said all of these connections depend on education.

E. Michigan Mental Health Commission

Mrs. Straus said Governor Granholm established the Michigan Mental Health Commission on December 15, 2003. Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Bauer will serve as a voting member, and Mr. Watkins will serve as a non-voting member.

XVII. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS  
NCLB IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

This item was not discussed due to time constraints. It will be discussed at the January Board meeting.

XVIII. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET AND STATUS OF  
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; and Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director; presented Update on Department of Education Budget and Status of Executive Order.

Ms. Wolenberg shared information on Executive Order 2003-23. Ms. Wolenberg said 2004 Department reductions are \$332,800 to the general fund. She said driver's education fee revenue is being eliminated almost totally, and school districts will decide if they will offer the program.

Mr. Morris shared the latest information on legislative budget negotiations, and Ms. Wolenberg noted that the Department can expect additional general fund reductions in administrative areas.

XIX. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- K. Approval of Michigan Professional Educators Code of Ethics
- L. Approval of Policy on Offering Healthy Food and Beverages in Venues Outside of the Federally Regulated Child Nutrition Program

**Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:**

- K. approve the Code of Ethics for Michigan Educators as a companion document to the teacher oath to articulate the ethical standards to which professional educators are expected to adhere in their job performance, and direct the Superintendent of Public Instruction to disseminate the Code of Ethics for Michigan Educators to Michigan schools, professional organizations, and other interested parties, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 3, 2003; and**
- L. approve the Policy on Offering Healthy Food and Beverages in Venues Outside of the Federally Regulated Child Nutrition Programs, as attached in the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 10, 2003.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The Policy on Offering Healthy Food and Beverages in Venues Outside of the Federally Regulated Child Nutrition Program is attached as Exhibit A.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- M. Human Resources Report
- N. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- O. Report on St. Clair County Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- Q. Report on Property Transfers

Grants

- P. 2003-2004 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2004 – Amendment
- R. 2003-2004 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Initial
- S. 2003-2004 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs Emergency Supplemental Allocations – Amendment
- T. 2003-2004 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement Final Allocations – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of “Superintendent’s Report Highlights of Activities for November – December 2003.”

Mr. Watkins shared the following comments:

- A. Instructional Excellence and Education Recognition Event

Mr. Watkins thanked Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognition, for organizing the Instructional Excellence and Education Recognition Event. He expressed gratitude to DTE Energy for underwriting the event, and said he will invite DTE Energy to a future meeting to give the Board an opportunity to thank them for their generosity. Mr. Watkins said he is appreciative of Governor Granholm’s personal visit and uplifting message to educators at the event.

- B. National Governor’s Association Presentation

Mr. Watkins said he and Governor Granholm presented to the National Governor’s Association on Birth to Five School Readiness. Mr. Watkins said Michigan is viewed as a leader for its long-term, bipartisan, successful commitment to early childhood education. Mr. Watkins thanked Dr. Lindy Buch, Supervisor of Early Childhood and Parenting Programs, for her work on the presentation.

- C. Public School Academy Success Stories

Mr. Watkins is working with Mr. Dan Quisenberry, Michigan Association of Public School Academies, to plan a conference focusing on closing the achievement gap and helping high priority schools, and sharing of success stories.

XXI. INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO MANAGE CAMP TUHSMEHETA FOR 2004

Mrs. Bauer presented Invitation to Submit Proposals to Manage Camp Tuhsmeheeta. Mrs. Bauer shared a short history of the Camp Tuhsmeheeta Trust Fund. Mrs. Bauer said Camp Tuhsmeheeta is a 200-acre state owned facility near Greenville, Michigan that has targeted educational and enrichment opportunities for children and youth who are blind or visually impaired.

Mrs. Bauer said that when the Trust Fund Committee held its last meeting, it was noted that there is decreased income due to economic times, and that the money should be used for outreach models to the designated beneficiaries of the trust, indigent people who need treatment, and training.

Mrs. Bauer noted that several comments were received during the Public Participation portion of the Board meeting requesting a plan for the operation of Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that based on conversations with Department of Education staff and representatives of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind (O.U.B.) the State Board of Education recommends that the O.U.B., and any other groups who are interested, be given an opportunity to submit a comprehensive plan for the operation of Camp Tuhsmeheeta. The plan is to include details regarding programming, including how many students would benefit; staffing (counselors, waterfront personnel, nurse(s), etc.); licensing; inspections; and funding of Camp Tuhsmeheeta without any additional state or Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund program resources. If it is the intent for the Camp to operate during the summer of 2004, the plan is to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Education by January 31, 2004.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. Student Interviews of Applicants to the Military Academies of West Point and Annapolis – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin said she was a member of the panel that interviewed student applicants to the Military Academies of West Point and Annapolis on December 15, 2003.

- B. Instructional Excellence and Education Recognition Event – Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer said he attended the Instructional Excellence and Education Recognition Event at the Kellogg Center on December 11-12, 2003, honoring outstanding educators, and it was a marvelous event.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins said that the agenda planning committee, comprised of Mrs. Straus, Dr. Moyer, and Mrs. Curtin, will be meeting to discuss the January agenda immediately following the Board meeting.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. January 13, 2004
- B. February 10, 2004
- C. March 9, 2004
- D. April 13, 2004

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin