

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

May 10, 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

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

Absent: Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

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

Mr. Whiston said he is recommending the removal of Items D and L – Criteria for Every Student Succeeds Act Regional Intermediate School District Partnership Grant, because the implementation date has been postponed to July 1, 2017.

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as amended.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

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.

Mrs. Weiser arrived at 9:37 a.m.

IV. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – BRIAN J. WHISTON

Mr. Whiston said Senator Patrick Colbeck and Representative Phil Potvin are present and must leave the Board meeting to attend the House and Senate sessions. He said the legislators will provide comments on the Board's draft Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students. Senator Colbeck and Representative Potvin were joined at the table by Senator Tom Casperson, and they shared comments in opposition to the draft statement and guidance.

Mr. Whiston said there will be no Board action taken today on the draft LGBTQ statement and guidance. He said the Public Participation portion of the Board meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. allowing others to voice their opinions.

Mr. Whiston said he also wanted to inform the Board that Michigan received an A on the National 2016 Dissection Choice Report Card issued by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. He said Michigan was recognized for outstanding dissection-choice policy, which supports compassionate students and modern science education and spares animals' lives. He said the State Board of Education adopted a policy on Student Options for Animal Dissection Coursework on May 13, 2014.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:44 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

Dr. Pugh arrived at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER

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

VII. PRESENTATION ON FINAL APPROVAL OF ROCHESTER COLLEGE AS AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION INSTITUTION

Ms. Leah Breen, Director, Professional Preparation Services; and Ms. Catherine Wigent, Higher Education Consultant; presented the Final Approval of Rochester College as an Educator Preparation Institution.

Mr. Whiston said the State Board of Education granted preliminary approval to Rochester College to prepare and recommend teachers on May 17, 2001 and probationary approval on January 10, 2006. He said during its periods of preliminary and probationary approval, Rochester College has continued to develop its program in response to the Committee of Scholars' criteria. He said the Committee of Scholars is now recommending Rochester College be granted final approval as a Michigan Educator Preparation Institution. He said the Board will be asked to take action granting final approval at its June 14, 2016, meeting.

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

Board member comments included concern about the effect a mentor institution with low scores could have on the college it is mentoring, and an explanation of the work of the Committee of Scholars.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON EDUCATOR PIPELINE INITIATIVES

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Accountability Services; and Ms. Leah Breen, Director, Professional Preparation Services; presented on Educator Pipeline Initiatives.

Mr. Whiston said the Michigan Department of Education and the state's Educator Preparation Institutions have been working diligently to improve preparation programs for educators and students. He said the presentation is a brief overview of the Educator Pipeline and some of the state-level activities related to the pipeline.

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

Board member comments included alternative certification programs; percentage of teachers that leave the profession; professional learning and career skill building; encouragement of National Board Certification; professional satisfaction; disaggregation of data related to systemic non-renewal of educator certificates; mentoring; administrative leadership; teacher preparation institutes can create individual education plans for graduating teacher candidates so their first school can support their strengths and help them improve their skills; structured mentoring from preparation to teaching similar to the medical model; exit interviews; preparation for teachers in special education, early literacy and dyslexia; occupational stress; survey of teachers within their first years of teaching; equitable access and implementation of survey data; mentoring and induction of new educators; educator evaluations; and impact of poverty.

IX. PRESENTATION ON A HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Elliott Attisha, Medical Director, Children’s Health Project of Detroit, Henry Ford Health System, School-Based & Community Health Program; presented on a Healthy Learning Environment: Current Challenges and Opportunities.

Mr. Whiston said Dr. Attisha’s work at both state and national levels has allowed him to advocate on behalf of some of the most underserved children. Mr. Whiston said Dr. Attisha will share his expertise on the importance of a healthy learning environment, the current challenges and the many opportunities to ensure children receive the healthy learning environment they deserve.

Dr. Pugh welcomed Dr. Elliott Attisha to the Board table. She thanked him for the work he and his wife, Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, are doing to support healthy learning environments for students throughout the state.

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

Board member comments included the roles of school-based health centers and school nurses, professional learning regarding physical activity for students, managing poor air quality in schools, chronic absenteeism, sharing of information by parental consent, stress causing the brain to reshape, funding, high lead levels in Detroit, mitigating poverty, education empowering learners, health factors affecting academic deficits and test scores, a compelling model that could replace school-administered health clinics, and school siting policy work.

X. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAM

This item was removed from the agenda.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Mr. Whiston said there are more than 100 people who wish to offer public comment at today’s meeting, and all who wish to speak will be heard. He said the period of public comment for the draft Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students will close on May 11, 2016, at the end of the day. He said all of the input, approximately 15,000 submissions, will be reviewed. He said the earliest Board action may occur is in August, and it will be public and clearly communicated.

The following people offered public comment on the draft LGBTQ Statement and Guidance:

1. Mary Beno, Howell, Michigan.
2. Teresa Severy, President, Michigan School Counselor Association, DeWitt, Michigan.
3. Sarah Jarous, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, Okemos, Michigan.
4. Lara Slee, Laingsburg, Michigan.
5. Jennifer and Andrew Robinson, Portage, Michigan.
6. Tim Schmig and Mike Reece, representing the Michigan Association of Christian Schools, Owosso, Michigan.
7. Deborah Lindner, Lansing, Michigan.
8. Kathryn Bondy-Fessler, Canton, Michigan.
9. Kate Fessler, Canton, Michigan.
10. Richard Fessler, Canton, Michigan.
11. Douglas Levesque, representing Bible Nation Society, Owosso, Michigan.
12. Michelle Fox-Phillips, representing Gender Identity Network Alliance, Warren, Michigan.
13. Isabelle Fessler, Canton, Michigan.
14. Jay Maddock, representing Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
15. Michael Reece, representing Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
16. Bill Wiesner, Founder, TCFamily.org, Traverse City, Michigan. Also provided written information.
17. Dennis Kargol, Traverse City, Michigan.
18. Austin Kreutz, Allegan, Michigan.
19. William Wagner, representing Great Lakes Justice Center, Lansing, Michigan. Also provided written information.
20. Tom Coy, Davison, Michigan. Also provided written information.
21. Nehal Patel, Dearborn, Michigan.
22. Reid E. Nelson, Mackinaw City, Michigan.
23. Jazmine Early, Sterling Heights, Michigan. Also provided written information.
24. Sanaa Elias, Sterling Heights, Michigan.
25. Gary Wauk, representing Alcona County Republican Party, Barton City, Michigan.
26. Mike Stephens, Midland, Michigan.
27. Jaime Ramsey, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
28. Michael Reece, representing Calvary Baptist Church, Midland, Michigan.
29. Nicole Adelman, representing Corner Health Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

30. Benjamin Bright, Auburn, Michigan.
31. Craig McCalla, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
32. Beth Josephson, East Lansing, Michigan.
33. Sean Kennedy, Swartz Creek, Michigan.
34. Christopher Yager, Swartz Creek, Michigan.
35. Erica Spitzfaden, Charlotte, Michigan.
36. James Tuppo, Owosso, Michigan.
37. Brenda Battle Jordan, Flint, Michigan.
38. Derek Ball, Monroe, Michigan.
39. William Kunz, Bloomfield, Michigan.
40. Kathryn Fitzner, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.
41. Charles Steinfield, Haslett, Michigan.
42. Zoe Russick Steinfield, Haslett, Michigan.
43. Norm Hughes, representing Michigan Conservative Union, Metamora, Michigan.
44. George Kullis, Holly, Michigan.
45. Danaye Nelsen, Holly, Michigan.
46. Tim Larrabee, Ferndale, Michigan.
47. Darlene Petty, Shepherd, Michigan.
48. Anita Calcagno, representing Greater Lansing PFLAG, Grand Ledge, Michigan.
49. Karen Walker, Portland, Michigan.
50. Jennifer Tafel, Ovid, Michigan.
51. Charlynn Walker, Portland, Michigan.
52. Danielle Wallace, Big Rapids, Michigan. Also provided written information.
53. Kenneth Frank, Williamston, Michigan.
54. Allan Wachendorfer, representing National Association of Social Workers – Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
55. Nicole Ellefson, Williamston, Michigan.
56. Cheree Thomas, representing Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, Okemos, Michigan.
57. Jim Schreur, Tekonsha, Michigan.
58. Jayne Locke, Howell, Michigan.
59. Robert Wright, Milan, Michigan.
60. Nicolette Snyder, Whitmore Lake, Michigan. Also provided written information.
61. Aiko Fukuchi, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
62. DeVon Burt, Redford, Michigan.
63. Jan K. Stowe, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
64. Nan O'Meara, Lansing, Michigan.
65. Riley O'Brien, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
66. Finley Beaver, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
67. MacKenzie Rasmussen, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
68. Emma Heth, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
69. Emily Hubbel, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
70. Kalneria (Cat) Williams, Detroit, Michigan.
71. Lance Hicks, Detroit, Michigan.
72. Mark Petzold, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

73. Tashmica Torok, Executive Director, The Firecracker Foundation, Lansing, Michigan.
74. Bill Sage, representing We the People of Liberty and Freedom, Allegan, Michigan.
75. Clinton Echols, Zeeland, Michigan.
76. Kyla Boyse, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
77. Jane Kangas, Royal Oak, Michigan.
78. Glenn Kangas, Royal Oak, Michigan.
79. Matthew Shepard, Secretary of U.S. Taxpayers Party of Michigan, Barry, Michigan.
80. Stella Shananaquet, Adrian, Michigan.
81. Shane Shananaquet, Adrian, Michigan.
82. Shawna Daniels, Monroe, Michigan.
83. Cathy Garnaut, Alto, Michigan.
84. Carol L. Brown, Lapeer, Michigan.
85. Donna Secor Pennington, representing Michigan Association of School Social Workers, Muskegon, Michigan.
86. Lisa Winchell-Caldwell, Associate Director, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, Okemos, Michigan.
87. Karen Palka, representing A Beautiful Me, Inc., Washington, Michigan.
88. Kelly Rabideau, Clarkston, Michigan.
89. Katie Lowe, Clarkston, Michigan.
90. Thomas A. Nelson, representing PFLAG Manistee, Fortunate Families Detroit, and Inclusive Justice, Farmington Hills, Michigan.
91. Linda Karle-Nelson, representing PFLAG Manistee, Fortunate Families Detroit, and Inclusive Justice, Farmington Hills, Michigan.
92. Deborah Moore, Sanford, Michigan.
93. Sherry Dillbeck, Sanford, Michigan.
94. Kristine Heslip, Clarkston, Michigan.
95. Connie Chiappelli, Clarkston, Michigan.
96. Jimmie Chiappelli, Clarkston, Michigan.
97. Beverly Sue Moore, Goodrich, Michigan.
98. Annmarie Richard, Highland, Michigan.
99. Victoria Miller, Waterford, Michigan.
100. Hannah Miller, Waterford, Michigan.
101. Carly Allen, Waterford, Michigan.
102. Michelle Molina, Ortonville, Michigan.
103. Jose M. Ybarra (city not provided).
104. Victor Torres (city not provided).
105. Sandy Kell, Goodrich, Michigan.
106. Patrick Rouse, Goodrich, Michigan.
107. Nicole England, Highland, Michigan. Also provided written information.
108. Scott Vanek, Waterford, Michigan.
109. Wayde Hoppe, Belleville, Michigan.
110. Jon Wilkes, Northville, Michigan.
111. Luke Shook, Lincoln Park, Michigan.
112. Terilynn Shields, Westland, Michigan.
113. Angela Vanek, Waterford, Michigan.

114. Erik and Holly Herrin, White Lake, Michigan.
115. Christopher Thoma, Hartland, Michigan.
116. Tim Totten, Grand Ledge, Michigan.
117. A letter regarding the draft LGBTQ statement and guidance from State Representative Lana Theis was read by Mrs. Marilyn Schneider.

The following people offered public comment on the topics specified below:

118. Holly Windram, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Holly Windram, Crystal Dias, Michael Roberts, Aaliyah Foster, representing Hope Network's Michigan Education Corps, provided comments on the impact of Michigan Education Corps/Reading Corps on Brownell STEM Academy in Flint Community Schools.
119. Rogelio Landin, Detroit, Michigan. Rogelio Landin provided comments on education reports and alignments.
120. Linda L. Cypret-Kilbourne, Marshall, Michigan, representing Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, provided comments regarding public participation in a local school board meeting.

XIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- E. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 12, 2016.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XIV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin thanked those in attendance for listening attentively to the comments provided during public participation. He said it would be helpful to share information related to the draft Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students. He said that could include the list of workgroup members, historic work in support of districts and the growing number of requests and interest for more guidance, and the list of organizations supporting and opposing the LGBTQ statement and guidance.

XV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Report

F. Human Resources Report

Grants

G. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2015-2016 Child Care and Development Block Grant – Initial; \$11,617,279
2. 2015-2016 Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge – Initial; Continuation; \$4,056,693
3. 2015-2016 Section 22.i: Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant – Amendment; \$11,269,077
4. 2015-2016 Section 35a(5) Intermediate School District Early Literacy Coaches – Amendment; \$2,962,500
5. 2015-2016 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment; \$467,955,246
6. 2015-2016 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program – Initial; \$6,628,359
7. 2015-2016 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Amendment; \$85,778,572

Mr. Whiston said he would forego his report due to the lateness of the hour.

XVI. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Joseph read a letter from Rob Lawrence, President of the Birmingham Board of Education, regarding the draft Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students.

XVII. APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Whiston said this is the normal nominations process for the Special Education Advisory Committee that advised the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities.

Ms. Teri Chapman, Director, Special Education, said there are corrections to the information that was provided to the Board. The terms of Jerry Davisson and Andrew Kowalczyk should expire in 2019, not 2018 as previously listed.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve nominations for ten organizational delegates, six organizational alternates and two at-large nominations for the terms specified in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 26, 2016, as amended by discussion.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVIII. UPDATE ON TOP 10 IN 10 PROGRESS

This item was removed due to time constraints.

XIX. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs; and Dr. Casandra Ulbrich, Chair, State Board of Education Legislative Committee; presented the State and Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Ackley said the Board's Legislative Committee met on May 2, 2016, and discussed House Bills 5409-5416 regarding seclusion and restraint.

Dr. Ulbrich said the Committee is recommending Board action on a statement regarding House Bills 5409-5416, and a draft statement was distributed.

Ms. Fecteau moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement on House Bills 5409-5416.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Statement on House Bills 5409-5416 is attached as Exhibit A.

XX. CONSENT AGENDA

K. Endorsement of Assessment Literacy Standards

L. Approval of Criteria for the Every Student Succeeds Act Regional Intermediate School District Partnership Grant, \$500,000

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

K. Endorse the Assessment Literacy Standards, as included in the Superintendent's memo dated May 10, 2016;

L. This item removed from the agenda.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Ulbrich said she met with representatives of The Education Trust-Midwest, and she provided Board members with a copy of the report "Accountability for All: 2016, The Broken Promise of Michigan's Charter Sector."

Mrs. Straus said she was impressed by the people who provided public comment and the respect demonstrated by everyone during the Board meeting.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said NASBE nominations for President-elect, Area Director and Awards are due on June 8th. Dr. Ulbrich suggested discussion at the Board's retreat on May 18, 2016.

XXII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

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

XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Wednesday, May 18, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Retreat at Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint, Michigan
- B. Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, August 9, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- D. Wednesday, September 14, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary

**State Board of Education Statement on
House Bills 5409-5416**

The Michigan State Board of Education strongly supports House Bills 5409-5416, which codify the Board's 2006 policy limiting the use of restraint and seclusion in schools as a last resort only in emergency situations. The tie-barred bills provide a clear path for implementation, including training of school personnel in positive behavior intervention support. The bills also call for assessment, monitoring, documentation and reporting by trained personnel for those emergency cases.

Research shows that schools implementing comprehensive behavior support systems see increased instructional time, reduced rates of expulsions and suspensions and increased academic achievement, with a resulting reduction in the need for seclusion and restraint. This policy will benefit all students, but it's crucial for special education students who suffer disproportionately higher rates of restraint and seclusion than other students.

After reviewing the proposed legislation, the Board recommends these revisions:

All bills: The specified training is costly but important to the legislation's success. We ask that the Legislature appropriate funding to ensure fidelity in implementation.

HB 5413, Documentation and reporting: We request strong but practical safeguards for due process to ensure reliability and fairness to school staff.

Adopted May 10, 2016