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April 13, 2010

The following is a summary of items addressed by the State Board of Education, with web links to electronic versions of those items. A video archive of the meeting is available at: <http://www.mistreamnet.com/videtail.php?who=sbe041310n01>

Awards and Recognitions

The Board announced Joyce Gooder, secretary in the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, as the 2010 recipient of the Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award. Joyce has been an employee of the Michigan Department of Education for more than twenty years.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Discussion Regarding State Board of Education's Recommendations Regarding School Reform/Finance

The Board has had a series of meetings in which economists, educators, business, labor, and citizens have address the Board regarding school reform and finance. The Board discussed a report titled "Recommendations to Better Support Michigan's Education System" which was developed based the previous discussions at Board meetings and stakeholder input.

The Board endorsed the "Principles to Guide Michigan's Education System Restructuring" listed on page two of the report and supported the direction of the full report. The Board will continue to refine the recommendations by inviting input from the Governor, Legislature, education community, candidates for office, and other interested parties until the May 11, 2010 meeting of the Board when it plans to adopt recommendations.

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Update on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

The American Recover and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) presentation included an update on the administrative duties the MDE is required to perform. It also included an update on two new grants that are part of Race To The Top as well as next steps for Michigan's second round application which will be presented at the Board's May meeting.

[Click here for the PowerPoint presentation.](#)

Presentation on 2009 Public School Academy Legislative Report

The 2009 Public School Academy Legislative Report fulfills a statutory obligation for the Board to summarize charter school experience for the Legislature. This report is submitted in response to the statutory mandate included in Part 6A of The Revised School Code, and addresses many required PSA performance issues.

The public has expressed appreciation of the "profile" appendix which was developed at the request of the Board's PSA Committee. These profiles allow schools to find and compare themselves to schools serving similar populations.

The Board will be asked to approve the report at its May meeting.

Appendices to PSA Legislative Report - Public School Academy Profiles

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REGULAR MEETING

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent notified the Board of his recent approval of a [Modification to the Previously Approved Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services](#), a [Modification to the Previously Approved Sanilac Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services](#), and provided a [Report on Michigan Department of Education Cosponsorships](#).

In addition, the Superintendent provided the Board with information on several grants that have been awarded by the Michigan Department of Education including:

- [2009-2010 Statewide System of Support Evaluation Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 Title I Accountability Grant – Initial 2009-2010 Title I Technical Assistance Grant – Amendment and Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Amendment and Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 Title I Accountability/School Improvement - Initial](#)

- [2009-2010 Division of Adolescent and School Health Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 ARRA National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 Title I, Part A, Pilot ISD Partnership – Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program Allocations – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 ARRA Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment 2009-2010 Middle College High School Health Partnership Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 Alternative Energy Training Programs Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2009-2011 Competitive *Early On* Grants Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\) of 2009 – Initial](#)

REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Rob Stephenson, 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided a report on his activities both as Teacher of the Year, and in his third grade classroom at Wardcliff Elementary School, Okemos Public Schools.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Report on Evaluation of Superintendent of Public Instruction

The Board agreed that Mr. Flanagan has provided great leadership for change in education during a very difficult time. They praised the work of Mr. Flanagan and Department staff.

The Board approved the sixth addendum to the Agreement between the Board and Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, which extends the agreement between the Superintendent and the Board to May 1, 2013. The Addendum also states that the Superintendent agrees to receive the same salary increase or decrease equivalent to those provided to or taken from classified state employees.

State and Federal Legislative Update

The Board was provided with an update on state and federal legislative initiatives including the supplemental appropriations related to the state education reform legislation, the Fiscal Year 2011 budgets, financial issues before the House Education Committee, the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Academic, Social and Emotional Learning Act of 2009.

The Board also discussed Public Act 72 which authorizes emergency financial management of cities and school districts. The Board adopted a motion to (1) support improvements to Public Act 72 to ensure accountability of an Emergency Financial Manager and (2) be represented by two members of the Board, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education staff to communicate with the Governor's Office to solicit more information to provide transparency and accountability of the Emergency Financial Manager.

[Discussion Regarding Nominations for National Association of State Boards of Education Awards and Nominations for 2011 Board of Directors](#)

The Board nominated John Austin, Vice President, for Central Area Director, and Congressman George Miller (D-California) for the Policy Leader of the Year Award.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- [Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report – October – December, 2009](#)
- [Approval of Criteria for the Striving Readers Grant](#)
- [Approval of Criteria for ARRA Title I School Improvement Grants](#)
- [Approval of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant Criteria](#)

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- [Tuesday, May 11, 2010](#) (9:30 a.m.)
- [Tuesday, May 18, 2010](#) (9:30 a.m. – Retreat) **(POSTPONED)**
- Tuesday, June 15, 2010 (9:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, July 13, 2010 (9:30 a.m. – if needed)
- Tuesday, August 10, 2010 (9:30 a.m.)

This publication is an effort to provide information on State Board of Education meeting highlights. The Board is interested in your feedback. Please direct your feedback to Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, at hamiltone@michigan.gov.