

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

August 8, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Brian J. Whiston, Chairman
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Co-President
Dr. Richard Zeile, Co-President
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer
Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate
Dr. Pamela Pugh
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Eileen Weiser
Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Luke Wilcox, 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny 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 to approve the agenda and order of priority.

**Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Ramos-Montigny, Snyder, Ulbrich,
Weiser, Zeile**

Absent: Pugh

The motion carried.

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

1. Information on the 2015-2016 Carl D. Perkins Annual Report

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 that new employees be introduced.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Operations, introduced Ms. Brenda Roys from the Office of School Support Services; and Ms. Kathy Kosinski from the Library of Michigan.

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports, introduced Mr. Joe Priest from the Office of Educator Talent; and Ms. Tabitha Barber, Mr. Braydin Walters, Mr. Isaiah Roberts, and Ms. Ebonee Rembert, from the Office of Professional Preparation Services.

Ms. Shulawn Doxie, Special Assistant for P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Ms. Noel Kelty from Early Childhood Development and Family Education.

Mr. Whiston invited the audience members to introduce themselves. He said audience members should complete public participation forms if they wish to offer comments during the public participation portion of the meeting.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:39 a.m. and convened 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 2016-2017 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNUAL REVIEW

Ms. Sheila Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations; Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student and School Supports; Ms. Shulawn Doxie, Special Assistant, P-20 System and Student Transitions; and Ms. Alisande Henry, Special Projects, Superintendent's Office; presented on the 2016-2017 Michigan Department of Education Annual Review.

Mr. Whiston said the 2016-2017 Michigan Department of Education Annual Review 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 Top 10 in 10 efforts.

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

Dr. Pugh arrived at 9:50 a.m.

Board member comments included compliments for clear presentation of complex information, editorial comments, competency-based learning and its assessment, deeper learning, parents as teacher supports, online programs for childcare workers and provision for supervision, alignment of initiatives and new development, comparison to other states, relevance of teacher interaction and relationship with students, security of student data, transparency for parents, wholistic approach, low National Assessment of Educational Progress scores of Michigan students with special needs, expansion of learner-centered supports to include more special education, teacher shortages, child care provider funding and access issues, competency-based learning applied to teachers who have difficulty passing tests, purpose of annual review, cost of postsecondary education and financial impact on students and families, tracking growth of students receiving special education services, identification of African American students in subgroups, and teacher effectiveness data factors including self-evaluation and years of service.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON K-3 COMPONENTS OF QUALITY FOR CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS

Mr. Richard Lower, Director, Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning; Ms. Emily Houk, Research to Practice Consulting; and Ms. Nancy Surbrook, Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency, Office of Innovative Projects; presented on K-3 Components of Quality for Classroom Environments.

Mr. Whiston said the document covers the context and environment in which children learn. He said the purpose is to create a shared vocabulary supporting K-3 quality; and foster conversations among administrators, teachers, and parents about policies and practices that promote high-quality classroom environments. He said following a period of public comment, the Board will be asked to consider approval at a future meeting.

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

Board member comments included Multi-Tiered System of Supports, developmental kindergarten and kindergarten, research implications to be used as a basis for policy, obtaining additional feedback from teachers, unstructured play, public comment process, ability to see changes in the document using crossed-out and capitalized words, and focus groups.

Mr. Whiston said additional teacher feedback will be sought prior to public comment and the request for Board approval.

IX. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda, due to time constraints.

Dr. Ulbrich asked for clarification on the Criteria for Project SEARCH Grant, which was provided by Mr. Guerrant.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 11:40 a.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XI. VOTE TO CONVENE CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MEMORANDUM OF LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING OPEN MEETINGS ACT WITH COUNSEL

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education meet in closed session under §8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under §13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act; specifically, the Office of the Attorney General’s memorandum of legal advice to the Board, which is subject to the attorney-client privilege.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Fecteau – Aye
McMillin – Aye
Pugh – Aye
Ramos-Montigny – Aye
Snyder – Aye
Ulbrich – Aye
Weiser – Aye
Zeile – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m., at which time the Board met in closed session until 1:02 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 1:07 p.m.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Leslie Love Smith, Trustee, Southfield Public Schools Board of Education, Southfield, Michigan, provided comments on kindergarten, 3rd grade reading legislation, and the Every Student Succeeds Act.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:12 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XV. PRESENTATION ON A PATH TO GOOD-PAYING CAREERS FOR ALL MICHIGANDERS: IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES FROM EDUCATION, BIRTH TO COLLEGE

Mr. Lou Glazer, President of Michigan Future, presented on A Path to Good-paying Careers for all Michiganders: Improving Student Outcomes from Education, Birth to College.

Mr. Whiston welcomed Mr. Glazer to the Board table. Mr. Glazer shared information on the report which is broken into three sections: redesigning education, human capital, and integration. He said the goal is to engage people in a conversation about how Michigan can meet the economic challenges of the future.

Board member comments included project-based learning, definition of success varies by person, cost of education and student debt, money management of school funding from an administrative perspective, design of education, assessment showing validity for college success, low wages of educators, and opportunities for special needs students.

XVI. PRESENTATION ON TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD UPDATES

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports; and Mr. Chris Janzer, Assistant Director, Educational Assessment and Accountability; presented Transparency Dashboard Updates.

Mr. Whiston said the presentation covers several updates related to work on the Every Student Succeeds Act Transparency Dashboard, including a general status update, methods in which to compare similar schools, and workgroups needed to develop later dashboard phases.

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

Board member comments included mobile-friendly dashboard; parent focus groups; parent voice in design; Detroit Parent Network participation; market testing; Board suggestions for focus group members; National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) as a model for charts that are easily understood; economically disadvantaged and minority comparisons; comparisons based on locale, geographic, or statistical information; and submission of additional information for Michigan's plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 2:05 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

G. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 13, 2017

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 June 13, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pugh, Snyder, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile
Absent During Vote: Ramos-Montigny**

The motion carried.

XIX. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Ulbrich said the Board had not met since its June meeting, and she welcomed her colleagues.

Dr. Zeile said he is appreciative of the work done by Michigan Department of Education staff. He said work on Top 10 initiatives is progressing, and he thanked staff.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

H. Human Resources Report

I. Report on Cosponsorships

Grants

J. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2016-2017 Section 104d and Section 35a(3) Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators - Amendment; \$4,500,000
2. 2016-2017 Section 35a(5) Additional Instructional Time and Interventions - Amendment; \$16,431,360
3. 2016-2017 Assessing a School, Justice, and Behavioral Health Collaborative Approach to Improving School Safety - Initial; \$20,000
3. 2016-2017 Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants: Section 11s(2)- School Social Workers - Amendment; \$1,950,000

4. 2016-2017 Project AWARE to Advance Wellness and Resilience in Education - Amendment; \$1,371,000
6. 2016-2017 Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Educ. Agencies, & Local Communities - Amendment; \$1,533,500
7. 2016-2017 Section 31b Year-Round School Grant - Amendment; \$1,448,489
8. 2016-2017 Section 32p(4) Home Visitation Grants - Initial; \$2,498,273
9. 2014-2015 Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants - Amendment; Continuation; \$76,416,974
10. 2015-2016 Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grant - Amendment; Continuation; \$4,243,637
11. 2016-2017 ISD Collaboration Grant - Initial; \$40,000
12. 2016-2017 Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants - Amendment; Continuation; \$19,119,451
13. 2016-2017 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program - Amendment; \$4,308,052
14. 2014-2015 Section 22.i: Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant - Amendment; \$25,548,982

Mr. Whiston shared an update on donation of school supplies; Mr. McMillin's reappointment to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission; Michigan's plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act; National Parent Teacher Association recognition of Michigan Department of Education (MDE) transparency; School Reform Office transitioning to MDE; career and technical education executive directives; and thanks to Robbie Jameson, Director of the Office of Education, State Budget Office, who has retired and welcome to Beth Bullion who is the incoming director.

XXI. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Luke Wilcox, mathematics teacher at East Kentwood High School in Kentwood Public Schools, provided his first report as the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Wilcox shared his website www.lukewilcox.org. He discussed his personal story and the journey of East Kentwood High School as a Beating the Odds School. He also provided information on the VanAndel Research Institute providing space for a training initiative supporting teachers. Mr. Wilcox said he intends to provide a teacher leadership academy, support new teachers, and promote successful mathematics instruction.

XXII. APPROVAL OF MODEL CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations; Ms. Kim Kovalchick, Supervisor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs; and Ms. Aimee Alaniz, School Safety Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs; presented Approval of Model Code of Student Conduct.

Mr. Whiston said The Model Code of Student Conduct has been updated to reflect recent changes in legislation that are scheduled to go into effect in August 2017. He said a presentation to the Board occurred at the June 13 Board meeting, and it was followed by a period for public comment. He said Board approval is being requested at today's meeting.

Mr. Guerrant said there was a request for the comments submitted by the public, and that was provided to the Board. He said the document was revised to reflect changes suggested by public comment.

Ms. Fecteau said due process should be ensured, and Mr. Guerrant said there is due process when someone is accused of a violation.

Mr. McMillin said a phrase was removed on the bottom of page 5 regarding the student's right to question school staff or students involved in or witness to the incident. Mr. Guerrant said that is to ensure anonymity for the person reporting a potentially unsafe situation.

Mr. McMillin said parent/guardian was removed from the bottom of page 6 and top of page 7. There was Board consensus to keep parent/guardian in the document to ensure their involvement.

Mr. McMillin said at the end of the first paragraph on page 32, he would like wording added to the attendance statement allowing parents to keep their students out of school for reasons parents deems acceptable.

Mrs. Weiser and Ms. Ramos-Montigny said it is a statement recognizing the importance of student learning through instruction provided in the school setting.

Mr. McMillin said he is opposed to adding the bolded language in the Sample Notice of Nondiscrimination on the last page of the document. Mr. McMillin asked for an explanation of gender expression, which Ms. Kovalchick provided.

Mrs. Weiser said the second paragraph from the bottom of page 16, Petition for Student to Return to School, begins with wording about a student in grade five or below, and then about a student 18 years of age or emancipated. She said this language seems contradictory. Ms. Alaniz said she will verify the wording.

Mrs. Weiser said federal law should be cited in the nondiscrimination notice. Ms. Snyder said she agrees with Mrs. Weiser.

Ms. Snyder said conflict management and working together to solve problems should be encouraged, rather than prescribing how to interrogate.

Dr. Zeile said the document covers an age range of 5 to 18. He said there should be an introductory statement advising that conduct should be scaled to the student's age. He said a title change should be considered, such as guidelines for teachers developing codes of student conduct.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said school district personnel will adapt the document so that it is age-appropriate.

Dr. Ulbrich said number 10 on page 30, sexual assault section, should contain a reference to the Title IX policy for additional information.

Mr. Whiston summarized the amendments to the document. He said parent/guardian will remain in the document to ensure their involvement; and Title IX will be referenced in the sexual assault section.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Model Code of Student Conduct, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 25, 2017, and as amended by discussion.

Mrs. Weiser said she also asked that the Sample Notice of Nondiscrimination include the attributions for the changes in bold that are linked to law, or specific granting requirements, and not guidelines.

Mrs. Weiser also said there should also be an age clarification in the Petition for Student to Return to School section.

Dr. Pugh asked why wording would only include citations linked to law or grant requirements, and not citations to voluntary Board-approved guidelines.

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, to amend the motion by eliminating Attachment 4 – Sample Notice of Nondiscrimination.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend.

**Fecteau – Nay
McMillin – Aye
Pugh – Nay
Ramos-Montigny – Nay
Snyder – Aye
Ulbrich – Nay
Weiser – Aye
Zeile – Aye**

The motion failed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve the Model Code of Student Conduct.

Fecteau – Aye
McMillin – Nay
Pugh – Aye
Ramos-Montigny – Aye
Snyder – Nay
Ulbrich – Aye
Weiser – Nay
Zeile – Nay

The motion failed.

XXIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Whiston said the Legislature is not in session, and in the interest of time, there will be no Legislative Update, unless the Board had questions.

Mr. Whiston asked if Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate, had information to share.

Ms. Snyder said Ms. Ramos-Montigny has been nominated as a Central Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). She said the vote will occur in November at the annual NASBE meeting. In response to a question, Dr. Zeile explained the duties of Central Area Director, a role in which he has previously served.

Dr. Pugh asked if the Board's nomination that was submitted for a NASBE award was chosen. Ms. Snyder said she will check with NASBE.

XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA

M. Approval of Criteria for Title I Statewide System of Support, Technical Assistance Grant, \$8,000,000

N. Approval of Criteria for Intermediate School District Collaboration Grant, \$1,200,000

O. Approval of Criteria for Project SEARCH Grant, \$100,000

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

M. Approve the Criteria for Title I Statewide System of Support, Technical Assistance Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 25, 2017;

N. Approve the Criteria for Intermediate School District Collaboration Grant, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated July 25, 2017; and

O. Approve the Criteria for Project SEARCH Grant, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated July 25, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. McMillin said Michigan Department of Education staff should stand firm while discussing Michigan’s plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act with the U.S. Department of Education.

Mr. McMillin asked for clarification regarding Early Literacy grants, which was provided by Mr. Stephen Best, Strategic Planning and Implementation. He said he wants to make sure schools can do what they think is best.

Mr. McMillin said he is concerned about mission creep. He said he would like to know if home visits are welcomed by families, and if notes are available.

Dr. Pugh said the national NAACP is visiting states to have discussions regarding their plans for the Every Student Succeeds Act. She said there is a pending visit to Detroit on August 26, and she will provide details as they become available.

XXVI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Whiston said Board members may contact him or the Co-Presidents with suggestions for future agenda topics.

XXVII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. Tuesday, September 12, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

B. Tuesday, October 10, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting at Kent Intermediate School District

C. Tuesday, November 14, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

D. Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary