

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency  
1013 South U.S. Highway 27  
St. Johns, Michigan 48879

September 14, 2004  
9:30 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: Mrs. Heidi Capraro, Michigan Teacher of the Year

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

#### II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Superintendent's Report – Highlights of Activities for August – September 2004
- B. Report on Consent Agenda

#### III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on the Special Education Advisory Committee Activities Report for 2003-2004

#### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on the Hillsdale Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services – added to agenda
- B. 2004-2005 Title V, Part A – Innovative Programs – Continuation – added to agenda

- C. 2004-05 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment – added to agenda
- D. 2004-2005 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected or Delinquent Children – Continuation – added to agenda
- E. 2004-2005 Title 1, Part C, Education of Migratory Children – Continuation – added to agenda
- F. 2004-2005 State-Funded Michigan School Readiness Program Competitive Grants – Initial and Continuation – added to agenda
- G. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National School Lunch Week – added to agenda
- H. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Vote! Or Liberty is History – added to agenda
- I. Update on Intermediate School District Partnership – removed from agenda
- J. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the Honorable William D. Ford – removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion

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

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

**The motion carried.**

V. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

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

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Dr. Otis Fulton, Vice President of MetaMetrics, Inc., who shared written information on The Lexile Framework for Reading, an approach to reading measurement that matches students to appropriately challenging reading materials. Dr. Hughes said Dr. Fulton is speaking at the Grade Level Content Expectations meeting at the Kellogg Center during the afternoon of September 14, and Dr. Hughes suggested that the Board may wish to hear a presentation from Dr. Fulton at a future meeting.

VI. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS FROM CLINTON COUNTY  
REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

Mr. Larry Lloyd, Superintendent of Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (CCRESA), welcomed the Board and guests. He introduced CCRESA staff and presented a video on the programs and services provided by CCRESA.

Mr. Lloyd introduced Ms. Leslie Bragdon and Ms. Sue Rundborg, CCRESA teachers, who introduced the students from the Second Cup Cafe who are serving lunch. Mrs. Straus presented a certificate of congratulations, on behalf of the State Board, to the Second Cup Cafe staff and students for receiving the Council for Exceptional Children Entrepreneurial Award for 2004.

Mr. Lloyd thanked the administration and the State Board of Education for everything they do for the children of the state of Michigan. Mr. Lloyd also thanked Mrs. Curtin, who is from his hometown of Ewart, for her long-term support of him over the years as a teacher and administrator.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 10:10 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

VIII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion Regarding State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Director, Organizational Development
- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer

Mrs. McGuire arrived at 10:30 a.m.

- B. Discussion Regarding Calculation of Adequate Yearly Progress for Small, Rural, and Specialized Schools

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

- Dr. Joseph Martineau, Psychometrician, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

The following individual offered comments:

- Kim Wells, Central Michigan University Charter Schools Office

C. Discussion Regarding Calculation of Adequate Yearly Progress for District Report Cards

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

D. Report on United States Department of Education Monitoring

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

Mr. Turner left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

E. Update on Intermediate School District (ISD) Partnership

This item was removed from the agenda, and Mrs. Straus provided a brief update during her President's Report later in the meeting.

F. Discussion Regarding Auditor General's Audit of Office of Professional Preparation Services

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services

G. Discussion Regarding School Districts' Self-Evaluation Portion of School Report Cards

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement

Mrs. Weiser left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

XI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 10, 2004.

**Mrs. Bauer 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 August 10, 2004.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth

Mrs. Straus said she participated in the Preparation Work Group sessions for the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth on August 19 and September 7, 2004. She said she also attended the public hearing in Marquette on September 7, 2004. She said Mr. Watkins and Mr. Austin, the Commission's Policy Director, attended the Lansing public hearing on September 13. Mrs. Straus said the Commission's recommendations are expected by the end of the year.

- B. Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Early Intervention Workshop

Mrs. Straus said she was among 600 participants at the Western Wayne County professional development program in Novi on August 12, 2004. She said excellent sessions were presented by people from Michigan and other states. She said she attended a session on early intervention and teaching reading which reduce the number of special education referrals due to lack of reading skills.

- C. Memorial Service for Congressman William D. Ford

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer attended the memorial service for Congressman William D. Ford. Mrs. Straus said he was a member of Congress for 30 years and did great work for public education. She said

he helped develop the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and was Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee. Mrs. Straus said the Board will be asked to adopt a resolution honoring Congressman Ford at today's meeting.

D. Intermediate School District Subcommittee

Mrs. Straus said the Intermediate School District Subcommittee met at Livingston Educational Service Agency on September 17, 2004. She said she participated in the meeting with Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators representatives, and Michigan Department of Education staff. She said the next meeting is October 8, 2004. Mrs. Straus said the Subcommittee has been developing a matrix of existing programs and programs they would like to see implemented.

E. Family Learning Institute in Ann Arbor

Mrs. Straus said she visited the Family Learning Institute in Ann Arbor on September 2, 2004. She said the non-profit program helps 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with literacy skills, by offering one-on-one assistance in a setting outside of school. Mrs. Straus said the program has exciting success stories, and hopes to expand to sites outside Ann Arbor.

F. National Association of State Boards of Education Request for Support

Mrs. Straus said the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) has requested a letter of support to the United States Department of Education for continuation of funding for work with rural schools. Mrs. Straus said she has written a letter of support urging renewal of funding.

G. State Board of Education Nominations

Mrs. Straus said the State Board of Education terms of Mrs. McGuire and Dr. Moyer are expiring on January 1, 2005. She said Mrs. McGuire and Dr. Moyer will be running for reelection on the Democratic ticket; and Mr. Robert Smart from Grand Rapids, and Ms. Nancy Danhof from East Lansing will be running on the Republican ticket. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Danhof attended the State Board of Education meeting in Holt on August 10, 2004.

H. Martin Ackley's First Anniversary with Michigan Department of Education

Mrs. Straus congratulated Mr. Martin Ackley, Public Information Officer, Michigan Department of Education, who has been with the Department for one year. Mrs. Straus was joined by Mr. Watkins in commending Mr. Ackley for providing excellent service on behalf of the Department.

Mr. Turner rejoined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

XIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- I. Human Resources Report
- J. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- K. Report on Modifications to Public School Academy Report at August 10, 2004 Board Meeting
- EE. Report on the Hillsdale Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- L. 2004-2005 Mandated Activities Projects, Part C – Initial
- M. 2004-2005 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Formula Grants - Initial; 2004-2005 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 619 Preschool Grants - Initial; 2004-2005 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C Infants and Toddlers Program – Initial
- N. 2004-2005 Community Service Grant Contracts – Initial
- O. 2004-2005 Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grant Program – Initial
- P. 2004-2005 Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Program – Amendment
- Q. 2003-2004 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement REVISED Final Allocation – Amendment
- FF. 2004-2005 Title V, Part A – Innovative Programs – Continuation
- GG. 2004-05 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment
- HH. 2004-2005 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected or Delinquent Children – Continuation
- II. 2004-2005 Title 1, Part C, Education of Migratory Children – Continuation
- JJ. 2004-2005 State-Funded Michigan School Readiness Program Competitive Grants – Initial and Continuation

Mr. Watkins said “Superintendent’s Report – Highlights of Activities for August – September 2004” is in the agenda folder. Mr. Watkins shared details of his written report.

Mr. Watkins apologized to the Bay Mills Community College for the error on the number of certified teachers as reported at the August 10, 2004, State Board of Education Meeting. Mr. Watkins said oral and written apologies have been extended to the officials of Bay Mills Community College, and he and staff regret the error.

Mr. Dan Quisenberry, President of the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, thanked Mr. Watkins for the apology, and said he is proud of the collaboration between his organization, the Board, and the Michigan Department of Education. Mr. Quisenberry said that public school academies face the same challenges as traditional public schools, and in many cases have success stories such as Thomas Gist Academy in Inkster.

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

- A. Ms. Gaynor McCown, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6200, New York, New York 10016. Ms. McCown, Executive Director, The Teaching Commission, shared copies of “Teaching at Risk: A Call to Action,” and provided comments on teacher recruitment and retention.
- B. Ms. Lydia Schuck, 1981 Eden Road, Mason, Michigan 48854. Ms. Schuck, representing Parents of Blind Children of Michigan, offered comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta and the needs of blind children.
- C. Mr. Larry Posont, 20812 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127. Mr. Posont, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided comments regarding Camp Tuhsmeheeta’s successful summer program.
- D. Mr. George Wurtzel, 1220 North Washington, Lansing, Michigan 48906. Mr. Wurtzel, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, shared comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta’s successful summer program.
- E. Mr. Bud Ferrell, 12346 Lippincott, Davison, Michigan 48423. Mr. Ferrell, Director of Camp Tuhsmeheeta Summer Program, provided written and oral information about the Camp.
- F. Ms. Diane Hockett, 1037 Shady Oaks, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. Ms. Hockett, representing Michigan Public Education Task Force, provided oral and written comments on public school academies.
- G. Ms. June Rusten, 1733 Dunmore, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. Ms. Rusten, representing Michigan Public Education Task Force, provided comments on public school academy accountability.



- H. Mr. Scott Street, 1446 Whittier Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. Mr. Street, representing Michigan Public Education Task Force, provided comments on the No Child Left Behind Act and public school academies.
- I. Ms. McDonna S. Street, 1446 Whittier Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. Ms. Street, representing Michigan Public Education Task Force, provided comments on the No Child Left Behind Act and public school academies.
- J. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments on public school academies.

Mrs. Weiser rejoined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

#### XV. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Earlier in the meeting, Mrs. Straus presented a certificate of congratulations to the Second Cup Cafe staff and students for receiving the Council for Exceptional Children Entrepreneurial Award for 2004.

The award to Jim Abbey – MDE Golf Outing/Scholarship will be presented at the October 12, 2004, Board meeting.

#### XVI. PRESENTATION ON “SCHOOL FUNDING: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE PART I – INFRASTRUCTURE”

Dr. Richard Wilson, Executive Director; and Dr. Gary Jackson, Associate Director, School Equity Caucus; presented “School Funding: Past, Present, and Future” Part I – Infrastructure.”

Dr. Wilson said members of the School Equity Caucus have been involved with K-12 public school infrastructure funding reform for 25 years. He provided an historical perspective of school infrastructure funding, as outlined in the report, “School Funding: Past, Present, and Future” Part I – Infrastructure.”

Dr. Jackson explained comparisons of contiguous school districts’ funding.

Dr. Wilson said there is disparity among districts in the yield of a debt mill, and some districts with a lower taxable yield per pupil are unable to provide comparable buildings, facilities, technology, and major maintenance programs through bonding. Dr. Wilson said research has shown that student achievement and behavior can be linked to the physical building condition.

Mr. Watkins said the State Board of Education has authorized a Study to Improve School Infrastructure by education financing experts, Doug Roberts, and David Olmstead, that will be presented to the Board in December 2004 or early 2005. Mr. Watkins said Citizens Research Council and Michigan State

University Education Policy Center will also be releasing a major study on the needs of school infrastructure later this year.

Mr. Turner said the average age of school buildings in Detroit is more than 60 years. Mr. Turner asked if the School Equity Caucus has considered how the fund could be financed, formula-based allocations, and a funding cap for districts. Dr. Wilson said all of these have been taken into consideration in the report. Mr. Watkins said "Proposal A to A+" also discusses this issue.

Mr. Austin said improvements in funding are necessary. He said the current funding mechanism, the School Bond Loan Fund, does not work for the school districts that need funding the most to improve their facilities.

Mrs. Straus thanked the School Equity Caucus for their long-term commitment to the issue of funding school infrastructure. Mrs. Straus said the Board agrees that this is a pressing issue.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

**XVII. APPROVAL OF CALCULATION OF ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS FOR SMALL, RURAL AND SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS**

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Psychometrician, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability; presented the information regarding the Calculation of Adequate Yearly Progress for Small, Rural, and Specialized Schools during the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the proposal to employ a modified confidence interval statistic, described in the attached memorandum to the U.S. Department of Education dated September 2, 2004, to calculate AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for small, rural, and specialized schools whose student enrollments, at the grade levels tested, are less than 30.**

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

**The motion carried.**

**XVIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Director, Organizational Development; and Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer; presented information regarding State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan for Purposes of Public Input during the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Mrs. Weiser suggested that the introductory paragraph be deleted, and the Vision Statement be the first paragraph. She said it should be reworded to read “The State Board of Education and Department of Education, BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILDREN CAN LEARN AT HIGH LEVELS. THE BOARD AND DEPARTMENT, together with the Governor, and the Legislature are the driving forces, along with our community stakeholders, to create learning environments that prepare students to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century knowledge economy.”

Mrs. McGuire said she would like “prepare students to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century knowledge economy” to be reworded to include raising children to be creative, caring, participating citizens and critical thinkers.

During the Committee of the Whole presentation, Mrs. Straus requested an addition to the Philosophy Statement to read “These core values will guide staff, THE BOARD, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT, as ~~it~~ THEY works to achieve the Board’s Strategic Goal . . .”

Mr. Watkins said staff will incorporate the Board’s suggestions in the document prior to public input.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the draft Michigan State Board of Education/Department of Education Strategic Plan, 2005-2010 as modified, for public comment.**

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

**The motion carried.**

**XIX. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING THE HONORABLE WILLIAM D. FORD**

**Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution Honoring Congressman William David Ford, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated September 8, 2004.**

Mrs. Straus said Congressman Ford made many contributions to public education in this country, as highlighted in her President’s Report.

Dr. Moyer said he visited Congressman Ford many times, and he always found time to meet with his constituents. Dr. Moyer said Congressman Ford assigned Mr. Jack Jennings to work with a group of educators in developing collaborative parent involvement aspects of Title I Programs and Head Start.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

The Resolution Honoring Congressman William David Ford is attached as Exhibit A.

XX. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING VOTE! OR LIBERTY IS HISTORY

Mr. Watkins presented Resolution Regarding Vote! Or Liberty is History.

**Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution Regarding Vote! Or Liberty is History.**

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

**The motion carried.**

The Resolution Vote! Or Liberty is History is attached as Exhibit B.

XXI. CONSENT AGENDA

- V. Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT) Advisory Group
- W. Approval of Changes to the Titles of Vocational Education Teaching Certificates
- X. Approval of Content Requirements for Vocational Teacher Cadet (VG) Teacher Preparation Programs
- Y. Approval of Updated Work Experience Standards for Vocational Teacher Preparation Programs
- Z. Approval of Changes to the Current Agricultural Education (HX) Endorsement
- AA. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Dr. Jerry H. Robbins
- BB. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the Honorable William D. Ford

- CC. Adoption of Safe Schools Week Resolution
- DD. Adoption of Resolution Regarding School Board Recognition Month
- KK. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National School Lunch Week

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

- V. appoint Darryl M. Warner to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers for a four-year term ending June 30, 2008, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2004;**
- W. approve changes to the titles of vocational education teaching certificates, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2004;**
- X. approve content requirements for Vocational Teacher Cadet (VG) teacher preparation programs, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2004;**
- Y. approve updated work experience standards for the preparation of teachers for vocational certificates and certificate endorsements, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2004;**
- Z. approve the name change for the Agricultural Education (HX) endorsement to Agriscience and Natural Resources and the standards for the preparation of agriscience and natural resources teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2004;**
- AA. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2004, honoring Dr. Jerry H. Robbins;**
- BB. (this item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion);**
- CC. approve the Michigan Safe Schools Week Resolution, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2004;**
- DD. adopt the Resolution Regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 8, 2004; and**
- KK. adopt the resolution regarding National School Lunch Week, October 11-15, 2004, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 8, 2004.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**Absent: Austin**

**The motion carried.**

The Resolution Honoring Dr. Jerry H. Robbins is attached as Exhibit C.

The Resolution Regarding Michigan Safe Schools Week is attached as Exhibit D.

The Resolution Regarding School Board Recognition Month is attached as Exhibit E.

The Resolution Regarding National School Lunch Week is attached as Exhibit F.

**XXII. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION, STATE SCHOOL AID, AND  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET**

Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director; and Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance & School Law presented Update on Educational Legislation, State School Aid, and Department of Education Budget.

Mr. Watkins thanked Mrs. Straus, Mrs. Curtin, Mr. Austin, and staff for their diligent efforts while working on the details of the Department budget for fiscal year 2005. He said the budget is awaiting Governor Granholm's signature.

Mr. Morris thanked Mrs. Curtin and Mr. Austin for their testimony regarding Board members' per diems. Mrs. Wolenberg said per diems are allowed in the proposed 2005 budget; however, for the second year, out-of-state travel is not allowed.

Ms. Madigan said as the 2005 budget discussions end, staff is working on the 2006 budget. Ms. Madigan shared highlights of the State School Aid Act for 2005.

Mrs. Straus said the conversation should be about investment in children and education rather than cost. She said she agrees with Mr. Watkins that there should be an adequacy study to determine the cost of educating a child in an adequate and appropriate manner.

Mrs. Weiser ended her telephone connection at 3:55 p.m., and Mr. Turner and Mrs. Capraro left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

### XXIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Quick Notes – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer suggested that Special Education Advisory Committee quick notes be sent electronically to Board members after each SEAC meeting to keep them updated on SEAC activities and issues. Mr. Watkins said staff will be asked to send quick notes to Board members.

- B. Schools in Scandinavia – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin said she recently visited Scandinavia. She said in Denmark children do not start school until they are seven years of age, and at the fourth grade level they begin to study English for three years. She said they then begin to learn a new foreign language. Mrs. Curtin said our country could learn from this and begin a broader instruction of foreign language for our elementary students.

- C. Canadian News Article on Education – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus shared an editorial from *The Globe and Mail*, a Canadian newspaper, dated September 11, 2004, titled “Our Country’s Future is Education, not Health Care.” Mrs. Straus said education is also an issue in Canada.

- D. Thank You to Clinton County RESA – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus thanked Mr. Larry Lloyd and the staff of Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (CCRESA) for their hospitality, and she congratulated them on being a great example of integrating schools and communities as recommended by one of the Board’s Task Forces. Mr. Watkins encouraged Mr. Lloyd to share the video on the programs and services provided by CCRESA with the Michigan Association of School Administrators and Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators.

### XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Bauer suggested that the rescission of out-of-date least restrictive special education policies from 1984 and 1992 be on the October 12 agenda. Mr. Watkins said the Special Education Advisory Committee will be asked to present its report to the Board at a future meeting.

Mrs. Bauer said the Special Education Supervisors and Administrators met two years ago and developed the Early Childhood Inclusion Project Report that addresses policy, rules, State Aid, and teacher certification. Mrs. Bauer suggested that this be placed on a future agenda.

XXV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. October 12, 2004
- B. November 9, 2004
- C. December 14, 2004

XXVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary