

RECORD

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RETREAT

Michigan School for the Deaf
Media Center
1235 West Court Street
Flint, Michigan

May 18, 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

Staff Present: Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Great Start
Mr. Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and
School Support Services
Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Accountability Services
Ms. Norma Jean Sass, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services
Mr. Martin Ackley, Director Public and Governmental Affairs
Ms. Wendy Larvick, Chief of Staff
Ms. Alisande Henry, Special Assistant
Mr. Stephen Best, Strategic Planning and Implementation
Ms. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive
Ms. Jennifer Cook, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION OF TOP 10 IN 10 GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Ms. Norma Jean Sass and Mr. Martin Ackley provided an update on the Top 10 in 10 Goals and Strategies.

IV. VISIONING FOR EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

Dr. Venessa Keesler led a discussion on Visioning for the Every Student Succeeds Act.

V. RECESS FOR LUNCH

VI. DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS

- National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Nominations

Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny led the discussion of NASBE Nominations.

President-Elect

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education nominate Dr. Richard Zeile, as a candidate for President-Elect of the 2017 National Association of State Boards of Education Board of Directors.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Leader of the Year Award

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education nominate Senator Geoff Hansen and Senator David Knezek for the 2016 National Association of State Boards of Education Policy Leader of the Year Award.

Mrs. Weiser said Senator Hansen and Senator Knezek have compassion for children and the citizens of Detroit and worked across party lines to develop a solution to move Detroit forward. She said they spent considerable time in Detroit and sought input from the Michigan Department of Education.

Ms. Pugh said there are State Representatives who are focused on Detroit and also worthy of the award.

Ms. Fecteau said Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo is a hero to educators.

Mr. Austin said Senator Hansen, a Republican from western Michigan, worked across the state. He said the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Detroit Chapter honored Senator Hansen.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Friend of Education Award

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education nominate Mr. Dan Varner for the 2016 National Association of State Boards of Education Friend of Education Award.

Mr. Austin said Mr. Varner is a straight-forward risk taker focused on thoughtful advocacy. He said Mr. Varner is extremely smart and passionate, especially for children of color, and he effectively persuades people to move toward compromise.

Ms. Fecteau said Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo would also be a good choice. She said Representative Gay-Dagnogo has visited many Detroit schools and listens to teachers. She said the nomination would be a good balance with the previous nomination of Senators for the Policy Leader of the Year Award.

Dr. Ulbrich said the criteria for the Friend of Education Award indicate that it may be an inappropriate category for the nomination of Representative Gay-Dagnogo.

Mr. Weiser said Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha would also be a worthy nominee for her work in Flint with the water crisis.

The vote was taken on the motion to nominate Mr. Varner.

Ayes: Austin, Ramos-Montigny, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile

The vote was taken on the nomination of Representative Gay-Dagnogo.

Ayes: Fecteau, Pugh, Straus, Ulbrich

The motion to nominate Mr. Varner carried.

David A. Kysilko Award

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education nominate Mrs. Kathleen Straus for the 2016 National Association of State Boards of Education David A. Kysilko Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Distinguished Service Award

Ms. Fecteau moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education nominate Mr. John Austin for the 2016 National Association of State Boards of Education Distinguished Service Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- Educator Evaluations

Dr. Venessa Keesler provided an update on Educator Evaluations in Michigan.

- Legislative Strategy

Mr. Whiston provided an update on Legislative Strategy.

- Michigan Department of Education Reorganization

Mr. Whiston provided an update on Michigan Department of Education Reorganization.

- Michigan Department of Education Annual Report

Ms. Alisande Henry provided an update on the Michigan Department of Education Annual Report.

- Budget 2016-2017

Mr. Martin Ackley provided an update on the Michigan Department of Education Budget for 2016-2017.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no guests attending the meeting.

VIII. TOUR

The Student Body Government of the Michigan School for the Deaf led a tour of the building and its programs.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary