

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
Fourth Floor, John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

December 11, 2014  
1:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Mr. John C. Austin, President  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President (via telephone)  
Mr. Daniel Varner, Secretary (via telephone)  
Dr. Richard Zeile, Treasurer  
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, NASBE Delegate  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny (via telephone)  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

Also Present: Mr. Gary L. Ray, President, Ray and Associates, Inc.  
Dr. Timothy G. Quinn, President, Quinn and Associates  
Ms. Heather Calahan, Proposal Manager, Michigan Department of  
Technology, Management and Budget  
Ms. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, Michigan Department  
of Education

**Special Meeting**

I. Call to Order – 1:07 p.m.

Mr. Flanagan left the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda and Order of Priority

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, 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, Varner,  
Weiser**

**Absent: Zeile**

**The motion carried.**

III. Discussion/Action Regarding Search for Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Austin welcomed Board members; Mr. Gary L. Ray, President, Ray and Associates, Inc.; Dr. Timothy G. Quinn, President, Quinn and Associates; and Ms. Heather Calahan, Proposal Manager, Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

Mr. Austin said the Board is eager to fine tune the work program allowing the Board to enter into a contract with a search firm. He said he has been in contact with the Attorney General's Office regarding the process for the selection of the next State Superintendent of Public Instruction that is respectful of the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Austin led discussion regarding the proposed work program included in the proposal submitted by Ray and Associates, Inc.

Mr. Flanagan rejoined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Ray distributed a list of topics for discussion, and he and Mr. Quinn reviewed the list. Discussion followed.

Dr. Zeile joined the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Following discussion, there was Board consensus that details of the contract will be finalized, and representatives of Ray and Associates, Inc., will attend the December 16, 2014, Regular Meeting of the State Board of Education.

IV. Public Participation

There were no comments during public participation.

V. Adjournment – 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Varner  
Secretary