

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wayne RESA  
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33500 Van Born Road  
Wayne, Michigan 48184-0807

September 13, 2005  
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President  
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer  
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer  
Mr. Reginald Turner  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser  
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,  
ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Daniel Schab, 2005-2006 Michigan Teacher of the Year

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

A. Discussion Regarding Revised Definition of Size for Subgroups  
for Purposes of Calculating Adequate Yearly Progress

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2005-2006 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant –  
Continuation – added to agenda
- B. 2005-2006 Mandated Activities Projects, Part C – Initial – added  
to agenda
- C. 2005-2006 State-Funded Michigan School Readiness Program  
Competitive Grants – Amendment – added to agenda

Mrs. Danhof requested the following modifications to the agenda:

- D. Approval of Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Advisory Group – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion
- E. Approval of Criteria for a Continuation Grant to Maintain and Enhance a Compliance Information Management System Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion

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

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

**The motion carried.**

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

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

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan thanked the staff of Wayne RESA for hosting the Board meeting. He said he was privileged to have served as Superintendent of Wayne RESA, and he learned many valuable lessons that are a tremendous help in his current position as Superintendent of Public Instruction. He showed a video clip and commended the Board, Superintendent, and staff of Wayne RESA for their dedication.

VI. WELCOME FROM DR. MARLENE DAVIS, SUPERINTENDENT, WAYNE RESA

Dr. Marlene Davis, Superintendent, Wayne RESA, welcomed the State Board of Education, staff members, and guests to Wayne RESA. She said Wayne RESA takes very seriously the responsibility of improving student achievement by providing services to students.

Dr. Davis introduced James Petrie, President, Wayne RESA Board of Education. Mr. Petrie introduced Mary Blackmon, Vice President; and James Beri, Secretary. Mr. Petrie said he and members of the Wayne RESA Board are visiting local school boards to discuss the mission of Wayne RESA and services available to districts. Mr. Petrie said local

school districts are struggling to reach goals and communication is essential to clarify expectations.

Mrs. Bauer joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

VII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said he is very proud of the Department of Education's hard work and monetary donations to assist in the relief efforts with regard to Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Flanagan said Department staff members are diligently working with the federal government in an attempt to secure a waiver of Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests for Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Mr. Flanagan said he asked Dr. Jeremy Hughes to convene a task force to meet with other states such as Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Arkansas to review graduation requirements and state policies. Mr. Flanagan said emphasis will be placed on including visual and performing arts, as well as career and technical education programs. He said the proposed timeline includes a presentation to the Board on November 15 of the task force findings. He said the second Board meeting focusing on improving outcomes for high school students will be convened on October 5, 2005. There was consensus among Board members to proceed with the plan of action and timeline. In response to Mrs. Danhof, Dr. Hughes said assessment will be one of the topics addressed by the task force.

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:43 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

IX. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on the Status of the Social Studies Grade Level Content Expectations

The following individuals presented:

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

The document provided to the Board included information on recommendations and next steps of the Social Studies Task Force, and addressed the concerns of the Board raised at its July meeting including a national review of the Social Studies Grade Level Content Expectations.

Board members asked that the following issues be addressed prior to the Social Studies Grade Level Content Expectations being returned to the Board:

1. provide the Social Studies Task Force with a written copy of all legislation, including the school code, specifying that civics is the only state required course for high school graduation, however most local educational agencies have additional course requirements;
2. provide the Social Studies Task Force with a written copy of the concerns expressed by the Board;
3. provide the State Board of Education with the qualifications of Dr. Susan Pimentel, who has been selected to conduct the national review; and
4. include a preamble in the Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE) stating the relationship between the GLCE and companion documents, materials, and resources.

Mrs. McGuire inquired about assessment of children who are living in Michigan as a result of Hurricane Katrina. There was Board consensus that Dr. Hughes draft a resolution for discussion during the Regular Meeting.

B. Report on Proposed Redesign of the Blue Ribbon Schools Award Program

The following individuals presented:

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

The Board discussed recommendations concerning a proposed redesign of the Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Program at its July meeting. The redesign proposal was referred to staff for discussion with practitioners and members of the current Blue Ribbon Select Committee.

As a result of the review, staff recommended that the program remain as is for the 2005-2006 school year, with implementation of the new program beginning in 2006-2007. Staff said the new program will not include extra points for low socio-economic status, as originally proposed by staff.

Board members requested that the following issues be addressed prior to the next Board presentation regarding the Blue Ribbon Schools Award Program:

1. expand review teams to include community, institutions of higher education, and business;
2. determine whether or not the national program conducts site visits; and
3. develop a preliminary set of questions that school personnel can answer to determine eligibility, and then proceed with assistance from the Michigan Department of Education.

C. Update on SBE/MDE Strategic Plan

The following individual presented:

- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Special Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer

This was the first quarterly update of the State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan. Board members expressed concern that in some cases the report lists only completed projects rather than progress toward completion.

Board comments included:

1. Ms. Galloway said monitoring of the system for promoting the use of technology based resources is an organizational management assessment. Mrs. Danhof said pedagogy assessment outcomes monitoring should also be mentioned since these assessments go hand in hand (Objective 3, A, 5<sup>th</sup> bullet).
2. Ms. Galloway clarified that the Register of Educational Personnel includes highly qualified teachers in the core academic areas as specified in the No Child Left Behind Act – social studies, science, math, English language arts, the arts, and foreign languages (Objective 3, A, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet).

3. Mrs. Danhof asked when an update will be provided on recruiting teachers for high needs areas such as math, science, and technology. Ms. Galloway said information will be available soon through the following: (1) a summer project involving schools that have not yet reached 90% highly qualified teacher status, (2) Title II monitoring, and (2) Mr. Flanagan's upcoming meeting with Deans of Teacher Preparation Institutions to begin a regular dialogue (Objective 3, B, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet).
4. Mrs. Straus said she would like to know how many schools operate before and after school programs, and the success of those programs. (Objective 1, F, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet)
5. Mrs. Straus said she would like future updates to reflect the Department's work in addressing the needs of diverse learners using multiple alternative approaches in addition to Michigan Virtual University (Objective 2, C, 5<sup>th</sup> bullet).
6. Mrs. Weiser said the professional development standards document is being revised based on Board comments during the July presentation, and is pending Board approval (Objective 3, B, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet).

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- D. Update on Department of Education's Efforts Regarding Zero Tolerance

The following individual presented:

- Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

The following individuals offered comments:

- Ms. Ruth Zweifler, Student Advocacy Center
- Ms. Peri Stone-Palmquist, Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders
- Ms. Sharon Kelso
- Ms. Anne Greashaber
- Mr. Kyle DuBuc

A timeline for completing tasks and projects related to Zero Tolerance was contained in the Board item. A draft model code of conduct is being developed with the help of inter- and intra-agency representatives. Next steps include presentation to the Board for review in October, public review and comment by other stakeholders, and presentation to the Board for approval in November.

Board member comments included the following:

1. inclusion of the following stakeholders as possible committee members: judges from juvenile and family courts; chiefs of staff of senators and representatives; community/parents; and Mr. Pat Babcock, Public Policy Associates; and
2. facilitation of linkages between school districts to effectively address zero tolerance issues, and share best practices.

Public participation comments included:

1. administrative appeal process at intermediate school district level, then Michigan Department of Education,
2. increased supply of options including alternative schools accepting students displaced by zero tolerance regulations, and
3. parental input in the development process.

Mr. Flanagan said that he will mention the following two points during speaking engagements: (1) expulsion should be a last resort, and (2) the need for more alternative education programs and options for expelled students.

Mrs. Bauer recommended the book "Other People's Children" by Lisa Delpit, as a resource on zero tolerance.

E. Discussion Regarding Revised Definition of Size for Subgroups for Purposes of Calculating Adequate Yearly Progress

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Mr. Paul Bielawski, Manager, Accreditation and Accountability Program, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

The Board item contained information on minimum group size in other states used to calculate Adequate Yearly Progress under the No Child Left Behind Act. Michigan established 30 as its minimum group size, and discussion was requested regarding the possibility of a change in the group size.

Mr. Flanagan said a number of organizations have requested that the Board reexamine this issue. He said Michigan's economic future depends on its educational system, and he does not want unfair national comparisons made with regard to Michigan's rigorous system.

Board member comments included:

John Austin – Michigan was among many other states that chose 30, however many states have received approval to change their minimum group size, and Michigan is not now in the mainstream. He does not necessarily agree with the economic development analogy.

Nancy Danhof – Michigan needs to know if students in the bottom quartile are making progress. We will be losing track of too many students and the only way to be accountable would be to use growth model assessments, and we do not have the capacity for those kinds of assessments. Perhaps more public relations work needs to be done to explain why Michigan is using the number 30. Can modifications be submitted at any time?

Eileen Weiser – Michigan is below national college graduation rates. How will the change help increase the number of college graduates? She would like to see numbers. Business may not come to Michigan if we cannot produce graduates who are math and science experts.

Kathleen Straus – When the Board chose 30, it was unknown if that was the right number. This may have contributed to an unfair portrayal of Michigan. It is good to reexamine this issue.

Elizabeth Bauer – Board needs to have a major public relations effort to inform people what is being measured. Michigan should not feel pressured to change the number. Groups representing citizens with disabilities would take exception to the change.

Marianne McGuire – Does not want to lower standards. Look from the point of view of discrimination and don't be a scapegoat. She said more public relations work needs to be done so that the public understands the issues.

Sue Carnell – Is this a large district issue? Do we know where the impact is? Would a percentage be better? What will be the effects of 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade testing on school buildings?

Dr. Hughes said there are other policy issues including testing at every grade level that could be part of the discussion at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:15 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XIV. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement, acknowledged schools that made adequate yearly progress and were removed from the “Identified for Improvement” list. She said the No Child Left Behind Act requires that the state reward schools removed from the “Identified for Improvement” list.

Dr. Caamal Canul said school personnel have worked extremely hard and made great strides, and they are being honored with a certificate of achievement. School personnel were given certificates and congratulated by Board members and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The following schools were honored:

Adrian Public Schools  
    McKinney Elementary School  
Battle Creek Public Schools  
    Post Elementary School  
Detroit Public School District  
    Fairbanks Elementary School  
    Farwell Middle School  
    Law Elementary School  
    Mason Elementary School  
    Monnier Elementary School  
    Pulaski Elementary School  
    Rutherford/Newton Elementary School  
    Sherrard Elementary School  
    Stewart Elementary School  
    Taft Middle School

Webster Elementary School

Flint Community Schools  
Garfield-Edison Elementary School

Grand Rapids Public Schools  
East Leonard Elementary School

Hamtramck Public Schools  
Holbrook Elementary School

Kalamazoo Public School District  
Hillside Middle School

Lincoln Consolidated School District  
Lincoln Model Elementary School  
Lincoln Redner Elementary School  
Lincoln Brick Elementary School

Mason Consolidated Schools (Monroe)  
Mason Middle School

Pontiac City School District  
Lincoln Middle School  
Washington Middle School

School District of Ypsilanti  
Ardis Renaissance Academy  
Erickson Elementary School  
George Multiage Academy

Southfield Public School District  
MacArthur Elementary School

West Ottawa Public School District  
Pine Creek Elementary School

Utica Community Schools (unable to attend)  
Malow Junior High School

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Mrs. Wood, representing Michigan Alliance for Charter School Reform, offered comments on charter schools and availability of information.

XVI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XVII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

F. Discussion on the Proposed Amendments to the Revised School Code Regarding State Accreditation of Schools

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Mr. Paul Bielawski, Manager, Accreditation and Accountability Program, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

The Board discussed consequences for non-Title I schools not making adequate yearly progress at its March and April meetings. There was a need for amendments to the Revised School Code. The Board item contained recommended amendments and rationale.

In the school code, every mention of school district does not necessarily include public school academies, therefore it must be specified in the amended language.

The language in 380.1277(2)(f) regarding the school improvement plan will not be deleted. It will be revised to state age appropriate opportunities for on the job learning, including examples.

Goals stated in the school improvement plan should be specific in addressing deficiencies within the school.

There was concern about including students who are home schooled and ensuring their adequate yearly progress. The Michigan Supreme Court has affirmed the right of a parent to home school without reporting to the Michigan Department of Education.

An updated draft including revisions will be sent to Board members for their comments prior to presentation at the October meeting.

## XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:26 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

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

- A. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 9, 2005

The minutes were removed from the agenda.

Mrs. Hamilton said she has been contacted by Board members regarding the format and contents of the meeting minutes, and she asked Board members what they would like included in the minutes.

There was Board consensus that a concise summary of the Committee of the Whole discussion stating pros, cons, conclusions, and what is being asked of staff be included in the minutes. The minutes will include limited comments of individual board members and will not be a verbatim transcript.

