

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

September 10, 2013
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President
Mr. Daniel Varner, Secretary
Dr. Richard Zeile, Treasurer
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, NASBE Delegate
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mrs. Eileen Weiser
Mr. Craig Ruff, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Gary Abud, Jr., 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

A. Information on Michigan Arts Education Survey Follow Up –
Memorandum dated September 10, 2013

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education and welcomed Mr. Gary Abud, Jr., 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, to the board table.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said Mr. Tom Watkins has been appointed Director of the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Authority. He said Mr. Watkins is a former State Superintendent and State Director of Mental Health.

Mr. Flanagan shared a video, "We Are Bloomingdale High School." He said Bloomingdale High School was a Persistently Low Achieving school, and is now labeled a Reward School for rapid improvement in achievement.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:44 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

VIII. PRESENTATION BY JOHN COVINGTON, CHANCELLOR, EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AUTHORITY

Dr. John Covington, Chancellor, Education Achievement Authority; and Dr. Mary Esselman, Deputy Chancellor for Instructional Support and Educational Accountability; Education Achievement Authority; presented on the Education Achievement Authority.

Mr. Flanagan said the incubation of the Education Achievement Authority began under Governor Granholm, when she signed into law the creation of the State Reform and Redesign District – a statewide district for schools that were in the bottom five percent of schools academically. He said the law was supported by the Board and Department as a strategy to assist underperforming schools in Michigan.

Mr. Flanagan said the Education Achievement Authority was created as the new entity to provide the operational structure to implement the law, for the schools that were to have gone into the State Reform and Redesign District.

Mr. Flanagan said Dr. John Covington was hired as Chancellor of the Education Achievement Authority, and it is beginning its second year of educating students. Mr. Flanagan said Dr. Covington presented to the Board on June 12, 2012, and the Board is pleased to welcome him.

Dr. Covington said the goal of the Education Achievement Authority is to transform traditional public schools and provide a prototype for 21st Century teaching and learning.

Dr. Covington and Dr. Esselman provided a progress update on the Education Achievement Authority through a video and PowerPoint presentation.

Board member discussion included computer adaptive assessments, culture of school attendance, student growth trends, student mastery of content, best practices of education improvement efforts, continuous testing for immediate feedback to teachers and students, services for special education students, parental involvement, Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) testing, exit strategy for schools in the Education Achievement Authority, teacher turnover rates, teacher training and professional learning communities, class sizes, instructional content, and site visits.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole meeting at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:53 a.m.

X. PRESENTATION ON TECHNOLOGY READINESS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Dr. Joseph Martineau, Deputy Superintendent, Accountability Services; Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services; Dr. David Judd, Director of Systems, Psychometrics, and Measurement Research; and Ms. Kaylee Cornfield, Digital Media Specialist, Accountability Services; presented on Technology Readiness for the 21st Century.

Mr. Flanagan said the Department is working on building the necessary structures to personalize learning and maximize the use of instructional technology for learning and assessments. He said staff is presenting some of the work in progress at this time.

Information was shared via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Board member discussion included technology infrastructure appropriation, role of the state, and focusing on priorities to personalize learning and professional development.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Mr. Ruff left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Mr. Don Pata, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Mr. Pata, representing the Network of Michigan Educators, shared verbal comments and written information on classroom success stories.

XIII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

At the request of Mr. Flanagan, Deputy Superintendents introduced the following new employees: Diana Lamb, Child Development and Care; Matt Pacer, Library of Michigan; Kinyel Ferguson, School Reform Office; and Terri Noyes, Special Education.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XV. PRESENTATION OF THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS REPORT

Dr. Joseph Martineau, Deputy Superintendent, Accountability Services, presented the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness Report.

Mr. Flanagan said the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness has released its report and provided a copy to the Board. He said Dr. Joseph Martineau was an ex officio member of the Council, and he is providing a summary of the set of recommendations contained in the final report.

Mr. Flanagan said the State Board of Education Statement on the report of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness is on the discussion/ action agenda as part of the State and Federal Legislative Update later in the meeting.

Dr. Martineau shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Board member discussion included assessment, reliability of value added measures, Michigan's status, supports for teachers to improve based on classroom observations and feedback, accommodation for drop in test scores during transition, student learning objectives, measuring growth in high schools, need for full implementation for teacher training and teacher support, state-approved teacher evaluation system, team teaching and extended absences, and mobility of students.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:18 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

D. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 13, 2013

Mr. Varner moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 13, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin thanked Mrs. Weiser and Dr. Zeile for joining him to testify before the House Education Subcommittee on Common Core Standards on August 14, 2013.

Mr. Austin said a graduate assistant has written a brief on Michigan education and finance that he has shared with the Board. Mr. Austin said Casandra Ulbrich, Eileen Weiser and he are participating in a bipartisan school funding workgroup with Chairman Bill Rogers and other members of the House Appropriations Subcommittees on School Aid and Education. He said information contained in the report will be shared with the workgroup, and he welcomes a discussion by the full Board.

XIX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

E. Human Resources Report

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

Grants

G. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2013-2014 Distribution of Federal Funds Awarded to Michigan Through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Initial
2. 2013-2014 Great Start Readiness Program Grants – Initial
3. 2013-2014 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004, Part B, Section 619 Preschool Grants – Initial
4. 2013-2014 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program – Amendment
5. 2013-2014 Secondary Perkins State Leadership Grant – Continuation
6. 2013-2014 Michigan Charter School Grant Program - Amendment, Continuation
7. 2013-2014 Title I, Part A Schoolwide Planning Grant – Initial
8. 2012-2013 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) – Amendment
9. 2013-2014 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) – Initial

Mr. Flanagan said he supports the work of Mr. Austin and the Board on big picture education funding reforms. Mr. Flanagan said he also believes that there could be incentives for a hybrid system of consolidated services when it helps districts save money and makes sense.

Mr. Austin said that he agrees that both approaches could be beneficial – the big picture overhaul of the way schools are organized and funded and incentives for consolidation of services when it helps save money and makes sense.

Mr. Flanagan said he will provide a report to the joint House and Senate K-12 appropriations subcommittees on September 12, 2013. He said it is one of the quarterly Deficit District Reports required of him by law.

XX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014

Mr. Flanagan presented the State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2014. He said most meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, but June, November and December are the third Tuesday of the month. He said the Board's retreat is scheduled for the first Tuesday in June.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education meeting schedule for 2014, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated August 26, 2013.

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2014 is attached as Exhibit A.

XXI. CONSENT AGENDA

- J. Approval of 2013 Master Plan for Michigan's Mathematics and Science Centers
- M. Approval of State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Cosponsorships

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- J. approve the 2013 Master Plan for Michigan's Mathematics and Science Centers, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 26, 2013; and**
- M. support the cosponsorship of the conferences, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 26, 2013.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Straus said former State Board of Education Member Elizabeth Bauer is being inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. Mrs. Straus said she will attend the induction ceremony on October 17. Board members said they will offer their congratulations by personally contributing to an advertisement in the conference program.

Dr. Zeile said he will be attending a regional symposium regarding issues, practices and policies related to the Next Generation Science Standards on September 20 in Pittsburgh. He said the National Association of State Boards of Education is sponsoring the event. Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact Mrs. Schneider if they would like to attend the symposia.

XXIII. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Gary Abud, Jr., 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year. He shared a video presentation of his science classroom at North High School in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, where he has a bring your own device learning environment. He said during the current school year, he will serve as an instructional coach for K-12 teachers in the school district providing one on one and group coaching and staff development.

Mr. Abud said as the Michigan Teacher of the Year, he has spent the summer providing professional development across the state. He said it is important to make the public aware of the good things that are happening in classrooms regarding effective 21st Century teaching and learning practices.

XXIV. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, presented the State and Federal Legislative Update. He said Mr. Flanagan will present the quarterly report on deficit districts to the joint House and Senate K-12 appropriations subcommittees on September 12, 2013, as required by law.

Mr. Ackley said there will be a joint meeting of the House and Senate Education committees on September 11, 2013, to hear testimony on the educator evaluation system proposed by the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness. He said testimony is expected from Deborah Ball, Chair of the Council and Dean of the University of Michigan School of Education, and Sandi Jacobs with the National Council on Teacher Quality.

Based on discussion earlier in the meeting regarding consolidation of services, a motion was made.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that in an effort to provide financial and systemic incentives for local school districts to consolidate administrative functions and responsibilities to the intermediate school district level, the State Board of Education moves to encourage the Legislature to appropriate no less than five million dollars to fund grants for pilot projects to drive consolidation of services to the intermediate school district level.

Ms. Fecteau asked what happens to the employees, if there is a consolidation process. Mr. Flanagan said if the appropriation occurs, grant criteria would come before the Board for approval.

Mr. Austin and Ms. Fecteau asked for clarification between administrative services and non-instructional services. Mr. Austin said he would prefer the term "non-instructional services."

Mrs. Weiser said if consolidation of services is at the intermediate school district, charter schools should not be excluded from banding together to consolidate services. Mr. Varner, Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Straus said it would be at the intermediate school district level, which would not exclude charter schools. Mr. Flanagan said clarity could be provided in the grant criteria to include any cluster of local educational agencies or the intermediate school district. He said the goal is to move toward economies of scale.

Mrs. Straus asked if consolidation of services would promote privatization of services. Mr. Flanagan said, in his view, it would not. Mr. Austin said criteria could be shaped to address Mrs. Straus's concern.

Mr. Varner moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny to call for the question.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion to call for the question carried unanimously.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Varner, Weiser, Zeile
Nay: Straus
Abstain: Ulbrich

The motion carried.

Dr. Ulbrich, Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee, said the committee met on August 19, and is recommending the Statement on Report of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness for approval by the full Board.

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the Statement on Report of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness, as attached to the memorandum from Casandra Ulbrich, Chair, State Board of Education Legislative Committee, dated September 5, 2013.

Dr. Ulbrich reviewed the statement, and discussion followed.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The State Board of Education Statement on Report of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness is attached as Exhibit B.

Dr. Ulbrich said Discussion on School Closure Policy is listed on the agenda, but the Board's Legislative Committee is awaiting Board member input to develop the statement. She requested that members contact a member of the Legislative Committee with their input. Legislative Committee members include Lupe Ramos-Montigny, Kathleen Straus, Eileen Weiser and Casandra Ulbrich.

Dr. Ulbrich said the October 21, 2013 Legislative Committee meeting will be rescheduled.

XXV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

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

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, October 8, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, November 19, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, December 17, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, January 14, 2014 (9:30 a.m.)

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at www.michigan.gov/sbe.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Varner
Secretary

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING SCHEDULE**

CALENDAR YEAR 2014

January 14, 2014

February 11, 2014

March 11, 2014

April 8, 2014

May 13, 2014

June 3, 2014 (Retreat)

June 17, 2014

August 12, 2014

September 9, 2014

October 14, 2014

November 18, 2014

December 16, 2014

Approved September 10, 2013

**State Board of Education Statement on
Report of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness**

The State Board of Education (SBE) commends the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness (MCEE) for a very comprehensive, thorough, thoughtful and professional report. It emphasizes that effective evaluations strengthen and improve teacher and administrative practices to improve student learning. Evaluations should not be used for punitive reasons. The SBE supports these goals.

The report calls for systemic change for schools. For these goals to be reached, training of those charged with performing evaluations is absolutely essential. This "professional learning" would be given to administrators, principals, peer evaluators and teachers. The SBE strongly supports this requirement.

In order to implement the MCEE's recommendations, additional state resources are required. The SBE recognizes that the need for sustainable state funding and integration overseen by the Michigan Department of Education are essential for effective implementation of the evaluation process and supports the recommendation.

In order to make the MCEE recommendations effective, the SBE recognizes the need to incorporate the value of evaluation in the preparation programs for teachers and administrators. Colleges of Education should include the evaluation process in the education of prospective teachers and administrators. The SBE also encourages school administrators working collaboratively with local school boards, teachers, and their elected representatives in deciding which evaluation to use; implementing it effectively and fairly; and providing peer review in the evaluation process.

The SBE endorses the MCEE recommendations. As the report is so comprehensive and lays out methods for local district implementation, professional development, processes for securing vendors, etc., it is imperative that it be implemented in its entirety. To select only portions to implement would negatively affect the evaluation process.

The State Board of Education joins the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness in recognizing the complexity of effective educator evaluation, and supports adoption of the report's recommendations in its entirety.

Approved September 10, 2013