MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

June 14, 2016
9:30 a.m.

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

Also Present: Mr. Rick Joseph, 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Pugh, Weiser, Zeile

The motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education and the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Whiston welcomed Mr. Craig Ruff, who is representing Governor Rick Snyder at the Board table.

Mr. Whiston invited audience members to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Weiser and Dr. Zeile arrived at 9:35 a.m.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year

B. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda as follows:

A. Adopt the resolution honoring the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 26, 2016; and

B. Adopt the resolution honoring the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2016.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile
Absent: Pugh

The motion carried.

The resolution honoring the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Rick Joseph, is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Tracy Horodyski, is attached at Exhibit B.

V. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Mr. Whiston said Mr. Rick Joseph has been a valuable resource at the Board table as a passionate advocate for teachers and students. Mr. Whiston thanked Mr. Joseph for his contributions to the teaching profession and for enriching the lives of the people he meets.

Mr. Joseph presented his final report as the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He shared a slide presentation highlighting his activities during the past year while serving as the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Austin presented Mr. Joseph with the resolution honoring him as the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – 2016-2017 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND STATE FINALISTS

Mr. Whiston said on May 20, 2016, he made a surprise announcement at Zinser Elementary School in Kenowa Hills Public Schools in greater Grand Rapids, naming Ms. Tracy Horodyski as the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He said Ms. Ramos-Montigny, a member of the selection committee, was present at the announcement.

Mr. Whiston said Ms. Horodyski is a reading interventionist and literacy coach and is described by her colleagues as passionate and excited about learning. He said she has 16 years of classroom experience and has taught all subjects in Kenowa Hills Public Schools.

Ms. Abbie Groff-Blaszak, Director, Office of Educator Talent, thanked Mr. Joseph stating that he has demonstrated the power of leveraging social media as an innovative professional learning tool for educators.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak showed a video of the surprise announcement of Ms. Tracy Horodyski as the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Ms. Groff-Blaszak introduced Ms. Horodyski who was accompanied by Ross Willick, Principal, Zinser Elementary School, and her family and friends.

Ms. Horodyski said everyone in the room is pursuing excellence, and she is excited and humbled to be part of the synergy and energy generated by the pursuit of excellence. She said she is inspired by the leadership of those present in maximizing the efforts of others toward the achievement of a goal. She said she humbly accepts the identity of the Michigan Teacher of the Year as she becomes part of the statewide effort to develop Michigan into a Top 10 education state in 10 years.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak introduced the three Michigan Teacher of the Year state finalists. She said state finalist Ms. Delia Bush is a 5th grade teacher at Alpine Elementary School in Kenowa Hills Public Schools. Ms. Ramos-Montigny presented a certificate and lapel pin to Ms. Bush. Mr. Whiston presented Principal Jason Snyder with the commemorative plaque for Alpine Elementary School.

Dr. Pugh arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak said Ms. Annette Christiansen is a state finalist who teaches 10th-12th grade English Language Arts at Stevenson High School in Utica Community Schools. She said Ms. Christiansen is unable to attend the Board meeting, and Principal Steven Pfannes, is representing her. Mr. Pfannes accepted the lapel pin and certificate from Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Weiser and the school plaque from Mr. Whiston.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak introduced state finalist Ms. Cassandra Joss who teaches 3rd grade at Burr Elementary in Utica Community Schools. Ms. Fecteau and Dr. Zeile presented Ms. Joss with a certificate and lapel pin. Principal Michael Hardy received a plaque for the school presented by Mr. Whiston.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak introduced Ms. Pam Harlin, representing Meemic Foundation, which is part of Meemic Insurance Company. Ms. Groff-Blaszak thanked the Meemic Foundation for financing all Michigan Teacher of the Year travel costs up to $10,000 per year, providing a $1,000 check to Tracy's school, and presenting checks to the schools of the three finalists in the fall.

Ms. Horodyski received the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year resolution from Mr. Austin. Dr. Ulbrich presented her with the Michigan Teacher of the Year statue, lapel pin, and a Michigan Teacher of the Year handbook. Principal Ross Willick received the commemorative plaque for Zinser Elementary School, which was presented by Mr. Whiston.

Mr. Whiston thanked Ms. Harlin and the Meemic Foundation for their support. He congratulated the Michigan Teacher of the Year, finalists, nominees, and their families and communities.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:08 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole at 10:16 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VIII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

IX. PRESENTATION ON THE STATEWIDE AUTISM RESOURCES AND TRAINING (START) INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

Ms. Janice Weckstein, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education; Ms. Becky Myers, Coordinator of Student Services, Hamilton Community Schools; Sydney Wassink, Student, Hamilton Community Schools; and Rachael VanHuis, Student, Hamilton Community Schools; presented on the Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START) Intensive Training Program and Implementation of Peer to Peer Program.

Mr. Whiston said The Statewide Autism Resources and Training Project, known as START, is one of the Office of Special Education grant-funded initiatives. He said START works with schools, community partners and families to support students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Information was provided via a PowerPoint presentation.

There were no additional comments from Board members.

X. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Brian Whiston, State Superintendent; and Ms. Alisande Henry, Special Projects, presented the Michigan Department of Education Annual Report.

Mr. Whiston said the 2015-2016 Annual Report for the Michigan Department of Education is designed to highlight the great strides made in the Michigan Department of Education in supporting schools, districts, educators, students, and parents through a lens of providing premier customer service.

The report, "Michigan Department of Education Annual Review 2015-2016," was distributed.

Mr. Whiston reviewed the annual report and provided information via a PowerPoint presentation.

Board member comments included appreciation from the field regarding Michigan Department of Education support and customer service, legislative relations and using the document for orientation of new legislators, issuing future annual reports in October or November providing up-to-date information for incoming legislators, inclusion of data and mapping progress in future reports, and integration of the Governor's 21st Century Education Commission with building Michigan into a Top 10 education state over the next 10 years.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Mr. Austin said as follow up to the Board's Retreat, he has provided budget priorities that are embedded in the Top 10 including postsecondary attainment, guidance counseling and early postsecondary credit. He encouraged Board members to submit additional budget priorities.

Mr. Austin said legislation regarding Detroit Public Schools has been passed by the Legislature, but he does not believe the total job has been done. He said he believes there needs to be a managing body for all public schools in order to have a long-term solution for Detroit Public Schools. He said it is necessary to work together to do the best we can with what we have.

Mr. Austin said the budget included modest enhancements to early literacy, career and technical education, and other areas. He said it didn't go far enough to reinvest in higher education, and access to higher education.

Mr. Austin said the Governor's 21st Century Education Commission will be meeting. He said he is hopeful that discussion will continue to advance strategies contained in the vision for developing Michigan into a Top 10 education state and take a broader look at the education system of the future. He hopes it will be a place to take up the challenges of tracking successful models of high performing states, school finance, charter/choice/new school creation, and differential funding.

Mr. Austin said the recent horrific events in Orlando are a reminder that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are too often the target of hate and not the agents of it, and that should be reflected upon.

XIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

I. Human Resources Report

J. Report on Teacher Revocation Decision

Grants

K. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2015-2016 Michigan STEM Partnership – Amendment; $475,000

2. 2015-2016 Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants – Amendment; $2,421,600

3. 2015-2016 Section 35a(5) Intermediate School District Early Literacy Coaches – Amendment; $3,000,000

4. 2015-2016 Section 35a(6) Targeted Literacy Instruction and Interventions – Amendment; $10,823,340

Mr. Whiston provided an update on school visits, speaking engagements and conferences that he attended during the past month. He also shared information on the State School Aid and Department budgets, Top 10 activities, and the stakeholder meeting to develop Michigan's plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act.

XIV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

G. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 10, 2016

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 10, 2016.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

H. Approval of Record of State Board of Education Retreat of May 18, 2016

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of State Board of Education Retreat of May 18, 2016.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XV. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Casandra Ulbrich, Chair, State Board of Education Legislative Committee, said there is nothing to discuss as a result of the June 7th Legislative Committee meeting.

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, said Detroit Public Schools legislation has passed, and that will be presented later in the meeting.

Mrs. Eileen Weiser, gubernatorial appointee to the Education Commission of the States (ECS), said ECS has been in Michigan discussing school finance. She said the Executive Director would like to present to the State Board of Education at a future meeting.

Mrs. Straus, NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee, provided an update on federal funding for education. She said NASBE has requested comments regarding the rules and regulations for the Every Student Succeeds Act, and she is requesting that comments be provided to her so that she can submit them to NASBE by the July 1, 2016, deadline.

Ms. Fecteau said states are being given more flexibility with accountability measures related to ESSA, and she asked if there are parameters. Mr. Whiston said the rules are not yet available, and staff will provide Board members with links to the proposed regulations.

XVI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MS. MICHELLE FECTEAU

Ms. Fecteau said her son, Cassidy, has written a poem that is included in the book, *Rare Air*. She said *Rare Air* is a collection of poems written by students attending Roberto Clemente Learning Academy in Detroit. She said she is very proud of the teacher and students.

XVII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MS. LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny thanked Mr. Benjamin Williams, Legislative Liaison, for his service to the Board and Department. She gave him a thank you gift, as he is leaving the Department for another job opportunity.

Mr. Whiston said Mr. Williams has accepted a position as the Midwest Legislative Director with The College Board. He thanked Ben for his service to the Michigan Department of Education, stating that he has done an outstanding job opening doors and developing relationships in the Legislature.

XVIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:25 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

IX. PRESENTATION BY DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. LaMar Lemmons, Detroit Public Schools Board of Education; Mr. Tom Bleakley, attorney; and Dr. Thomas Pedroni, teacher educator and educational researcher; presented on Detroit Public Schools.

Information was shared via a slide presentation.

Discussion followed.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 1:09 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XXI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. BRIAN J. WHISTON

Mr. Whiston asked Deputy Superintendents to introduce new employees.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations, introduced Ms. Catherine Lancaster and Mr. John Kurburski, who are employees working in the Library of Michigan.

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Ms. Marcia O'Brien, who is working in the Office of Special Education.

XXII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Andrew Steinman, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Steinman and a group of staff and students from Kent Innovation High School, shared verbal comments on innovation in education.

2. Rogelio Landin, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Landin, representing PerformancED, shared verbal comments regarding equity.

3. Linda L. Cypret-Kilbourne, Marshall, Michigan, representing Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, provided verbal comments and written information regarding race-based nicknames, mascots and logos.

Mr. Ruff left the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

M. Final Approval of Rochester College as an Educator Preparation Institution

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

M. Grant final approval to Rochester College as a Michigan educator preparation institution, as described in the State Superintendent's memorandum dated May 31, 2016.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXIV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. Austin said the Board may consider discussion of the resolution regarding the Use of American Indian Mascots, Nicknames, and Logos as adopted by the Board 0n June 26, 2003, and reaffirmed on August 10, 2010.

There was Board discussion regarding the presentation by Detroit Public Schools Board of Education.

Mr. Whiston said representatives of Rochester College were in attendance earlier in the Board meeting, and he congratulated them on final approval of Rochester College as an educator preparation institution.

XXV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Board members are asked to contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. Tuesday, August 9, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
B. Wednesday, September 14, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
C. Tuesday, October 11, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary

Exhibit A

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Rick Joseph

2015-2016 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from the University of Michigan and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Illinois-Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph is a National Board Certified Teacher and has been a fifth/sixth grade teacher at Covington School in the Birmingham Public School District since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Rick Joseph as the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph is known for his innovations in classroom teaching, instructional technology, and professional contributions to education; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph focuses on priorities of equality inside and outside of the classroom, balanced literacy and job embedded professional learning; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph has recognized the importance of student engagement and student challenges throughout his tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year and has never lost interest, his enthusiasm, and his total commitment to the ideals of education; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph has and will continue to make outstanding contributions to students and teachers in order to help build a better future for all of us; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rick Joseph and the thousands of educators in 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 14, 2016

Exhibit B

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Tracy Horodyski

2016-2017 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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 Tracy Horodyski, a reading interventionist and literacy coach at Zinser Elementary School, at Kenowa Hills Public Schools, with sixteen years of teaching experience, as the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Tracy Horodyski 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 14, 2016