### XX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Michigan Department of Education Staff Meeting

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Michigan Department of Education Staff Meeting on September 1, 2005. She said scholarships were awarded to graduates of the Michigan School for the Deaf and children of Department employees. The scholarships were a result of a staff golf outing and a donation by Ms. Debbie Roeske, a Department colleague, in memory of her son Paul.

Mrs. Straus said Mr. Flanagan spoke of the generous monetary donation Department employees gave to those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Mrs. Straus said one of the first signs of normalcy after a tragedy is children returning to school. She said it is such an important part of our lives and social structure, and it is often taken for granted. She said many Michigan school districts have welcomed students who fled Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

B. Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee

Mrs. Straus said the following Board members have agreed to serve on the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee: John Austin, Elizabeth Bauer, Nancy Danhof, and Kathleen Straus. She said the Subcommittee will develop proposed criteria that will be used for evaluation of Superintendent Flanagan. Mr. Turner will review the proposed criteria, however he is not officially on the Subcommittee.

C. Public School Academy Subcommittee

Mrs. Straus said the following Board members have agreed to serve on the Public School Academy Subcommittee: John Austin, Carolyn Curtin, Marianne McGuire, and Eileen Weiser. She said the Subcommittee will discuss the Public School Academy Report to the Legislature and the information it includes.

XXI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

H. Human Resources Report

I. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers

J. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

Grants

K. 2005-2006 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Initial

L. 2005-06 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment

M. 2005-2006 Title V, Part A – Innovative Programs – Continuation

N. 2005-06 Title I Accountability/School Improvement – Initial

O. 2005 Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant – Amendment

P. 2004-2005 Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality – Amendment

Q. 2005-2006 Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality – Initial

- R. 2005-2006 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Grant Program – Continuation (\$28,459,287)
- S. 2005-2006 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Grant Program – Continuation (\$1,289,794)
- T. 2005-2006 State-Funded Michigan School Readiness Program Competitive Grants – Initial and Continuation
- BB. 2005-2006 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant – Continuation
- CC. 2005-2006 Mandated Activities Projects, Part C – Initial
- DD. 2005-2006 State-Funded Michigan School Readiness Program Competitive Grants – Amendment
- EE. 2005-2006 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Formula Grants – Initial
- FF. 2004-2005 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment
- GG. 2004-2005 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment

There was discussion regarding the following:

A. Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

Mr. Flanagan said he is extremely proud of Michigan's response to aid those affected by Hurricane Katrina. He said Department employees have been very generous, and school district personnel from across the state have been extremely willing to assist those in need.

Mr. Flanagan said Michigan is well equipped to handle a tragedy, as demonstrated by the coordination of efforts among the Governor and all the agencies of state government in response to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

B. Grant Award Criteria

Mrs. Danhof asked for further clarification regarding how often grant criteria are reviewed and approved by the Board, and priority for continuation grant awards. Mrs. Straus said criteria should be reviewed every three or four years. Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, said staff will provide further clarification for the Board regarding the grant award criteria process.

## XXII. REPORT BY MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Dan Schab, 2005-2006 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented Report by Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Schab said he has been on the job for three weeks, and he is very excited. He said he has accepted 15 speaking engagements, and hopes to launch a webpage where people can submit a speaker request form. He said he is meeting with Directors and wants to be a resource for the Department and Board.

Mr. Schab said he is serving on various committees including a middle school math initiative that will focus on improving math instruction for students with disabilities, Math Science Partnership, development of the Grade Level Content Expectations for math, high school reform with emphasis on the transition from high school to college, and revision of the model student code of conduct. He said he will also work closely with the Network of Teacher Educators who will hold their annual conference on December 8 and 9 at the Radisson in Lansing. He said the Network will also be providing feedback on high school reform.

Mr. Schab said his priorities include: (1) teacher recruitment and retention, especially in the areas of math and science, (2) high school reform, and (3) visiting all areas of the state and all types of schools.

Mr. Flanagan said Mr. Schab has a high level of professionalism, and he supports him in reaching out to schools and community groups.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

## XXIII. UPDATE ON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director; and Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law and Federal Relations; provided an Update on State and Federal Legislative Issues.

Mr. Morris said the State Legislature has been discussing the following issues: (1) budget, (2) child protection legislation, (3) administrative certification, (5) State Aid eligibility for students displaced by Hurricane Katrina, (6) fifth year seniors and dual enrollment, (7) early childhood legislation, (7) obesity, nutrition, and physical fitness.

Ms. Stanley said current Federal issues include: (1) Michigan's attempt to reclaim lapsed federal funds is awaiting approval, (2) federal budget, and (3) Higher Education Reauthorization Act.

In response to Mrs. Straus, Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law, said funding for the Michigan School Readiness Program competitive grants is moving from the Department Budget to State School Aid, and it will have no effect on program administration.

Mr. Morris reported Representative Brian Palmer said the House Education Committee will soon begin discussion regarding public school academy issues. Mr. Morris said he is not sure of the specific issues, but he will remain in contact with Representative Palmer.

Mrs. Bauer asked when child protection legislation will address arrest rather than conviction. Mr. Morris said the Department tried to address the issue, and urged Legislators to include as many protections as possible.

Mrs. Straus asked about the school funding study (best practices study). Mr. Morris said there is still interest in the Legislature with regard to funding the study. Mr. Flanagan said he and Mrs. Straus also discussed the study with the Governor.

This was an update only and no action was required.

XXIV. APPROVAL OF PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION "OVERALL" PERFORMANCE SCORES

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. David Hamilton, President, Michigan Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; presented Approval of Procedures for Identifying Teacher Preparation Institution "Overall" Performance Scores.

Dr. Jenkins said the Board approved the Procedures for Identifying Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores with the exception of the "overall score," at its meeting on August 9, 2005. Dr. Jenkins said in response to the Board's comments, an exemplary score has been added, but staff continues to recommend the 2.2 satisfactory score for at least the 2005-2006 year. She said the score could be raised in the future.

Mrs. Straus said she feels strongly that 2.2 is too low when the Board is trying to raise the level of teacher preparation programs that are preparing highly qualified teachers. She said it sends the wrong message.

Dr. Hamilton said test scores should be one factor, but there are other important factors that should be considered such as survey results

from graduates and employers. He said this is in the early stages and data are not available.

Mrs. Carnell said all institutions should be exemplary. She said satisfactory is not sufficient.

Mrs. Bauer said she has concerns with the formula when she does a model calculation with actual numbers.

Mrs. Danhof asked if a performance score will be done annually in addition to the periodic review, and Dr. Jenkins said that is correct.

Mrs. Danhof said she is not interested in a 4.0 scale that is traditionally used for students, and it is not relevant to teacher training institutions. She said she is interested in rigorous standards for teacher training institutions.

Mr. Turner said perhaps a cut off score is not useful at this point during a pilot stage. Dr. Jenkins said a cut off score is necessary.

Mrs. Weiser said at this point there are only inputs, and no outcomes. She said professional standards need to be updated as quickly and completely as possible, because they relate to this issue. She said she does not want delay.

There was no vote taken. This will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

XXV. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR TEACHERS ADVISORY GROUP

This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion.

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services, presented Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Advisory Group.

Mrs. Danhof said all of the nominations, with the exception of one, are reappointments. She said there have been many changes in education that require new ideas, and she would like to ask agencies to consider recommending commission members who have expertise and/or experience to address this new world.

Mrs. Weiser said there is a large State Board momentum toward change, and she asked if there is a way to communicate to associations that the Board is seeking creative people who are willing to work toward change.

Mr. Flanagan said there needs to be some level of autonomy with regard to the nominations made by organizations. Mrs. Straus suggested that Mr. Flanagan convey the Board's message informally during discussions with leaders of organizations, stressing that this is not a reflection of the quality of work of the current members.

Mrs. Weiser said the Board's specific charge to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers should be made clear to its members. Mrs. Straus said the Board needs to define what is needed.

Mrs. Bauer encouraged the Board to take the nominations as presented rather than risk the possibility of creating ill will. She said the Board should proceed in a thoughtful manner regarding future appointments.

Mrs. Curtin said she agrees with Mrs. Bauer that changes should be made in a thoughtful and respectful way.

Mr. Turner said the Board should engage directly with the commission so future interactions are more effective. He said this should include a clear understanding of the Board's charge to the commission. He said this could be done by a subcommittee of the Board.

Mrs. McGuire suggested staggered terms of various lengths.

Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Weiser suggested that people who have served as Teacher of the Year be asked to serve on the commission.

Mrs. Danhof said Board approval of appointments should precede notification of meeting dates.

Dr. Jenkins said the charge and composition of the commission will be reviewed for future presentation to the Board.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of Dennis Muchmore, and the reappointments of Carole Turner, David Ascher, Vivian Davis, Rosa Johnson, and Susan Pagen to the Professional Standards Commission for Teacher for a four-year term ending June 30, 2009, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2005.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XXVI. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO NASBE BYLAWS AND PUBLIC POLICIES

Mrs. Nancy Danhof, National Association of State Boards of Education Delegate, presented Approval of Proposed Modifications to NASBE Bylaws and Public Policies.

Mrs. Danhof said the proposed changes are summarized on page 18 of the Board item, and they include school improvement and athletic participation.

Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law and Federal Relations, said the Department has no direct supervision of athletics. She said the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) governs high school athletics and the Department holds a seat on the MHSAA Board. Ms. Stanley said she attends the meetings as Mr. Flanagan's representative.

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the State Board of Education approve the proposed modifications to the NASBE bylaws and public policies, as attached to the memorandum dated August 29, 2005 from Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XXVII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE ASSESSMENT FLEXIBILITY FOR HURRICANE KATRINA STUDENTS

Based on discussion during the Committee of the Whole Meeting, there was Board consensus to add this item to the agenda.

Dr. Hughes presented Adoption of Resolution Regarding State Assessment Flexibility for Hurricane Katrina Students. He said the intent is that students would be assessed, but local administrators would have discretion to exclude students in cases of severe emotional trauma as a result of evacuation from Hurricane Katrina.

Mrs. Carnell suggested that this be for the current year. There was Board consensus to specify Fall 2005 testing in the resolution.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution Regarding State Assessment Flexibility for Hurricane Katrina Students, as modified.**

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

**The motion carried.**

The Resolution Regarding State Assessment Flexibility for Hurricane Katrina Students is attached as Exhibit A.

**XXVIII. ADOPTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2006**

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education meetings be convened on the second Tuesday of each month, as proposed in the State Board Executive's memorandum dated August 29, 2005.**

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

**The motion carried.**

The State Board of Education 2006 Meeting Schedule is attached as Exhibit B.

**XXIX. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR A CONTINUATION GRANT TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A COMPLIANCE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA 2004)**

This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion. Mrs. Danhof reported that her questions regarding this item were answered by Dr. Hughes in consultation with Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services.

**Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve criteria for a continuation grant to maintain and enhance a Compliance Information Management System under the IDEA (2004), as identified in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2005.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XXX. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- Y. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report – April 1 – June 30, 2005 – this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion
- Z. Approval of Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Advisory Group – this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion
- AA. Approval of Criteria for a Continuation Grant to Maintain and Enhance a Compliance Information Management System Under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA 2004) – this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion

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

- Y. Approve the April 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005 report of State Board of Education expenses, dated August 29, 2005,**
- Z. (this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion); and**
- AA. (this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion).**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

XXXI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. R.E.A.D.Y. Kits – Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire

Mrs. McGuire thanked Ms. Jan Ellis, Office of School Excellence, for her work with the R.E.A.D.Y. (Read, Educate, And Develop Youth) Kits, and her efforts to provide outreach to various ethnic communities through R.E.A.D.Y. Kit translations in various languages.

- B. Central Academy in Ann Arbor – Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser

Mrs. Weiser said if the Board holds a future meeting in Ann Arbor, she would like Central Academy, an Arab culture based public school academy, in Ann Arbor to make a presentation highlighting how the academy addresses the educational and cultural needs of the community.

- C. Funding for Hurricane Katrina Students – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus asked what funding sources are available for students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Mrs. Wolenberg said funding will be available through the Federal Emergency Management Act and the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

XXXII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Bauer asked if the October agenda includes a report on Universal Education Principles. Mrs. Hamilton said yes.

XXXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. October 5, 2005 – Committee of the Whole on Improving Outcomes for High School Students
- B. October 11, 2005 – Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting
- C. November 15, 2005 – Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting
- D. December 13, 2005 – Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting

XXXIV. THANK YOU TO WAYNE RESA STAFF

Mr. Flanagan thanked Ms. Tracey Wright, Mr. Ken Schramm, and the audio visual staff of Wayne RESA for their assistance with the Board meeting.

XXXV. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary