

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

February 12, 2008
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Ms. Casandra E. Ulbrich
Mrs. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio

Absent: Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
Mr. Reginald M. Turner
Mrs. June Teisan, 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

A. Information on 2006-2007 Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report – Memorandum dated February 12, 2008

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

A. 2007-2008 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) – Amendment – added to agenda

B. 2008-2009 Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality Statewide Activities – Continuation – added to agenda

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

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

V. POINT OF THE DAY

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Communications, presented an historical perspective on the growth of the per pupil foundation allowance provided in the State School Aid Act.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

VIII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Presentation on MICHIANA Coordinated School Health Leadership Institute

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support Services
- Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Supervisor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs
- Ms. Dru Szczerba, Director, Cancer Prevention and Health Care Systems Initiative, American Cancer Society
- Ms. Deb Stellini, School Board Member, Taylor School District

The MICHIANA Coordinated School Health Leadership Institute is a collaborative effort between the Great Lakes American Cancer Society, the Michigan Departments of Education and Community Health, and the Indiana Departments of Education and Community Health. Started in 2004, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and the American Cancer Society, MICHIANA is a five-year initiative designed to replicate the success of the National School Health Leadership Institute in developing sustainable, local coordinated school health programs. During the first three years of MICHIANA, district teams of two-to-seven staff each participated in six bi-annual trainings designed to provide team members with the

knowledge and skills needed to successfully implement and sustain a coordinated school health program.

Mrs. Straus accepted a Certificate of Excellence from the American Cancer Society presented by Ms. Szczerba recognizing the Michigan Department of Education for commitment to professional growth of school health leaders and collaborative partnership contributions.

Board member comments and *staff clarification* included:

1. the Board has long realized the importance of healthy students and has passed policies supporting wellness and school health programs; it is rewarding to see the policies implemented in local schools through collaborative efforts;
2. the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is devoted to health care issues and has grant funds available – *Michigan has benefited from this Foundation's support; and*
3. often it is said that something cannot be done due to lack of money; however Taylor School District is doing wonderful things through a can-do spirit of partnerships, people who write proposals for grants during their spare time, and other volunteers.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Budget Recommendations for 2008-2009

The following individuals presented:

- Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. Rick Floria, Director, Financial Management
- Mr. Dan Hanrahan, Director, State Aid and School Finance

Highlights and changes in the Governor's 2009 budget recommendations were presented by Mr. Hanrahan who focused on the State School Aid Act, and Mr. Floria who explained the Department of Education budget. Changes are possible pending anticipated legislative approval of the budget in July.

Clarification was provided by Dr. Joseph Martineau, Interim Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability, for items 4, 7, and 8 below.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. every school district currently submits information that is placed in the Single Record Student Database; please clarify the pending proposal – *the proposed funding increase in Section 94a of the State School Aid Act to the Center for Educational Performance and Information is for*

development of a student data system that links preschool, kindergarten through twelfth grade, and higher education data to a student using a Unique Identification Code to provide longitudinal data;

2. will school districts need to submit information to multiple databases – *no, the information will be linked; it will be submitted once and used many times;*
3. what is the timeline for implementation – *summer 2009;*
4. clarify business case prepared by Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability – *psychometric analysis and reporting currently done via contracts will realize a cost savings of \$467,100 if a portion of the work is done by staff in the Department;*
5. budget items are included because the Department and Board have made their needs clear;
6. need revised talking points that indicate approximately how much is required for implementation in each section; as currently written it could be misinterpreted as the cost of staff;
7. if a portion of the work involved in assessment and testing is done inside will it be viewed as credible by the outside – *the printing and distribution will still be done by contractors; it is also anticipated that an independent outside group of psychometricians would review and assure that we have valid and reliable results;*
8. are there enough psychometricians available, and will the Department be able to provide positions competitive with the outside testing companies – *psychometrician market is tight, but we are building in multiple levels to allow for advancement; psychometricians typically enjoy research opportunities in real applications in an educational setting that are readily available at the Michigan Department of Education, which is not usually the case in other employment opportunities; and*
9. are there any program cuts being made – *no serious cuts or major changes to programs are being proposed; cost saving measures are being sought; a strong case has been made for implementation funding in response to audits.*

