

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

June 15, 2010  
9:30 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  
Ms. Casandra E. Ulbrich  
Mr. Michael Zeig, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,  
ex officio

Absent: Mr. Reginald M. Turner

Also Present: Mr. Rob Stephenson, 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on Special Education Advisory Committee Quick Notes – Meetings of April 7, 2010 and May 5, 2010
- B. Information on the Three-Year Report on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Results for 2006-2009

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Lucia Campbell (Item W) – added to agenda

- B. Criteria for Combined Title I Statewide System of Support and High Priority Schools Technical Assistance Grant (Item X) – added to agenda
- C. Criteria for Allocation of Title I School Improvement Funds to Support Regional Assistance to High Priority Schools (Item Y) – added to agenda

Mr. Austin requested that the following items be removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion:

- D. Approval of *Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects* and *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics* (Item N)
- E. Approval of Signing a Memorandum of Understanding to Formally Join the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium (Item O)

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

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**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 of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

Mr. Michael Zeig, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm’s representative at the Board table, was welcomed to his first State Board of Education meeting.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said the list of schools eligible to apply for the Federal School Improvement Grant was released on Monday, June 14, 2010. He said Michigan will be awarded approximately \$119 million for 108 eligible schools to improve teaching and learning for all students in

persistently low achieving schools. He said the School Improvement Grant is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mr. Flanagan said this is an opportunity for the schools that are struggling the most to use time and resources to begin their improvement plans before the state identifies the list of lowest performing schools affected by the state school reform law this fall.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year
- B. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda as follows:**

- A. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 26, 2010, honoring the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and**
- B. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 26, 2010, honoring the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

The resolution honoring the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Robert Stephenson, is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Matinga Ragatz, is attached as Exhibit B.

VII. POINT OF THE DAY

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director of Communications, presented the Point of the Day that focused on the history of the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program.

## VIII. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Mr. Robert Stephenson provided his final report as the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He sang while presenting a PowerPoint report that included highlights of the many events he has participated in during the past year. Mr. Stephenson said the Board has been an example of bipartisanship that should be a model for all.

Mrs. Straus presented Mr. Stephenson with a resolution honoring him as the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Straus said he has been a fabulous teacher to everyone, and she congratulated him on being one of four finalists for National Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Austin said Mr. Stephenson has been very instrumental in his role as the Michigan Teacher of the Year, and his perspective at the Board table has been extremely valuable.

Mr. Stephenson introduced his wife, Jamie; and their children, Andrew and Rebecca.

## IX. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### A. 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year and State Level Finalists

Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognitions Program, presented the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year and State Level Finalists. Ms. Shane said 390 teachers were nominated for the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Shane said Mrs. Curtin read applications and Ms. Ulbrich served on the interview team. Ms. Shane said Mrs. Curtin attended the May 26, 2010, surprise notification by Mr. Flanagan at Grand Ledge High School announcing Ms. Matinga Ragatz, Global Studies teacher, as the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year. A video clip of the announcement was shown.

Ms. Shane introduced Ms. Ragatz and her guests. Ms. Ragatz said she is thankful for this phenomenal opportunity to honor teachers. She said her mother was the first woman in Equatorial Guinea, a small country on the coast of Central West Africa, to obtain a college education. Ms. Ragatz said her mother became a teacher, and retired as the dean of a university after a long career in teaching the same week that Matinga was named the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Ms. Ragatz said it is the best time to be a teacher, because it is the dawn of a new way for education and the beginning of learning for both teachers and students. She said

teaching will no longer be the same. She said she is thankful for the trust placed in her with the huge responsibility to represent Michigan teachers. She said she has the best job in the world, because she sees the miracles that happen in the classroom every day. She said Rob Stephenson is an inspiration, and she is honored to be in the company of Jamie Dudash and David Legg, the finalists for Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Shane introduced Katie Clippert of MEEMIC, the insurance company that provides corporate support for the Michigan Teacher of the Year program. Ms. Shane said MEEMIC presented a check for \$1,000 to Grand Ledge High School for educational projects for students. She said MEEMIC will also provide Ms. Ragatz with the use of a car for one year.

Ms. Shane introduced the state level finalists Mr. Jamie Dudash, Social Studies Teacher, Dexter High School; and Mr. David Legg, Language Arts/Broadcasting Teacher, Novi High School, and their guests. Ms. Shane said MEEMIC representatives will visit Dexter High School and Novi High School to presents checks in the fall.

Mrs. Straus presented Ms. Ragatz with the resolution honoring the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Straus said public education initially began to educate citizens so that they could participate in a democratic form of government. She said public education is essential and teachers are vital in keeping our democracy strong.

Ms. Ragatz was presented a sculpture by Ms. Ulbrich, a lapel pin by Mrs. Curtin, and a letter from Governor Granholm read by Mr. Zeig.

Mr. Flanagan presented Grand Ledge Public Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews and Principal Steve Gabriel with a plaque to display in Grand Ledge High School commemorating Matinga Ragatz as the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Jamie Dudash and Mr. David Legg were presented with certificates in their honor and lapel pins. Ms. Ulbrich said all three finalists exhibited traits of engagement and creativity which will foster engaged and creative students and citizens.

Mr. Flanagan said year after year Teachers of the Year and finalists give credit to others for their success. He said when given the opportunity to meet the students it is apparent they love their teachers.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presentation on Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects and Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Linda Forward, Interim Director, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation
- Ms. Deborah Clemmons, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction

The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. Drafts of the College and Career Readiness Standards were released for public comment in September 2009, and the draft K-12 Common Core State Standards were released for public comment in March 2010. Alignment to Michigan content expectations as well as public comments to the March draft of the Common Core State Standards were presented to the Board with a copy of the final K-12 Common Core Standards in math and English language arts/literacy.

The Board will be asked to take action on this item later in the meeting. If the Standards are approved, the U.S. Department of Education will be notified via an addendum to Michigan's Race to the Top application.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

Board member comments and *clarifications* included:

1. glad to see English language arts includes social studies and science; that will be an improvement – *yes*;
  2. common core standards is the logical next step in taking high learning expectations to the national level; Michigan is a leader in high standards;
  3. there was previous push back from other states regarding the rigor of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); STEM went back into the document – *yes; and*
  4. children will not be tested on things they have not been taught; is the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) going to be the interim test of choice – *Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability, came to table; NAEP will continue to measure the NAEP framework; the NAEP framework will likely be revised in the future; there will continue to be a disconnect between the NAEP framework and the common core state standards but there is now greater overlap than previously.*
- B. Presentation on Signing a Memorandum of Understanding to Formally Join the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

The Michigan Department of Education has joined the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium which is currently preparing a multi-state application under the Race to the Top assessment competition. The competition is specifically for consortia of states to submit joint applications for funding the development of assessments measuring the College- and Career-Readiness Standards and the Common Core State Standards that are comparable across states within the consortia. The joint application will be submitted on June 23, 2010, to the U.S. Department of Education to compete for up to \$320 million in funding. Michigan's participation is contingent upon a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Governor, State

Board of Education President, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the state's Chief Procurement Officer.

The Board will be asked to take action on this item later in the meeting.

Board member comments and *clarifications* included:

1. if every state signs on to the Common Core Standards, and there is an assessment consortium, will NAEP still be needed if it is measuring something that has not been taught – *at the NAEP spring meeting there was discussion regarding NAEP's purpose now that states are going toward Common Core Standards;*
2. why are there two consortia for the Common Core assessment – *Michigan was one of several states that wanted a single consortium; other states believed that if there are two consortia, one is likely to succeed; application guidelines state that up to two consortia will be funded;*
3. who is in Michigan's consortium – *currently 30 states are participating in the consortium that Michigan is part of; 20 to 25 states are in the other consortium; Michigan chose to be one of 17 governing states that are in a leadership role with significant input; governing states cannot be a member of both consortia; participating states can participate in both consortia; moving toward online assessment and immediate feedback and results and a strong focus on professional development for formative assessment and implementing some interim benchmark assessments to determine the likelihood of passing before the final test;*
4. there are states that do not support the Common Core Standards; why is there a greater number of states that want to be part of the assessment – *some states and territories have signed on to both consortia;*
5. why would states want to be a member of two consortia – *states that are members of two consortia will be able to watch what is happening in both consortia and then at a later date choose which test to administer; states choosing that option are not allowed any level of control and sacrifice the ability to provide significant input into what the final product looks like;*

6. what is the philosophy of each of the consortia – *there is overlap in the two consortia; the main differences are that SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium is looking at online assessment and immediate return of results; responsible flexibility based on principles; comparability across states; professional development for teachers, formative assessment, and interim assessment that supports teachers in knowing how to use the results and how to conduct classroom assessment;*
7. how is writing tested online – *the consortium is proposing traditional multiple choice items; traditional constructive response like Michigan has; comparability between human scoring and artificial intelligence scoring that is becoming more reliable and valid; performance tasks will likely involve a class period and be scored by human scorers; performance events are longer term projects such as portfolios that will also be scored by humans; and*
8. Memorandum of Understanding is detailed – *it clearly defines the responsibilities of the states and consortium in testing the Common Core Standards; flexibility includes the ability to test students up to two times per year; states will have the opportunity to decide how scales are produced, how growth is measured, how they will be used for accountability; significant economies of scale in developing the infrastructure will be gained.*

C. Discussion Regarding Criteria for Grant Programs

There were no questions from Board members regarding grant criteria.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:05 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XIV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of May 11, 2010

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of May 11, 2010.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Follow Up Meetings with Legislators to Discuss "Recommendations to Better Support Michigan's Education System - Reforms, Restructuring, and Revenues"

Mrs. Straus said that Board members have begun to meet with Representatives and Senators to discuss the document the Board approved at its May 11, 2010, meeting, "Recommendations to Better Support Michigan's Education System – Reforms, Restructuring, and Revenues."

Mrs. Straus said legislators have not yet provided endorsements, but indicated they are looking forward to studying the document. She said additional meetings will be scheduled with legislators and newspaper editorial boards.

Mrs. Straus said she has heard from some people that do not agree with certain aspects of the Board's report. She said the report is a result of a bi-partisan effort in which everyone compromised to reach consensus. She said policy is supposed to be made in a give and take fashion that results in a compromise.

- B. Drivers Against Texting and Talking

Mrs. Straus said Senator Samuel (Buzz) Thomas asked Mrs. Straus to support Drivers Against Texting and Talking. She said she was contacted by the organization to determine if the Michigan Department of Education can assist in educating drivers. Mrs. Straus said she may also request the Board's endorsement at a future meeting. She said she will obtain additional information

- C. National Farm to Cafeteria Conference

Mrs. Straus said she attended the National Farm to Cafeteria Conference in Detroit to encourage healthier eating and support for the local economy by eating farm fresh products that are locally grown. She said there were many participants from school districts. She said Traverse City has participated in the program for six years and there are eight schools in Detroit

using urban farms to supply fresh fruits and vegetables. She said this program fits well with Michigan's National Association of State Boards of Education grant to promote effective nutrition policies in Michigan schools.

Mrs. Curtin said her local school district in Evart built a greenhouse and grows produce that is used in meals prepared in the school cafeteria.

D. NASBE Healthy Eating Grant

Mrs. Straus said she participated in a multi-state virtual meeting on the National Association of State Boards of Education Healthy Eating Grant with participants from Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Mississippi and California. She said new state participants included Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia and North Carolina. She said it was an interesting and productive session and participants learned what other states are doing. She said the Michigan team will be meeting shortly to plan for the second year of the grant.

E. NASBE Study Groups

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Danhof attended National Association of State Boards of Education Study Group meetings on June 10-12, 2010. Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Danhof is a member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educator Study Group and she is a member of the Structure of Schools Study Group.

Mrs. Straus said there was a presentation on international benchmarking with the focus on teacher preparation. She said Finland accepts only the top 10 percent of students into the teacher training institutions, and Singapore accepts the top 20 percent. She said teachers are recognized as being very valuable members of society.

Mrs. Straus said there was general agreement to replace seat time and Carnegie units with mastery and competence. Mrs. Straus said the report will be available in October.

Mrs. Straus said one of her fellow study group members is a professor of physics at the University of Maryland. She said he is also a member of an advisory committee on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) which will present recommendations to the President of the United States shortly.

Mrs. Straus said the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has a program called Next Generation Learners: Delivering on our Promise to Educate Every Child. She said there are six lab states: Maine, New York, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin. She said these 6 states were selected from 27 states that responded to an invitation from CCSSO.

F. School Visits

Mrs. Bauer has visited many schools and she writes thorough reports that she shares with State Board of Education members. Mrs. Straus said she appreciates the reports.

XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- G. Human Resources Report
- H. Report on Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- I. Report on Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- J. Report on Grant Awards
  - 2009-2010 Middle College High School Health Partnership Grant – Initial
  - 2010-2011 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program – Initial
  - 2010-2011 Tech Prep Grant Program – Initial
  - 2008-2009 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Formula Grants – Amendment
  - 2009-2010 Title I Accountability/School Improvement – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on:

A. Mr. Austin's Presentation at Wayne State University Class

Mr. Flanagan said he teaches a graduate class at Wayne State University and Mr. Austin visited his class on June 14 to discuss the Board's report, "Recommendations to Better Support Michigan's Education System - Reforms, Restructuring, and Revenues." Mr. Flanagan said Mr. Austin represented the

Board well in the discussion that included the bipartisan manner in which the State Board of Education develops policy.

B. School Improvement Grant

Mr. Flanagan said he mentioned the School Improvement Grant (SIG) earlier in the meeting. He said the SIG funds are for the persistently low achieving schools as defined by the Federal government.

Mr. Flanagan said all Michigan citizens have the right to see information on how schools are performing. He said the focus of education should not be just on the lowest-performing schools, but also on those schools that are excelling. He said the Michigan Public School Top to Bottom Ranking is available on the Michigan Department of Education website.

Mr. Flanagan said the schools eligible for the federal SIG funds were identified based on state testing data for student achievement (2007-2009) and academic growth (2006-2009).

He said to develop the list of schools as required by the state school reform law the state will be adding data from 2009-2010 for student achievement and academic growth, and dropping the 2006-2007 data.

C. Michigan School for the Deaf Graduation

Mr. Flanagan said Mrs. Bauer and he attended the Michigan School for the Deaf graduation ceremony of five proud graduates.

D. Wyoming and Godwin Heights School Visit

Mr. Flanagan said he visited Wyoming and Godwin Heights School Districts on May 20. He said he was impressed by many things including that the community's two school districts shared a superintendent and a business officer. He said bus services are also shared with some of the private schools in the area. He said they anticipated change and got community support to get in front of budget, facility, and academic issues. He said he was also impressed by the leadership of the local board of education and the superintendent.

Mr. Flanagan said a seat time waiver was granted for the Wyoming Frontiers Program which is an online program. He said two graduates of the program spoke of their experiences when he visited and he invited them to speak to the Board. Mr. Flanagan

introduced Program Director Allen Vigh, and students Ryan Strayhorn and Holly Jansma.

Mr. Strayhorn said he had health problems, managed his own business of 26 employees, dual enrolled in college while in high school, graduated early with a good grade point average, and received a scholarship while in the Frontiers Program. He said a laptop computer is given to each student who has good attendance and behavior, and if the student graduates they keep the laptop. He said students want to come to the lab which is a welcoming environment with computers and couches.

Mr. Vigh said there are the equivalent of 2.25 certified staff members in two labs who also work with students on other issues such as time management. He said students earn time away from the lab by demonstrating that they can use the time effectively.

Ms. Jansma said the teachers are so eager and willing to help, and students have a personal relationship with the teachers. She said she was able to move at her own pace. She said she continued to play sports while involved in the program and finished early. She said she was able to have a job and she is training to be an optician.

Mr. Vigh said the program has helped reach students of many different abilities and circumstances. He said it has been customized to the student and helped many people be successful.

Mr. Vigh said the program has just completed its second year and has gone from 10 to 70 students.

E. Michigan-Shiga Sister State Visiting Official

Mr. Flanagan introduced Mr. Junichi Tanoue, the Michigan-Shiga Sister State Visiting Official who represents the Shiga Province and does a research project while in Michigan. Mr. Tanoue said he is very honored to have the opportunity to attend the Board meeting.

**XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

- A. Ms. Sandra York, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. York, representing the Michigan Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students, provided verbal comments on Michigan winners of the National PTA Reflections Program.

- B. Mrs. Mary Wood, Warren, Michigan. Mrs. Wood provided verbal comments on charter school issues.

Mrs. Danhof arrived at 1:55 p.m.

- C. Ms. Murcy Jones-Lewis, Ms. Dominique Jacques, Ms. Shaundra Morgan, Ms. Chandra Morgan, and Ms. Benrita Smith, representing Colin Powell Academy, Detroit, provided verbal comments and written information.

#### XVIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Legislative Director; presented State and Federal Legislative Report.

Ms. Hansknecht said Public Act 75 of 2010, the public school employee retirement legislation, was signed by the Governor. She said it is anticipated that 17,000 to 18,000 school employees will retire. She said the Legislature was hoping that 28,000 would retire, and without the legislation it is estimated that between 5,000-6,000 school employees would have retired.

Ms. Hansknecht said there has been discussion by Governor Granholm, Senator Bishop, and others regarding using the School Aid funds for higher education, but there is opposition in the K-12 community.

Ms. Hansknecht said the pending Federal Education Jobs Bill provides for investment in teachers and school employees to prevent job loss and help the economy. She said the Economic Policy Institute released a report on the economic impact of the education jobs fund in relation to the Gross Domestic Product. Ms. Hansknecht said the National Association of State Boards of Education may have a suggested letter that the State Board of Education can address to the Michigan Congressional Delegation in support of the Education Jobs Bill.

Ms. Hansknecht said Senator Michael F. Bennet from Colorado has introduced the Federal School Turnaround Bill, regarding training for school leaders to implement the intervention models that are part of Race to the Top and the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). She said she will provide the Board with additional information at a later date.

Mrs. Straus asked for an update on legislation to revised Public Act 72. Ms. Hansknecht said the changes are specific to the municipality side and not the education side. Ms. Hansknecht said she will continue to monitor the legislation.

XIX. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- L. Approval of American Sign Language Standards
- M. Approval of School Counselor Standards
- N. Approval of *Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects* and *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*
- O. Approval of Signing a Memorandum of Understanding to Formally Join the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium
- P. Approval of Appointments to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers
- Q. Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

Criteria

- R. Approval of Criteria for the Great Parents/Great Start Program Grants
- S. Approval of Criteria for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Preschool Indicators Grant
- X. Approval of Criteria for Combined Title I Statewide System of Support and High Priority Schools Technical Assistance Grant
- Y. Approval of Criteria for Allocation of Title I School Improvement Funds to Support Regional Assistance to High Priority Schools

Resolutions

- T. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Paula Wood
- U. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Gayle Guillen
- V. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week
- W. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Lucia Campbell

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda as follows:**

- L. approve the Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of American Sign Language (FS), as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2010;**
- M. approve the Standards for the Preparation of School Counselors, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2010;**
- N. (this item was moved to discussion);**
- O. (this item was moved to discussion);**
- P. approve the appointments of Mary H. Brown, Ronald J. Collins, Jennifer Brown, Sherry Cormier-Kuhn, Jan Van Gasse, and Jermaine D. Evans, and the re-appointment of Elaine C. Collins to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers for a four-year term ending June 30, 2014, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2010;**
- Q. approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the superintendent's memorandum of May 24, 2010, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified;**
- R. approve the criteria for the Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2010;**
- S. approve the criteria for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Preschool Indicators Grant, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2010;**
- X. approve the criteria for the Combined Title I Statewide System of Support and High Priority Schools Technical Assistance Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 3, 2010;**
- Y. approve the criteria for allocation of Title I School Improvement funds to Support Regional Assistance to High Priority Schools, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 3, 2010;**

- T. **adopt the resolution honoring Paula C. Wood, attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2010;**
- U. **adopt the resolution honoring Gayle Guillen, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 3, 2010;**
- V. **adopt the resolution regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week, October 18-22, 2010, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2010; and**
- W. **adopt the resolution honoring Lucia Campbell, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 3, 2010.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

The resolution honoring Paula Wood is attached as Exhibit C.

The resolution honoring Gayle Guillen is attached as Exhibit D.

The resolution regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week is attached as Exhibit E.

The resolution honoring Lucia Campbell is attached as Exhibit F.

XX. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said a referent group of experts in American Sign Language (ASL) was convened and designed the ASL (FS) standards using the framework for the approved world language standards. He thanked the members of the referent group that were present and said the ASL Standards were approved on the consent agenda.

XXI. PRESENTATION ON COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AND COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICS

This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion. It was presented and discussed earlier in the meeting during the Committee of the Whole.

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer;  
 Ms. Deborah Clemmons, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction; and

Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability; returned to the Board table.

Mrs. Danhof said she was unable to participate in the Committee of the Whole, and she appreciated the opportunity to discuss the item further.

Mrs. Danhof asked how alignment will be done between Michigan's past and present Common Core Standards. Ms. Clemmons said much of the alignment has been done by Department staff and posted to the website. She said ACHIEVE has just made available an excellent computer based alignment tool. Dr. Vaughn said there is close alignment.

Mrs. Danhof asked if teachers will feel assured that they are covering the material. Ms. Clemmons said there is a roll out strategy to help them understand the alignment and provide more supports, and the ACHIEVE tool will be helpful.

Mrs. Danhof asked if the Common Core State Standards are as rigorous as Michigan's current standards. Ms. Clemmons said the Common Core State Standards are value added, more comprehensive, have learning progressions, and there are many things about the standards that enhance Michigan's current standards. Ms. Clemmons said the rigor is not significantly compromised. Mr. Austin said previously there was push back by some states to take the rigor out of math and STEM and that has been overcome and the rigor remains and is consistent with Michigan's high expectations.

Mrs. Danhof said one of the criticisms has been that Michigan has too many core content expectations. Ms. Clemmons said there are fewer in mathematics; English language arts does not have fewer because it now includes anchor standards for college and career ready, and the K-12 standards and literacy skills for history/social studies, science and technical subjects. She said there are good ideas for how to organize the work across content areas to build instructional units that address multiple standards.

Mr. Stephenson said the document is good, and will lead the teacher to better cross integration across content. He said it is developmentally appropriate and not so broad that it is incomprehensible.

Mrs. Danhof asked if the work that has been done with teacher preparation institutions regarding what teachers need to be taught will be jeopardized. Dr. Vaughn said there may need to be some realignment, but it is so closely aligned that it will not be a huge shift. She said universities can also realize cost benefits, because all states will be using the Common Core State Standards.

Ms. Clemmons said roll outs are being planned with intermediate school district colleagues. She said the four large statewide roll outs will begin in October, and intermediate school districts will provide more detailed sessions.

Ms. Clemmons said that in June "Technical Subjects" were added to the Common Core State Standards, so it will need to be added to the motion for approval.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the *Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects* and *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 8, 2010, and direct the Department to proceed in collaboration with LEAs and ISDs to implement internationally benchmarked college- and career-readiness K-12 standards.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

**XXII. PRESENTATION ON SIGNING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FORMALLY JOIN THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM**

This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion. It was presented and discussed earlier in the meeting during the Committee of the Whole.

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Deborah Clemmons, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability; returned to the Board table.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education endorse the signing of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium Memorandum of Understanding by the President of the State Board of Education to allow the state to jointly submit the application for federal funding, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 3, 2010.**

Mrs. Danhof asked how current Michigan assessments will be blended with the new assessments. Dr. Martineau said because there is strong overlap between Michigan content standards and common core standards, there should be reasonable alignment between existing and new assessments in English language arts and mathematics. He said current assessments will be used until the new assessments become operational in the 2014-15 school year. He said bridge studies will be of assistance in helping states transition from current assessments to consortium general assessments. He said alternate assessments still need to be addressed. Dr. Martineau said in the new assessments high school expectations will be set to predict college and career readiness. Dr. Vaughn said MEAP assessment for social studies and science would be maintained since the consortium is for English language arts and mathematics.

Mrs. Danhof said the current growth model data are over a period of three years. She asked how common data sets will be obtained. Dr. Martineau said the theory of action for the consortium is responsible flexibility based on principles. He said there will be bridging assistance in terms of scales and growth models.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

XXIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Universal Education Policy Framework – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she is proud to be a member of a group that has a universal education framework for policy making that is operationalized, and she appreciates the work of Department staff and people in the field.

B. Response to Intervention – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she visited three schools last week and she provided written reports to the Board. She said she saw how school personnel use data to drive instruction to move students forward to reach their potential. She said she saw Response to Intervention activities where students were engaged and teachers were happy. She said it is a wonderful model.

C. Universal Education and the Digital Divide – Mrs. Nancy Danhof

Mrs. Danhof said universal education is throughout the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educator Study Group Report.

Mrs. Danhof said members of the NASBE Study Group noted that the digital divide needs to be addressed so that students without resources don't get left behind. She said teacher training and broadband infrastructure also need to be addressed.

Mrs. Bauer suggested that technological connectivity and licenses should be an agenda topic at the Board Retreat.

D. Alternative Schools – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said she is concerned that the closing of schools in Detroit will include some alternative schools where students are making progress in a smaller setting.

E. NASBE Nominating Committee – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin said she participated via telephone in the National Association of State Boards of Education Nominating Committee meeting on June 11. She said it is common for constituents to believe that State Board of Education members have control over local issues.

XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education cancel its July 13, 2009, meeting.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mrs. Straus, Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Curtin with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. ~~Tuesday, July 13, 2010~~ **CANCELLED**
- B. Tuesday, August 10, 2010
- C. Tuesday, September 14, 2010
- D. Tuesday, October 12, 2010
- E. Tuesday, November 9, 2010

XXVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Curtin  
Secretary

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

ROBERT L. STEPHENSON  
2009-2010 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Robert L. Stephenson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater and a Master of Education degree in Early Childhood from Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, Rob Stephenson has been a third grade teacher for 16 years at Wardcliff Elementary School in the Okemos Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Robert L. Stephenson as the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephenson has shared his passion for the teaching profession, his passion for the preservation of innovation and creativity in the classroom, and his passion for early literacy throughout his tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephenson has mentored and inspired many student teachers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephenson was honored as one of four finalists for the 2010 National Teacher of the Year Award; as a Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Science Teaching in 2006; and as the 2005 Michigan Elementary Science Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of Year program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, through its Task Force on Ensuring Excellent Educators, recognizes the need for elevating the profile of the teaching profession; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Stephenson and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.



Adopted June 15, 2010

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

MATINGA RAGATZ  
MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
2010-2011

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship and their hard work and efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named Matinga Ragatz, Global Studies teacher at Grand Ledge High School, Grand Ledge Public Schools, with 21 years of teaching experience, as the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Matinga Ragatz and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.



Adopted June 15, 2010

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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RESOLUTION

**DR. PAULA C. WOOD**

Dean of the College of Education (Retiring)  
Wayne State University

WHEREAS, Dr. Paula C. Wood has served as Dean of the College of Education at Wayne State University (WSU) in Detroit, Michigan since October, 1993, providing outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wood's many positive contributions to the field of education and teacher preparation have been demonstrated by her selection as the chair of the Michigan Deans' Council (2004-05); appointment to the Michigan State Board of Education Ensuring Excellent Educators Task Force (2002); Chairmanship of the Merrill-Palmer Institute Advisory Group (ongoing); appointment as co-chair of the WSU Academic Achievement Task Force that produced a White Paper on "Academic Achievement of the Youth of the City of Detroit" (2003); appointment as Interim Provost of Wayne State University (April-June 2003); recipient of the WSU President's Award for Excellence in Teaching (1987); and Phi Delta Kappa Educator of the Year (1995); and

WHEREAS, Wayne State University's College of Education is approved as a teacher preparation institution by the State Board of Education and is recognized as one of the largest teacher preparation institutions in the nation; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Wood for her outstanding leadership to Wayne State University's College of Education and her contributions to the teaching profession in Michigan and our nation; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education extends its wish that Dean Wood enjoys a well-deserved retirement and that she continues to be an active and valued member of Michigan's educational community when she returns to her faculty position in the Teacher Education Division of the College of Education at Wayne State University.



Adopted June 15, 2010

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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RESOLUTION

GAYLE (MONROE) GUILLEN

WHEREAS, Gayle Guillen began her career in the Michigan Department of Treasury as a Data Entry Operator for the Income Tax Division on January 21, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Gayle then transferred to the Michigan Department of Education in the Driver's Education Unit as a Secretary 8 on June 16, 1996; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Gayle was assigned as the Lead Secretary to the Supervisor of Child and Adult Care Program, serving for thirteen years as the "go to" resource for staff, childcare sponsors, and childcare centers on all matters related to the Program; and

WHEREAS, Gayle has shared her many talents of quilting, bead work, and jewelry design by donating to the many fundraisers the Michigan Department of Education has sponsored; and

WHEREAS, Gayle and her sister Penny are co-owners of a small business, Two Sisters Beading; Gayle and Penny travel across the state to sell their designer jewelry at craft shows; and Gayle will now have much more time to meet with her weekly quilting group and design more jewelry; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Guillen is the new bride of Tony Guillen, being married on April 27, 2010, in Las Vegas; Gayle and Tony are avid gardeners and their lush acres are covered with self designed flower gardens; and Gayle has shared her gifts of gardening by brightening the desk of her co-workers with beautiful bouquets over the years; and

WHEREAS, Gayle is a loving and devoted grandmother to her two grandsons, Anthony, age 11, and Dreon, age 8; being a child at heart herself, Gayle enjoys biking, playing basketball and soccer with her grandsons, and her most recently acquired skill, marshmallow gun wars (a fun and sticky time was had by all); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Gayle Guillen for the dedication she has shown throughout her career at the Michigan Department of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education wishes Gayle Guillen a retirement that holds satisfying and fulfilling experiences and accomplishments.



Adopted June 15, 2010

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

Michigan School Bus Safety Week  
October 18-22, 2010

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education recognizes that the importance of protecting the safety of Michigan's school children extends beyond the classroom walls and the building; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has great respect for the accomplishments of Michigan's school bus drivers, mechanics, supervisors, and all school transportation personnel in providing the safest transportation possible for children to and from school and home; and

WHEREAS, each day over 17,000 Michigan school bus drivers transport more than 850,000 students, traveling over 184 million miles annually; and

WHEREAS, coordinating the countless routes over so many miles, and supervising the dozens of students on each bus, requires an outstanding effort put forth by thousands of exemplary professionals who have devoted their careers to transporting children safely; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education continues to recognize and takes great pleasure in commending the men and women who accept and meet the challenge of school transportation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the week of October 18-22, 2010, be designated as Michigan School Bus Safety Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this week be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of the state's school buses; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Michigan drivers to become more aware of school bus safety regulations, and encourage all citizens to be alert and drive carefully near school buses.



Adopted June 15, 2010

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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RESOLUTION

LUCIA CAMPBELL

WHEREAS, Lucia Campbell, a granddaughter of tavern keepers and restaurant owners in the Upper Peninsula, daughter of a State of Michigan Assistant Attorney General, a product of Lansing schools (Willow, Holy Cross, and Sexton) and Lansing Community College, received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Lucia began her career in food service with St. Lawrence Hospital, Schuler's Grate Steak Restaurant, Long's of Lansing, The Clarion Hotel Conference Center, Michigan State University Food Service, and Meijer's Lansing Area Distribution Center in the 1970's and 1980's; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Lucia began her work as an Account Technician and then became a Departmental Analyst with the Department of Education's Food Distribution Program, supporting the distribution of United States Department of Agriculture Foods in the household and school commodity programs to children and adults across the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Lucia has enjoyed and achieved tremendous job satisfaction while working with many people in the State of Michigan who were committed to feeding school children, less advantaged families, and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lucia has announced her retirement from the Michigan Department of Education on July 1, 2010; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receive with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this honored and distinguished employee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education hereby express its gratitude, respect, and appreciation to this exceptional individual; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That in addition to its respect and gratitude, the State Board of Education extends to Lucia its highest regard, and its best wishes for the future.



Adopted June 15, 2010

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction