

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

September 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: Mrs. Tracy Horodyski, 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

1. Information on the 2014-2015 Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

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

**Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education amend the agenda, by removing Item J – Discussion and Consideration of Action on the Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students.**

Dr. Zeile said federal case law is unsettled, a new administration may make a different interpretation on Title IX issues, Michigan does not have the same underlying laws as other states that have adopted similar policies, and he would like to see a report on the 13,000 public responses before he votes.

By request of Dr. Zeile, a roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend the agenda.

**Austin – Nay**  
**Fecteau – Nay**  
**Pugh – Nay**  
**Ramos-Montigny – Nay**  
**Straus – Nay**  
**Ulbrich – Nay**  
**Weiser – Aye**  
**Zeile – Aye**

**The motion to amend the agenda failed.**

The vote was taken on the motion to approve the agenda and order of priority.

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

**The motion carried.**

Mr. Whiston said there is an informational folder item titled Information on the 2014-2015 Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report. He said this item will not be discussed, but it is being provided to each Board member for their information.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Whiston asked Deputy Superintendents to introduce the newest members of the Michigan Department of Education. Dr. Venessa Keesler introduced Mr. Preston Hicks, Office of Professional Preparation Services. Ms. Susan Broman introduced Ms. Sandi Brueck, Office of Special Education.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:39 a.m. to convene the Committee of the Whole.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

### VII. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN STUDENT TEST OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (M-STEP) RESULTS

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent for Educator, Student and School Supports, presented the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) Results.

Mr. Whiston said the Michigan Department of Education released the statewide results of the 2016 M-STEP test before Labor Day this year, keeping the promise to deliver results in a timely fashion while also reducing testing time and increasing communication and support efforts. He said the presentation provides a brief overview of the results.

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

Board member comments included conclusions to be drawn from the drop in third grade reading scores, computer literacy associated with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade English language arts testing online, providing educators with support and time to help them deliver on rigorous learning expectations for students, meaningful change within margin of error, testing of English language learners, the need for district level partners to help determine underlying reasons for scores that differ by community, determining policies that should be developed to address the issues, and work group recommendations.

### VIII. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTION OF SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF CHILDREN BIRTH THROUGH AGE 8 IN EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE PROGRAMS

Ms. Kaitlin Ferrick, Director, Head Start State Collaboration; and Mr. Richard Lower, Director, Preschool & Out-of-School Time Learning; presented this Proposed Guidelines for Prevention of Suspension and Expulsion of Children Birth Through Age 8 in Early Education and Care Programs.

Mr. Whiston said the Guidance will be used to support providers of early education and care programs as part of the P-20 system by offering recommendations from the State Board of Education for preventing and/or significantly limiting expulsion, suspension or other exclusionary discipline practices in early childhood settings for children birth through age 8. He said following the presentation, there will be a period of public comment and consideration of Board action at its November meeting.

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

Board member comments included training and access to socio emotional resources for providers, encouragement of success by engagement of many varied populations that may have achievement gaps, collaboration with Michigan Economic Development Corporation Community Ventures programming supporting job seekers who are structurally unemployed, low average salaries of child care workers creating turnover and need to retrain, gap between genders larger than the ethnic gap, government's inability to fix everything, and the need for high-quality child care.

IX. PRESENTATION ON BUILDING A BETTER CHILD CARE SYSTEM REPORT

Ms. Shulawn Doxie, Special Assistant, P-20 System and Student Transitions; and Ms. Michelle Richard, Public Sector Consultants; presented the Building a Better Child Care System Report.

Mr. Whiston said early childhood stakeholders are invested in identifying ways to improve the child care system in Michigan. He said the presentation will provide an overview of the research and recommendations on the state of child care in Michigan conducted by Public Sector Consultants on behalf of the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start.

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

Board member comments included challenges to opening facilities and working with zoning boards, and clarification of state and federal investment in the child care subsidy program.

X. PRESENTATION ON STATEMENT AND GUIDANCE ON SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUESTIONING (LGBTQ) STUDENTS

Mr. Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations; and Ms. Kim Phillips-Knope, Michigan Department of Education Contractor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs; presented the Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students.

Mr. Whiston said the draft Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Students was presented to the State Board of Education on March 8, 2016. He said a public comment period took place from March 14 to May 11, 2016. He said comments were reviewed and categorized, a collaborative review meeting was held, and the document was revised. He said the Statement and Guidance will be discussed in the morning, and presented for Board action in the afternoon, if the Board so chooses.

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

Mr. Austin said he is encouraging the Board regarding approval of the voluntary Guidance. He said the Guidance encourages districts to create supportive environments to help students stay safe and learn, includes parental involvement, and addresses bathroom and changing rooms. He said many organizations are supportive of the Guidance, and the Board welcomes input during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. He said he hopes the Guidance is adopted and Michigan is seen as a welcoming and inclusive state.

Mr. Ruff said in school buildings, the best role models are staff. He asked if the guidelines affect the adults in school buildings.

Mrs. Weiser said she has tremendous respect for the time spent in developing the Guidance. She said she believes now is not the right time for the Guidance. She said Michigan is among the worst states in the country for bullying, and bullying statistics need to be impacted for 100 percent of students. She said she believes the LGBTQ Guidance should be deferred until the contradiction of the White House directive is resolved with the pending lawsuit filed by states.

Dr. Pugh asked about the process for crafting the document and stakeholder involvement. Ms. Phillips-Knope said the process was inclusive of a variety of parents and students, and those who were unable to attend meetings were able to provide input in writing or by telephone.

Dr. Zeile said he takes exception to the selection of statistics shared. He said obese students are the most often bullied. He asked if separate policies will be developed for each student subgroup. He said the biggest gap in suicide rates is between girls and boys, with boys five times more likely to commit suicide. He said the revised Guidance leaves the decision to the child, making adults responsible for the decision of the child. He said children may have fluid identities, and adopting policies that encourage labeling are a disservice to the majority of students in schools.

Ms. Fecteau said it seems nonsensical that there cannot be supports and policies for LGBTQ students, because there are no policies for other groups. She said the LGBTQ community has been incredibly vilified and they have experienced intense bullying. She said if the most vulnerable groups are protected, it helps protect all students.

Mrs. Straus said providing Guidance is in line with the function of the Board, and school district personnel were requesting Guidance regarding LGBTQ supports. She said it is good to be concerned about the needs of all students, including LGBTQ students. She said if bullying is widespread, then Board policies are not being implemented effectively. She said district personnel should be educated about bullying. She said she supports the Guidance.

Dr. Ulbrich said there are strong feelings on both sides, and she is thankful that all comments were taken seriously. She said people must be respected for who they say they are. She said she is a Title IX Coordinator and the Guidance is reflective of Title IX.

XI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MS. LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she must leave the Board meeting early. She said is unable to attend the annual conference and business meeting of the National Association of State Board of Education (NASBE) in Kansas City, Missouri, in October. She said Dr. Richard Zeile will be the voting delegate for Michigan, and he will lead the NASBE discussion during the afternoon portion of today's Board meeting.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 12:05 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Mr. Whiston said there are several people who have submitted Public Participation forms to offer comments, which will take approximately three hours. He said there will be a three-minute time limit to allow for the maximum number of comments. He said at 3:00 p.m., the Board will call for the vote on the Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students.

The following people offered public comment on the Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for LGBTQ Students:

1. Senator Patrick Colbeck, representing Michigan's 7<sup>th</sup> Senate District.
2. Nichole Ellefson, Williamston, Michigan.
3. Nell Kuhnmuensch, President, East Lansing School Board, Michigan.
4. Donna Rich Kaplowitz, East Lansing, Michigan.
5. Representative Gary Glenn, representing Michigan's 98<sup>th</sup> House District.
6. Peter Tchoryk, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
7. Craig McCalla, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
8. Terri Neely, Grass Lake, Michigan.
9. Austin Kreutz, representing Salt & Light Global, Allegan, Michigan.
10. Lisa Goyette, Lake Orion, Michigan.
11. Don Bradstreet, Battle Creek, Michigan.
12. Joseph Adcock, Davisburg, Michigan.
13. Jacqueline Leonna Turner, Westland, Michigan.
14. Kara Marie Ramsey, Westland, Michigan.

15. Stephanie DiPonio, Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health, Lansing, Michigan.
16. Teresa Marhofer, Immediate Past President, Milliken, Michigan; and Ruthann Jaquette, President, Grand Ledge, Michigan; representing the Michigan PTA.
17. Roz Keith, Stand with Trans, Farmington, Michigan.
18. Bill Sage, representing Constituting Michigan W.O.L.F. PAC, Allegan, Michigan.
19. Erica Maison, New Baltimore, Michigan.
20. Corey Maison, New Baltimore, Michigan.
21. Brian Perry, Dearborn, Michigan.
22. Rusty Chatfield, representing Northern Michigan Baptist Bible Church, Levering, Michigan.
23. Erica Spitzfaden, Charlotte, Michigan.
24. Rick Warzywak, representing Transformation MI and OAK Initiative, Atlanta, Michigan.
25. Shane Shananaquet, Adrian, Michigan.
26. Stella Shananaquet, Adrian, Michigan.
27. Tom McMillin, Rochester Hills, Michigan.
28. Keen Parra, Saline, Michigan.
29. Joel S. Eden, Westland, Michigan.
30. Elizabeth Bauer, Ferndale, Michigan.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny left the meeting at 1:35 p.m. She rejoined the meeting via telephone at 1:40 p.m.

31. Norma J. Bailey, representing Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
32. Bonnie Wood, Ovid, Michigan.
33. Matthew Shepard, representing U.S. Taxpayers party of Michigan, Perry, Michigan.
34. Daniel Graves, Jackson, Michigan.
35. Phil Needham, Warren, Michigan.
36. Reverend David J. Rufner, Jenison, Michigan.
37. Douglas Levesque, representing the Bible Nation Society, Owosso, Michigan.
38. Ginger Clifton, Portage, Michigan.
39. Joellen Pisarczyk, Milford, Michigan.
40. Debi Khasnabis, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
41. Jennifer VanAlstine, Kalkaska, Michigan.
42. Anita Calcagno, representing PFLAG Great Lansing Area, Grand Ledge, Michigan.
43. Maureen Connolly, representing Henry Ford Health System School-Based and Community Health Program, Detroit, Michigan.
44. Bob Wright, Milan, Michigan.
45. Nikki Snyder, Whitmore Lake, Michigan.
46. Bridget Trost, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
47. Sam Jones-Darling, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
48. Violet Seeburger, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

49. Finley Beaver, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
50. Mack Rasmussen, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
51. Riley O'Brien, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
52. Jennifer Lane, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
53. Karen Kahn-Schultz, Troy, Michigan.
54. Red Scanlan, Troy, Michigan.
55. Jasmine Early, Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Mr. Ruff left the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

56. Sean Kennedy, Swartz Creek, Michigan.
57. Nehal Patel, Dearborn, Michigan.
58. LaRae Munk, Grand Ledge, Michigan. Written information was also provided.

Mr. Whiston said due to the previously announced 3:00 p.m. vote on the Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for LGBTQ Students, the remaining speakers will be called by name and asked to succinctly state whether they are providing support or opposition to the statement and Guidance.

Mr. Whiston said the Board has received a letter signed by 41 members of the Michigan Senate opposing the Guidance. He said the Board has received an additional letter signed by 23 members of the Michigan House of Representatives supporting the Guidance.

Mr. Whiston asked Mrs. Schneider to call the names of the people who had not yet had the opportunity to comment. He asked them to succinctly state their support or opposition to the Guidance.

59. Vesta Losen, representing Keystone Academy, Romulus, Michigan. Opposition.
60. Shelly Hoffman, representing Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health, Flint, Michigan. Support.
61. Larry Goetschy, Ovid Michigan. Opposition.
62. Brad Hubbard, Battle Creek, Michigan. Opposition.
63. Wendie Holston, Flushing, Michigan. Support.
64. Darlene Fochtman, Comstock Park, Michigan. Opposition.
65. Reverend Beth Rakestraw, representing Inclusive Justice, Clarkston, Michigan. Support.
66. Lisa Winchell-Caldwell, representing Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, Okemos, Michigan. Support.
67. Donna Secor Pennington, representing Michigan Association of School Social Workers, Muskegon, Michigan. Support.
68. Sherry A. Wells, representing the Green Party, Ferndale, Michigan. Support.
69. Dennis A. Hult, Howard City, Michigan. Opposition.
70. Cheryl A. Hult, Howard City, Michigan. Opposition.

71. Tom Coy, representing Guard Our Children, Davison, Michigan. Written information was also provided. Opposition.
72. Sarah Myers, Olivet, Michigan. Opposition.
73. Sanaa Elias, Sterling Heights, Michigan. Opposition.
74. Kay Palinski, Lansing, Michigan. Opposition.
75. Alex Cicalese, representing Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Support.
76. Grace Bacon, representing Crossroads Gender Network – Transgender Safety Project, Clinton Township, Michigan. Support.
77. Deborah Holbrook (city not provided). Support.
78. Pam Hooker, Byron Center, Michigan. Opposition.

Mr. Whiston thanked the public for providing public comment. He said it is important to have all views heard.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON STATEMENT AND GUIDANCE ON SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUESTIONING (LGBTQ) STUDENTS.

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Mr. Whiston said the draft Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students was presented to the State Board of Education on March 8, 2016. He said a public comment period took place from March 14 to May 11, 2016. He said comments were reviewed and categorized, a collaborative review meeting was held, and the Statement was revised. Mr. Whiston said additional comments were provided during Public Participation at today's Board meeting.

Mr. Whiston said the revised Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for LGBTQ Students is now up for discussion and action, if the Board so chooses.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education adopt the revised Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students, as attached to the memorandum dated August 30, 2016.**

Dr. Zeile said a child's identity is not forged until the identity crisis in the mid- to late-teens. He said it is being assumed that children have an unchanging environment, and there is encouragement to label it. He said people should be treated with compassion, and there is no excuse for tolerating any bullying. He said the atrocities described are already against the rules, and adopting another set of rules will confuse the situation rather

than help. He said he implores his colleagues to wait until a better, more comprehensive set of guidelines grounded in sound theory is developed.

Mrs. Weiser said no paper is going to change hearts, minds and practices in schools. She said the guidelines do not have any basis in law, and there is no expansion of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act that supports them. She said there is litigation pending on the basis for the transgender policy. She said the bullying practices in the state is where change is needed, because no one deserves to be bullied.

Mrs. Straus thanked the people that provided testimony. She said the Guidance should be approved. She said the Board's discussion on the LGBTQ Guidance preceded the federal letter regarding Title IX, and she will support the Guidance.

Dr. Pugh said she is an advocate for health and social equity, and as a Christian the Guidance is a means of parity and equity for all children. She said she was happy that a diverse group of parents and students were invited to participate in the stakeholder meeting. She said the Guidance is voluntary, parental control was addressed, and clarity was provided regarding bathroom and locker room issues. She said she will support the Guidance.

Ms. Horodyski read a letter of support from Mr. Rick Joseph, 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Ulbrich said she echoes the statements made by Mrs. Straus, and she thanked everyone for providing feedback.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

Mr. Austin thanked people for providing input, and his colleagues for adopting the LGBTQ Guidance. He thanked the stakeholders and staff involved in drafting the Guidance. Mr. Austin said Michigan is sending a message that it is a welcoming, inclusive state.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny ended her telephone connection at 3:20 p.m.

XV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 3:20 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### XVI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no Board member comments regarding grant criteria.

### XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

## REGULAR MEETING

### XVIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

F. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 9, 2016

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 9, 2016.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Fecteau, Pugh, Straus, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile**

**Absent: Ramos-Montigny**

**Absent During Vote: Austin**

**The motion carried.**

### XIX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### Reports

G. Human Resources Report

H. Report on Annexation of Albion Public Schools to Marshall Public Schools

#### Grants

I. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2016-2017 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program - Initial;  
\$20,626,289

2. 2016-2017 IDEA, Part B Formula Grants - Initial; \$366,402,719

3. 2015-2016 Section 32p(4) Home Visitation Grants - Initial;  
\$2,498,273
4. 2016-2017 Distribution of Federal Funds Awarded to Michigan  
Through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act -  
Initial; \$9,912,145
5. 2016-2017 Great Start Readiness Program Grants - Initial;  
\$233,591,375
6. 2016-2017 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, Section  
619 Preschool Grants - Initial; \$11,142,002
7. 2015-2016 Flint Health Inspections and Meal Quality Tests - Initial;  
\$131,875
8. 2015-2016 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment  
Assistance Grant - Initial; \$639,418
9. 2015-2016 Promoting Adolescent Health in Michigan Through School-  
Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance -  
Amendment; \$28,450
10. 2016-2017 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) - Amendment;  
\$4,362,000
11. 2016-2017 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) - Initial;  
\$3,908,300
12. 2016-2017 Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Educ.  
Agencies, & Local Communities - Initial; \$1,660,500
13. 2016-2017 McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Grant (Estimated) -  
Initial; \$1,176,554
14. 2016-2017 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Programs - Initial;  
\$2,897,287
15. 2016-2017 Title III, English Language Acquisition Program - Initial;  
\$8,024,771
16. 2015-2016 1003(g) School Improvement Grant - Continuation;  
\$2,847,433
17. 2016-2017 Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants - Initial;  
\$8,746,705

Mr. Whiston said the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) has issued a press release announcing that Kathleen Straus will receive the David A. Kysilko Distinguished Service Award, recognizing her unwavering commitment to education. He said Mrs. Straus will receive the award at the NASBE annual conference in October.

Mr. Whiston offered Ms. Pugh condolences from the Board on the recent passing of her mother.

XX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Tracy Horodyski, 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Horodyski said recently she has been involved in work between Ferris State College of Education and Kenowa Hills Public Schools staff, which addresses the need for the social and emotional wellbeing of all students. She said she will share additional information at a future Board meeting.

XXI. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, presented the State and Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Ackley said the Legislature is in session. He said there have been committee meetings, but nothing has been moved out of committee.

Mr. Austin said the State Board of Education Legislative Committee met on September 9, 2016. Dr. Ulbrich said a quorum was not present, and the Committee has nothing to present to the full Board.

XXII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) BYLAWS, PUBLIC EDUCATION POSITIONS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Richard Zeile, Central Area Director, National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), said there is a State Board of Education meeting prior to the NASBE annual conference. He said he will defer discussion regarding the NASBE Bylaws, Public Education Positions and Board of Directors until the next Board meeting.

XXIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

Mr. Whiston said the State Board Executive has proposed a meeting schedule for 2017.

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education meeting schedule for**

**2017, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated August 30, 2015.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

Mrs. Weiser said she has conflicts regarding a few of the meeting dates, but she may be able to participate by telephone.

The State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2017 is attached as Exhibit A.

**XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- N. Approval of Criteria for Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grant, \$2,500,000
- O. Approval of Criteria for Section 35a(6) – The Michigan Education Corps Grant, \$1,000,000)
- P. Approval of Criteria for Section 32q – Early Learning Collaborative Pilot, \$175,000
- Q. Approval of Criteria for Section 21g: Competency-based Reporting Pilot Grant, \$500,000
- R. Approval of Criteria for Section 54b Statewide Implementation of the Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative Pilot, \$1,125,000
- S. Approval of Criteria for the Title IIA(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, \$2,200,000
- T. Approval of Criteria for Section 104(4) – Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Pilot Program, \$185,000

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, Mrs. Straus seconded, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:**

- N. approve the Criteria for the Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants, as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2016;**

- O. **approve the Criteria for Section 35a(6) – The Michigan Education Corps Grant, as attached to the State Superintendent’s memorandum dated August 30, 2016;**
- P. **approve the Criteria for Section 32q – Early Learning Collaborative Pilot, as attached to the State Superintendent’s memorandum dated August 30, 2016;**
- Q. **approve the Criteria for Section 21g: Competency-based Reporting Pilot Grant, as attached to the State Superintendent’s memorandum dated August 30, 2016;**
- R. **approve the Criteria for Section 54b Statewide Implementation of the Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative Pilot, as attached to the State Superintendent’s memorandum dated August 30, 2016;**
- S. **approve the Criteria the Title IIA(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, as attached to the State Superintendent’s memorandum dated August 30, 2016; and**
- T. **approve the Criteria for Section 104(4) – Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Pilot Program, as attached to the State Superintendent’s memorandum dated August 30, 2016.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

**XXV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Austin said the Board is doing important work to remove obstacles and improve outcomes for all young people whatever their particular barriers to learning.

Mr. Austin said he, Mrs. Weiser and Mr. Whiston serve on the Governor’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education Commission. He said he hopes to reinforce the work of the Top 10 in 10, and address financing of education in Michigan to improve learning outcomes for students who have the furthest to travel.

**XXVI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

Mrs. Straus provided an update on Micah Feldman, a student with special needs who presented to the Board in previous years. She said he graduated from Berkley High School, attended Oakland University, and is now a

teaching assistant at Syracuse University. She said he is invited to speak throughout the country regarding his experiences.

Ms. Fecteau asked for an update on the Michigan Department of Education meetings with stakeholders regarding special education. Mr. Whiston said the information will be provided to the Board.

Dr. Pugh thanked her colleagues for expressing their sympathies during the loss of her mother.

Dr. Pugh said there are large achievement gaps between African American males and other groups. The inequities of all groups need to be called out and addressed in order to meet the goal of Michigan becoming a Top 10 Education State in 10 Years.

Dr. Pugh asked if there were updates regarding the School Reform Office. Mr. Whiston said the Governor said he will not be closing any schools in Detroit during the three-year period, and the Senate and House of Representatives are asking the Attorney General for an opinion.

XXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

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

XXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, October 11, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, November 15, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, January 10, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at [www.michigan.gov/sbe](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe).

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau  
Secretary

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING SCHEDULE**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

**January 10, 2017**  
Second Tuesday

**February 14, 2017**  
Second Tuesday

**March 14, 2017**  
Second Tuesday

**April 18, 2017**  
Third Tuesday

**May 16, 2017**  
Third Tuesday

**May 23, 2017 (Board Retreat)**  
Fourth Tuesday

**June 13, 2017**  
Second Tuesday

**August 8, 2017**  
Second Tuesday

**September 12, 2017**  
Second Tuesday

**October 10, 2017**  
Second Tuesday

**November 14, 2017**  
Second Tuesday

**December 12, 2017**  
Second Tuesday