B. Presentation on Michigan Migrant Education Program

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Betty Underwood, Interim Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Linda Forward, Supervisor, Academic Support, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Rachael Moreno, Migrant Consultant, Academic Support
- Mr. Ricardo Briones, Migrant Consultant, Academic Support

As a leading agricultural state, Michigan annually hosts thousands of migrant workers who travel the county in search of temporary or seasonal work. They work in the fields planting and harvesting crops, work in the dairy operations, and the poultry industry. They arrive as early as February and depart in November. The children who travel with them attend Michigan schools while they are in the state. It is the responsibility of the local and state migrant education programs to provide stability in the education of children who may attend seven or eight different schools in four or five different states or other countries.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

Board member comment and *staff clarification* included:

1. what percentage of migrant students are enrolled in high school programs – information will be provided to Board members.

C. Discussion Regarding Criteria for Grant Programs

Board members requested clarification regarding criteria of the following grant programs on the Consent Agenda later in the meeting.

Mrs. Bauer said she serves on the Career and Technical Education Study Group of the National Association of State Boards of Education. She said she attended the January meeting, and noted that every topic raised was included in Michigan's five year plan. She said she is proud of Michigan for valuing career and technical education as an essential component of secondary and postsecondary education. She said she is concerned that the President's budget eliminates funding for the Carl D. Perkins Grants.

Mrs. Bauer asked if the Criteria for the Carl D. Perkins Federal Grants provide for the management of student organizations. Ms. Cantu, Director, Office of Career and Technical Preparation, said student organizations are included.

Mrs. Danhof asked if Criteria for the Title I, Part B, Reading First of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Elementary and Secondary Education Act are defined in the legislation. She further asked if Michigan is bound to use the same reading programs that were previously prescribed in legislation. Mr. Mark Coscarella, Supervisor, Reading First, said the criteria are defined in legislation, and Michigan is bound by the way the grant was written in 2002 to use the same programs. He said the reading programs have been reviewed, and based on scientific research they have been found to be beneficial for students. He said Michigan has experienced outstanding results with these programs.

Mrs. Danhof asked what changes are requested in Criteria for the Title III Immigrant Grant. Ms. Linda Forward, Supervisor, Academic Support, Office of School Improvement, said the United States Department of Education has determined that 15 percent of the 95 percent of the Title III funds shall be used for the Immigrant subgrant to maintain consistency with the No Child Left Behind Act. She said previously it was determined to be up to 15 percent of the funds.

Ms. Casandra Ulbrich said the Criteria for the 2008-2009 William F. Goodling Even Start Literacy Program Grants states "the Michigan Department of Education will receive approximately \$2.185 million for 2008-2009, \$2.05 million of which must be awarded for new and continuation grants." She asked what the remainder supports, and Dr. Lindy Buch, Supervisor, Early Childhood and Family Services said implementation of programs.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 8, 2008

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 8, 2008.

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

The motion carried.

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Michigan Virtual University Symposium

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer attended the Michigan Virtual University pre-Symposium dinner on February 5. She said the Symposium was titled Online Solutions to Everyday Challenges. She said Ms. Susan Patrick, President and CEO of the North American Council for Online Learning presented Mr. Flanagan with an award for "guiding the development of Michigan innovative online learning policy and his advocacy for teaching and learning in a virtual environment." Mrs. Straus said Mr. Flanagan was very gracious in accepting the award on behalf of the Board and Department staff who were instrumental in development and implementation of the initiative.

B. Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Mrs. Straus said today is February 12, President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and she has just reread his second inaugural address. She said an excerpt reads, "with malice toward none, with charity for all . . . let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds." Mrs. Straus said those words could serve as a guide to our state's leaders to work together to achieve economic and social justice for the people of Michigan.

C. Middle Schools Study Group

Mrs. Straus said she is a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education Middle Schools Study Group that met on January 25-26 in Alexandria, Virginia. She said middle schools became a topic of discussion when high school reform became a focal point. She said students must be prepared in middle school for the rigor of the high school curriculum. She said there has not been enough discussion surrounding middle schools, and she hopes this can be a future agenda topic at a State Board meeting or retreat.

Mrs. Straus said there were excellent presenters with useful information that will be compiled into a report that will be released by the National Association of State Boards of Education in October.

D. Confucius Institute at Wayne State University

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Bauer, and Ms. Ulbrich attended the opening of the Confucius Institute at Wayne State University on January 31. She said there were many representatives of kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and school districts that teach Mandarin in attendance. She said Wayne State

University is working to provide training for Chinese speakers to become certified to teach in public schools.

E. Foreign Language Immersion and Cultural Studies School

Mrs. Straus said she visited the Foreign Language Immersion and Cultural Studies School in Detroit on February 8, 2008. She said this public school has been teaching Mandarin with fully certified teachers since 1998. She said she saw an outstanding performance by students in observance of the Chinese New Year. She said Spanish, French, German, and Japanese are also taught in the school.

F. Governor's Education Summit

Mrs. Straus said the Governor's Education Summit will be held on March 4, 2008 at the Lansing Center. She said it promises to be an excellent conference, and she hopes many Board members can attend.

Mrs. Carnell said the theme of the Summit is teaching digital students in an analog environment. She said the focus is enriching the classroom through technology.

G. House Education Committee Testimony

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer testified before the House Education Committee on January 29, 2008 on House Bill 4042 regarding raising the dropout age from 16 to 18 years of age. She said they emphasized the need to keep students in school and the relationship to high expectations, graduation requirements, and alternative education programs. She said the bill was reported out of Committee with an amendment that it would start with the current seventh grade students.

H. Blue Ribbon Schools

Mrs. Straus said she is pleased that the Department is working toward a solution regarding the Blue Ribbon Schools Program that recognizes excellence in schools via a process that involves the community. She said she believes it is a very valuable and necessary program.

XIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

E. Report on Property Transfer and Teacher Revocation Decisions

F. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Sanilac Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- G. 2007-2008 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Initial
- H. 2007-2008 Fund for the Improvement of Education Grant – Initial
- I. 2007-2008 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment
- J. 2007-2008 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Amendment
- K. 2007-2008 Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology – Amendment
- L. 2007-2008 Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology, Category III, Comprehensive K-12 Data Management and Student Tracking System – Amendment and Continuation
- M. 2007-2008 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Amendment
- Z. 2007-2008 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) – Amendment
- AA. 2008-2009 Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality Statewide Activities – Continuation

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on:

A. Blue Ribbon Schools

Mr. Flanagan said some districts have expressed concern that the Blue Ribbon Schools (BRS) program was halted mid-cycle. He said in light of Executive Orders on hiring and lack of funds to hire someone to carry out the work for the 2007-08 program, the contract of the individual assisting with the BRS was not renewed in spring 2007, therefore the cycle never officially began.

Mr. Flanagan said unbeknownst to Michigan Department of Education (MDE) staff, the former contractor continued with the secondary application cycle, received applications, assigned readers, scored applications, and determined which buildings should receive site visits. He said there was no review of the readers or those who would visit the school for issues surrounding bias, and the BRS Advisory Committee was not involved in the review, selection, or site visits. He said all these actions are outside the protocols that have long been established by the BRS committee and MDE accepted practice. He said these actions put any decisions made at this point into question.

Mr. Flanagan said MDE and the BRS Advisory Committee are committed to developing a plan and securing external financial support to continue the program. He said sincere gratitude is extended to Mr. Mike Shibler, the BRS Advisory Committee Chair, and the BRS Advisory Committee for their willingness to assume responsibility for this year's program so schools can be recognized for their excellence.

B. Public School Academies

Mr. Flanagan said Grand Valley State University exercised its authority as an authorizer and recently closed two of its public school academies for underperformance. He said he commends authorizers for their willingness to take this step, and noted that there is currently no comparable authority for the closing of traditional public schools that are underperforming. He said there is currently an effort to clarify the Superintendent of Public Instruction's role and authority in closing underperforming schools. He said he believes several collaborative steps would occur to raise performance, before a school would be declared closed.

C. Career Education Conference

Mr. Flanagan said he attended the 2008 Career Education Conference in Detroit on February 11. He said he believes much of the relevance between academics and careers is found in career and technical education programs.

XIV. TEACHER OF THE YEAR

A written report by Mrs. June Teisan, 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year, was provided since she was in her classroom teaching.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Ms. Kim Cairy, Freeland, Michigan. Ms. Cairy, President, Michigan Art Education Association, provided verbal and written information on the Association points of pride, and their anticipated attendance at future board meetings.

B. Mr. George Wurtzel, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Wurtzel, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta and the Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund meeting.

XVI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. ELIZABETH W. BAUER

Mrs. Bauer said although the Board does not typically respond to comments made during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, she felt compelled to do so.

She said she, Mrs. Straus, and Mrs. McGuire were present at the Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund meeting on January 16, 2008. She said Mr. George Wurtzel was also present and shared his interpretation of that meeting. She said her interpretation differs from Mr. Wurtzel's.

Mrs. Bauer said she does not believe it is fair to say the Trust Fund Committee members are more concerned about the appearance of buildings and grounds than the programs. She said the first part of the meeting was a review of the survey and appraisal of the property that belongs to the State of Michigan, Department of Education, which incorporates a portion used by Camp Tuhsmeheeta, as well as portions that are not developed. Mrs. Bauer said consensus was reached at the meeting to leave the property as a whole entity, and not subdivide the property. She said the decision was not based on whether the buildings look good or whether or not camping experiences are beneficial to children. She said the members recognize that the camp experiences benefit the students.

Mrs. Bauer said there was also discussion regarding the cost effectiveness of the program. She said members recognize that the program effectively meets the needs of students, and employs persons who are blind in valid roles. She said the members have a fiduciary responsibility, and are asking for audited financial reports.

Mrs. Bauer said questions are not being posed to diminish the program, the experience for children who are blind, or the workers who exert great effort to give children a camping experience.

Mrs. Bauer said the discussion that occurred during the Trust Fund meeting with representatives of the Commission for the Blind was to expand the cash match opportunities.

Mrs. Bauer said there was discussion of fiscal accountability, and integrity of the property. She said there was no discussion of closing Camp Tuhsmeheeta, and staff members are working with Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind regarding an extended lease for the property.

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
(continued)

- C. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, Warren, Michigan. Mrs. Wood presented verbal and written information on public school academies.
- D. Ms. Laura Phy-Daly, Warren, Michigan. Ms. Phy-Daly provided comments on public school academies.
- E. Mr. Skip Lare, Okemos, Michigan. Mr. Lare provided comments on public school academies.

- F. Ms. Jessica Ratcliff, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ms. Ratcliff, representing Next Level Athletic Advisors, provided comments on student athletes.

XVIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Legislative Director; and Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, presented Legislative Update.

Ms. Hansknecht said the testimony provided by Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Bauer on House Bill 4042 was very helpful. She said the Bill on raising the compulsory attendance age to 18 was reported from Committee and is currently on the House floor.

Ms. Hansknecht said there is discussion regarding what should occur first, raising the compulsory attendance age or redesigning appropriate alternative education programs.

Ms. Hansknecht said there is currently discussion in the House regarding truancy bills, one relates to obtaining a driver's license and the other requires local districts to develop a truancy policy.

Ms. Hansknecht said a Supplemental Budget Bill was reported from the K-12 Subcommittee and it is currently before the full Appropriations Committee. She said it includes funding for secondary credit assessment previously referred to as end of course exams, Michigan School Readiness Program, and First Robotics.

Ms. Hansknecht said that on February 19 the Department will begin presentations before the Senate K-12 Subcommittee. Ms. Hansknecht said there will be other presentations scheduled including the introduction of Dr. Vaughn to the Senate Education Committee.

Ms. Hansknecht said there is a spirit of bipartisanship in the House and Senate, and the target date for completion of the 2009 Budget is July 4, 2008.

Mrs. Wolenberg said she is presenting Update on Federal Issues. She said the written report prepared by Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law and Federal Relations, includes information on the status of the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act; school renovation, repair, and maintenance as part of the Economic Stimulus Package; and corrected Federal Budget amounts to replace information presented to the Board in January.

Mrs. Danhof asked if all of the school bonding authority is being exhausted. Mrs. Wolenberg said she will verify that information.

XIX. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- O. Approval of the Michigan State Plan for Career and Technical Education – July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2013
- P. Approval of Accountability Workbook Amendments for 2007-2008
- Q. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report

Criteria

- R. Approval of Criteria for Carl D. Perkins Federal Grants
- S. Approval of Criteria for Title I, Part B, Subpart 1, Reading First of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- T. Approval of Criteria for the Title III Immigrant Grant
- U. Approval of Criteria for 2007-2008 State School Aid Act, Section 41, Bilingual Education Grants
- V. Approval of Criteria for 2007-2008 State School Aid Act, Section 57, Advanced and Accelerated Summer Institutes
- W. Approval of Criteria for the 2008-2009 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants

Resolutions

- X. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week
- Y. Approval of Resolution Honoring Jacqueline Ann Wood

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

- O. (1) approve the Michigan State Plan for Career and Technical Education – July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013, as discussed at the January 8, 2008, State Board of Education meeting; and (2) authorize the Superintendent to submit the Plan to the U.S. Secretary of Education;**
- P. approve the Accountability Workbook Amendments for 2007-08, as presented in the document attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008;**

- Q. approve the October 1- December 31, 2007 report of State Board of Education expenses, dated January 24, 2008;**
- R. approve the Criteria for Carl D. Perkins Federal Grants, authorized by P.L. 109-597, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008;**
- S. approve the criteria for the Title I, Part B, Subpart 1, Reading First of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Elementary and Secondary Education Act Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008;**
- T. approve the criteria for the Title III Immigrant Grant of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008;**
- U. approve the criteria for the 2007-2008 State School Aid Act, Section 41, Bilingual Education Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008;**
- V. approve the criteria for the 2007-2008 State School Aid Act, Section 57, Advanced and Accelerated Summer Institutes, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008;**
- W. approve the criteria for the 2008-2009 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008;**
- X. adopt the resolution regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008; and**
- Y. adopt the resolution honoring Jacqueline Ann Wood, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2008.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The resolution regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring Jacqueline Ann Wood is attached as Exhibit B.

XX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Five Year Graduates – Blind Students – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said she wants to clarify Mr. Wurtzel's comment made during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. She said it is incorrect to say that blind students will be kept in high school for five years.

Mrs. Straus said the Michigan Department of Education has received permission from the United States Department of Education to allow some students who need more time to graduate from high school to be allowed five years to graduate. She said students with disabilities may be allowed five years to graduate on a case by case basis related to their disability, and not all students in the state of Michigan will be allowed five years to graduate.

XXI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Straus requested that middle schools be a future agenda topic. Mrs. Danhof asked for a presentation on National Board Certification. She also asked that the March agenda include the 2009 Board of Directors for the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Curtin said they would like future discussion regarding spring Michigan Educational Assessment Program testing. Mrs. Danhof said there should be discussion regarding the hardships related to starting school after Labor Day.

Mrs. Bauer said students should present to the Board on a regular basis. Mrs. Curtin said all students should have the opportunity to be included, perhaps via video. Mrs. Carnell said it may be helpful to hear from a person who has graduated from high school in the past year or two, and may be attending a community college or university.

XXII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. February 21, 2008 (joint SBE/PSCT meeting)
- B. March 11, 2008
- C. April 8, 2008
- D. May 13, 2008

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary