

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Meeting with Sandy Kress
Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

November 19, 2003
5:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Absent: Mr. John C. Austin, Treasurer
Mr. Reginald M. Turner
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser

Also Present: Mrs. Eileen Hamilton
Dr. Jeremy Hughes
Mr. Sandy Kress
Mr. Robert Morris
Mrs. Carol Wolenberg

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION WITH SANDY KRESS

Mr. Sandy Kress, Partner with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld LLP, and former senior education advisor to President George W. Bush with respect to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, participated in an informal discussion with Board members regarding the Proposal by Council of Chief State School Officers and MGT of America, Inc., to Assess the Department's Capacity to Meet NCLB Requirements.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
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November 20, 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
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

Absent: Mr. John C. Austin, Treasurer

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 9:07 a.m.

II. **AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD**

- A. **Presentation on Proposal by Council of Chief State School Officers and MGT of America, Inc., to Assess the Department's Capacity to Meet NCLB Requirements**
- B. Approval of Record of Meeting of October 22, 2003, and Minutes of Meeting of October 23, 2003
- C. Update on Federal Legislation
- D. **Report on the Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services**
- E. **2003-2004 Great Parents, Great Start Grant Program – Initial**
- F. **2003-2004 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program - Initial**

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2003-2005 Teacher Quality Enhancement Sub-grant - Initial - added to agenda
- B. 2003-2004 Great Parents, Great Start Grant Program - Initial - added to agenda
- C. 2003-2004 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program - Initial - added to agenda

Mrs. Straus asked that the following item be added to the agenda as a discussion item: Statement Regarding Michigan's Budget Shortfall.

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

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

The motion carried.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:08 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

V. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presentation on Proposal by Council of Chief State School Officers and MGT of America, Inc., to Assess the Department's Capacity to Meet NCLB Requirements

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Mr. Sandy Kress, Partner with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld LLP, and former senior education advisor to President George W. Bush with respect to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
- Ms. Lois Adams-Rodgers, Special Assistant to the Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers

B. Report on Improving Student Achievement in High Priority Schools

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. Betty Underwood, Coordinator, Partnership for Success
- Ms. Pat Meaux, High Priority Schools/Partnership for Success Program
- Ms. Jill (Julia) Ashworth, High Priority Schools/Partnership for Success Program
- Dr. Mary Lavengood, Assistant Superintendent, Genesee Intermediate School District
- Ms. Sybil Lenzi, Office of Field Services
- Mr. Bob Balwinski, Office of Field Services
- Ms. Margaret Madigan, Office of Field Services

C. Presentation of Project SEED

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Mr. Daniel Mulligan, Director, Project SEED
- Students from Mrs. Janet Scheetz's 5th grade classroom at Mt. Hope Elementary School, Lansing Public Schools

D. Presentation on Grade Level Content Expectations

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Professor of Teacher Education, Michigan State University
- Dr. Michael Pressley, Professor of Educational Psychology and Teacher Education
- Mr. William Devers, K-12 English Language Arts Consultant, Oakland Schools
- Dr. Barbara Markle, Director, K-12 Outreach, College of Education, Michigan State University

The following individuals offered comments on this item:

- Mr. Ray Telman, The Education Alliance
- Mr. Charles Allan, Incoming President, Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- Mr. Jim Sandy, Michigan Business Leaders for Educational Excellence
- Dr. Olga Moir, Executive Director, Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

Mr. Turner left the meeting at 12:10 p.m., and rejoined the meeting later in the day via telephone.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

VIII. 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.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Christie Brandou, Library of Michigan; and Mr. Roger S. Ashley, Michigan Association for Media in Education, 1201 Hillpointe, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. Ms. Brandou and Mr. Ashley provided comments and written materials on research regarding the effects of school libraries on raising student achievement and guidelines for Michigan media centers.
- B. Ms. Kathy Pelleran, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, 309 North Washington Square, Suite 011, Lansing, Michigan 48933. Ms. Pelleran provided comments on the “Michigan After School Initiative Report.”
- C. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood provided comments and written material on the funding of charter schools.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 1:39 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- E. Update on Status of *Education YES!* and Report Cards

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

- F. Update on Proposal to Replace Michigan Educational Assessment Tests with a National Examination

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

- G. Update on Presentation to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on November 3, 2003, and an Update on Three New Grant Awards from CDC

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Acting Director, Office of School Excellence
- Ms. Elizabeth Haller, Acting Supervisor, Curriculum Leadership and School Health Programs

- H. Report on K-12 Educational Corporations Process

The following individual presented:

- Ms. Elaine Madigan, Office of Government Services

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Meeting of October 22, 2003, and Minutes of Meeting of October 23, 2003

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Meeting of October 22, 2003, and Minutes of Meeting of October 23, 2003.

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

The motion carried.

XIV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Bauer, and Mrs. Curtin attended the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA) banquet in Traverse City on October 23, 2003. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Berna Ravitz, Principal of Wood Creek Elementary School in Farmington Hills, was named Principal of the Year.

Mrs. Straus said Mr. K. L. Cool, Director, Department of Natural Resources, received the Friend of Education Award for the Department's work in developing a Michigan environmental curriculum for 4th grade students, based on the Department of Education curriculum frameworks. Mrs. Straus said she'd like Mr. Cool to present to the Board in the future, and she welcomes collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources.

B. Michigan Women's Hall of Fame

Mrs. Straus said she attended The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame 20th Annual Awards Dinner on October 29, 2003, at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing. Mrs. Straus said Mary Agnes Blair (1909 - 1982) was inducted as a member of the Historical Honors Division. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Blair, a former employee of the Michigan School for the Deaf and Special Education Services Division of the Michigan Department of Education, was instrumental in creating educational opportunities for deaf and hearing-impaired children as well as special education programs. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Arselia Ensign nominated Ms. Blair, and Mr. Richard Baldwin accepted the award on her behalf. Mrs. Straus asked that the award be displayed appropriately in the Department offices, since Ms. Blair has no living relatives.

C. Michigan Communities in Schools

Mrs. Straus met with Detroit Communities in Schools. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Carol Wolenberg is involved with the project on a state level. Mrs. Straus said Michigan Communities in Schools serves as a liaison between schools and corporations to provide before and after school programs, and support during the school day for school staff and students. Mrs. Straus there will be a presentation at a future Board meeting.

D. Visit to Greenville Public Schools and Forest Hills Public Schools

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, and Mr. Watkins visited Greenville Public Schools and Knapp Forest Elementary School (Forest Hills Public Schools in Grand Rapids) on November 18, 2003. Mrs. Straus said both school visits were very impressive, and the principals, staff, and students of both schools were exemplary. Mrs. Straus said they visited Knapp Forest Elementary School at the invitation of Ms. Susan L. Gutierrez, 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

E. Southfield High School Partnership with NASA

Mrs. Straus attended a program at Southfield High School where a partnership with **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** (NASA) was announced. Mrs. Straus said Southfield High School is one of 50 schools in the nation to partner with NASA to develop interest in engineering. She said Southfield High School is the only school in the country where the program begins at the elementary level. Mrs. Straus this was initiated by Southfield science teacher, Mr. Michael Terrell, who read about the NASA program and approached the principal about applying to participate. Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Bauer shared an article from the Detroit Free Press regarding the program.

F. Town Hall Meeting on Education with Senator Buzz Thomas in Detroit

Mrs. Straus said she, Mr. Watkins, and Ms. Janna Garrison, President of the Detroit Federation of Teachers; participated in a Town Hall Meeting on Education with Senator Buzz Thomas in Detroit. Mrs. Straus said there was good participation, and people were well informed, and concerned about providing a quality education for children.

G. Crystal Apple Awards

Mrs. Straus attended the College of Education's Crystal Apple Awards Dinner at Michigan State University with Dr. William Beardmore on November 7, 2003. Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Dorothy Beardmore, former President of the State Board of Education, now deceased, received a Crystal Apple Award as a tribute to her valued contributions to excellence in education. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Susan L. Gutierrez, 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year, also received a Crystal Apple Award.

H. Michigan State University Forum on School Finance

Mrs. Straus said Dr. Moyer attended the Michigan State University Forum on School Finance on November 18, 2003.

XV. UPDATE ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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

Ms. Stanley gave an update on the following pending federal bills and issues: (1) Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Bill; (2) State-Based Pilot for Head Start; (3) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Reauthorization; (4) Child Nutrition Programs; (5) Higher Education Act; and (6) Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Brain Trust Meetings on Implementation of No Child Left Behind.

Dr. Moyer asked if there was discussion about Head Start expanding or being part of an early childhood approach. Ms. Stanley affirmed that it is included on a limited basis.

Mr. Watkins requested that Board members review the list of No Child Left Behind issues on which the membership of CCSSO has decided to concentrate its efforts, as outlined in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 20, 2003.

This was an update only and no action was required.

XVI. RECESS

The Board recessed from 2:30 p.m. until 2:35 p.m. to establish telephone connection with Mr. Turner.

XVII. APPROVAL OF GRADE LEVEL CONTENT EXPECTATIONS

Mr. Watkins said the Approval of 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. Hughes said the Department of Treasury's Merit Board has responsibility for the Grade Level Content Expectations until the effective date of Executive Order 2003-20 transferring the Michigan Educational Assessment Program from the Department of Treasury to the Department of Education on December 21, 2003. Dr. Hughes said that, due to scheduling conflicts, it was not possible to convene a meeting of the Merit Board prior to the transfer; therefore in order to begin development of grade level tests, Dr. Hughes suggested that the Board of Education approve the document.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the Grade Level Content Expectations, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 12, 2003.

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

The motion carried.

XVIII. STATEMENT REGARDING MICHIGAN'S BUDGET SHORTFALL

Mrs. Straus said that due to the severe budget shortfall Michigan is facing, she requested that this item be added to the agenda to reiterate the position the State Board of Education took on August 23, 2001, when it endorsed a pause in the scheduled income tax reduction of 0.1% for one year.

Mrs. Straus said the proposed Statement Regarding Michigan's Budget Shortfall urges the Governor and Legislature to look at not only cutting expenditures, but also enhancing revenue.

Mrs. Straus said the Board commissioned a report, "Proposal A to A+" to examine parts of Proposal A that may need to be changed. Mrs. Straus said Dr. David N. Plank and Dr. David Arsen, of Michigan State University, have recently prepared a report, "Michigan School Finance Under Proposal A" that contains recommendations for enhancing revenue.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the Statement Regarding Budget Shortfall dated November 20, 2003.

Mrs. Weiser said she does not have enough information, at this time, to support the statement.

Mrs. McGuire said that as cutbacks in services are experienced by various groups, especially children, it is only fair that all citizens experience the hardship.

Dr. Moyer said when Proposal A was developed, revenues were identified that would support it. He said revenues have decreased, and the pause in reducing the income tax is logical.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The Statement Regarding Budget Shortfall is attached as Exhibit A.

XIX. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL BY COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS AND MGT OF AMERICA TO ASSESS THE DEPARTMENT'S CAPACITY TO MEET NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Watkins said the Approval of Proposal by Council of Chief State School Officers and MGT of America to Assess the Department's Capacity to Meet No Child Left Behind Requirements, 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.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the Michigan Department of Education move forward with the Proposal by Council of Chief State School Officers and MGT of America to Assess the Department's Capacity to Meet No Child Left Behind Requirements, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 20, 2003; and keep the State Board of Education involved and informed.

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

The motion carried.

XX. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

- K. Approval of Revised Criteria for the Title III Grant Funds
- L. Approval of Criteria for Title II, Part A(1), State Level Activities
- M. Approval of Criteria for the 2004-2005 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants
- N. Approval of Criteria for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants

Reports

- O. Approval of July 1, 2003 - September 30, 2003 Report of State Board of Education Expenses

Resolutions

- P. Adoption of Resolution Regarding School Board Member Recognition Month

Approvals

- Q. Approval of Process for Approval of K-12 Educational Corporations

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

- K. approve the revised criteria for the Title III grant funds, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 5, 2003;**
- L. approve the criteria for the No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part A(1) Improving Teacher Quality State Level Activities, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 5, 2003;**
- M. approve the criteria for the 2004-2005 New and Continuation William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 5, 2003;**
- N. approve the criteria for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 5, 2003;**
- O. approve the July 1, 2003 - September 30, 2003 report of the State Board of Education expenses, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated November 5, 2003, and authorize the State Board of Education to transmit the report to the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies and the Department of Management and Budget, as required by the Department of Education Appropriations Act;**
- P. adopt the Resolution Regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 12, 2003;**
- Q. approve the K-12 Educational Corporations Process, as provided in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 5, 2003.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The Local School Board Member Recognition Month resolution is attached as Exhibit B.

XXI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- R. Human Resources Report
- S. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- T. Report on the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- U. Report on the Iosco Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- V. Report on Approval of the Michigan After-School Initiative Report to the Legislature

Grants

- W. 2003-2004 Mathematics and Science Centers - Initial
- X. 2003-2004 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2004 - Amendment
- Y. 2003-2004 Competitive Continuation and Start-Up Mini-Grants for Coordinated School Health Teams, School Health Index (SHI), and “The Role of Michigan Schools in Promoting Healthy Weight”
- Z. 2003-2004 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2004 - Amendment
- AA. 2003-2004 USDOE, Charter School Grant Program, Competitive Start-Up Grant - Ninth Cycle - Continuation
- BB. 2003-2004 Continuation/Implementation Grant Application for Charter School Grant Program - Continuation
- CC. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B (Assistive Technology Materials and Resources) - Amendment
- DD. 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year - Initial
- EE. 2003-2005 Teacher Quality Enhancement Sub-grant - Initial

FF 2003-2004 Great Parents, Great Start Grant Program - Initial

GG 2003-2004 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program - Initial

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

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Greenville Public Schools Inclusive Classroom - Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said that she, Mrs. Curtin, and Mrs. Straus visited an inclusive classroom in the Greenville Public Schools on November 18, 2003. Mrs. Bauer said it was a positive experience to see special education and general education students working together in one classroom.

B. Newspaper Article on Bradley Butler - Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said Mr. Brad Butler provided comments about his experience as a student with Down Syndrome in an inclusive classroom during the October 23, 2003, Board Meeting in Ewart. Mrs. Bauer shared a newspaper article featuring Brad and his brother, the quarterback of the football team at Hope College.

C. Superintendent of the Year - Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer said he was asked by Mrs. Straus to represent the Board on the panel judging the applications for the Superintendent of the Year award sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Administrators. He said Dr. C. Robert Maxfield, Superintendent of Farmington Public Schools, received the award during a surprise announcement by Mr. Michael Flanagan at a recent Farmington School Board meeting. Dr. Moyer said Dr. Maxfield is eligible for national recognition.

D. Mrs. Straus Receives 2003 President’s Award - Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer said Mrs. Straus received the Michigan Association of School Boards 2003 President’s Award on November 8, 2003 during the fall conference. Dr. Moyer said Mrs. Straus is being honored for her tireless devotion to the improvement of public education and ongoing contributions to the Michigan Association of School Boards.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins said Dr. David N. Plank and Dr. David Arsen will be asked to present “Michigan School Finance Under Proposal A” at a future State Board of Education meeting, based on comments during the discussion of Michigan’s budget shortfall.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. December 18, 2003
- B. January 13, 2004
- C. February 10, 2004
- D. March 9, 2004

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin