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The following is a summary of items addressed by the State Board of Education, with web links to electronic versions of those items—as provided to the State Board.

REGULAR MEETING

REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-09 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided her final report as 2008-09 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Her report included highlights of the many events she has participated in over the year. Following her report, Jen was presented with a State Board of Education [Resolution](#) honoring her.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY)

Rob Stephenson, the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year was introduced to the Board. Following a brief video highlighting the surprise announcement on May 14, 2009, Rob made remarks on being named the Teacher of the Year. Rob is a third grade teacher at Wardcliff Elementary School, Okemos Public Schools.

A State Board of Education [Resolution](#), Teacher of the Year Sculpture and Lapel Pin, and a Tribute signed by the Governor and Lt. Governor were presented to Rob.

Mike Flanagan also presented the Okemos Public Schools with a plaque for the role the school has played in Rob's selection as Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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MTOY State Finalists

The following Michigan Teacher of the Year State Finalists were also introduced and presented with lapel pins and certificates: **Kassandra Lawhorne**, Seventh-Eighth Grade Mathematics Teacher, Bath Middle School, Bath; **Michelle McLemore**, Sixth-Twelfth Grade English Language Arts Teacher, Onsted High School, Onsted; **Lewis Smith**, Fifth Grade Teacher, Barth Elementary School, Romulus.

2008-2009 School Support Person of the Year (SSPOY)

Deb Nihart, the 2008-2009 Michigan School Support Person of the Year was introduced to the Board. The surprise announcement was made on May 14, 2009. Deb, a Media Center Educational Assistant at Constantine Public Schools, made remarks on being named the School Support Person of the Year, and was presented with a State Board of Education [Resolution](#), School Support Person of the Year Sculpture and Lapel Pin, a Governor's Proclamation, and Legislative Resolution.

Mike Flanagan also presented the Constantine Public Schools with a plaque for the role the school has played in Deb's selection as School Support Person of the Year.

SSPOY State Level Finalists

The following School Support Person of the Year State Finalists were also introduced and presented with lapel pins and certificates: **Kathy Petoskey**, Technology Coordinator/Media Center, Farwell High School; **Linda Stockton**, Secretary, Harrison High School, Farmington School District; and **Katie Vargo**, Office Professional, Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center, Bay City.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Presentation on Michigan Educational Technology Standards for Students \(METS-S\) – PK-12](#)

The 2009 revision of the Michigan Educational Technology Standards and Expectations for Michigan students, which was last approved by the Board in June of 2005, was presented to the Board. The revision brings the Standards up to date with the newest version of the International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE) National Educational Technology Standards for Students. The Standards will be available on the internet for public review and input for several weeks. The final draft will be presented to the Board in September.

[Click here for the PowerPoint presentation.](#)

Presentation/Discussion on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

The MDE continues to receive guidance from the U. S. Department of Education regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. MDE staff provided an update on new information since the April Board meeting.

[Click here for the PowerPoint presentation.](#)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent notified the Board that he has approved the Department's cosponsorship of the Youth Wellness Initiative: Team Kick Off Day Summit, and the Michigan Afterschool Collaborative Conference. The Superintendent also notified the Board of a teacher revocation decision.

In addition, the Superintendent provided the State Board with information on the following grants that have been awarded by the MDE.

- [2008-2009 The Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\) – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 Youth Wellness Initiative Team Nutrition – Initial](#)
- [2008-2009 Mandated Activities Projects Interagency Contracts, Part C, Training and Technical Assistance for Family Involvement – Amendment](#)
- [2007-2008 Reading First \(RLTC\) – Amendment and Continuation](#)
- [2008-2009 Reading First \(RLTC\) – Initial](#)
- [2006-2007 Reading First \(Statewide Activities\) – Initial](#)
- [2006-2007 Reading First – Amendment and Continuation](#)
- [2006-2007 Reading First \(Technical Assistance\) – Initial](#)
- [2008-2009 Title III – English Language Acquisition Program – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 Secondary CTE Perkins Assessment Grants Program – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 Tech Prep Grant Program – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 21st Century Community Learning Centers \(21st CCLC\) Grant Program Initial and Continuation](#)
- [2008-2009 Training and Technical Assistance for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Initial and Continuation](#)
- [2008-2009 Michigan Charter School Grant Program](#)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Approval of SBE/MDE Priorities for 2009-2010

The Board adopted the following goal and priorities for 2009-2010.

GOAL	Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students.
MDE/SBE PRIORITIES	<p>Continue to reimagine the pre-K-12 educational system in Michigan that will lead to the State Board of Education's expectation for student achievement.</p> <p>Continue to review and improve Michigan's teacher preparation system.</p> <p>Continue to advocate and promote high school reform, with an emphasis on relevance, relationships, and implementation.</p>
SBE PRIORITY	Develop public/private partnerships including creation of an education foundation to enable fundraising efforts to support SBE/MDE programs and services.

[Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee \(SEAC\)](#)

Each year the State Board of Education is asked to approve nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee membership. The following at-large and organizational appointments were approved:

Tamara Bashore-Berg, representing Michigan Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (MASCD)
Gary Brandt, Member-At-Large
Eldridge Chism, Member-At-Large
Julie Daggett-Lawrence, representing Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education (CAUSE)
Curtis Finch, representing Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA)
Patricia Gilcrest-Frazier, Member-At-Large
Tim Haist, representing Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)
Carrie Hanshaw, Member-At-Large
Chandra Jones, Member-At-Large
Margo Pierce, Member-At-Large
Rosemary Riley-Mondro, representing Statewide Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
Paul Robb, representing Michigan Association of School Psychologists (MASP)
Michelle Urbanek, representing Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments (MATCEI)
Steve Zinger, representing Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)

[Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Social Studies, History, Geography, Economics, and Political Science Teachers](#)

The Board approved the Standards for the Preparation of Social Studies, History, Geography, Economics, and Political Science teachers. The Standards were first presented to the Board at its April 2009 meeting and were available for public review and input during the months April and May 2009. These revised standards are aligned to meet and/or exceed current Grade Level Content Expectations and High School Content Expectations, as well as place greater emphasis on integrating content, content specific instruction/assessment, and technology.

[State and Federal Legislative Report](#)

The Board was provided with a legislative update since its May meeting, including the Department of Education Budget (HB 4438), Supplemental of Stimulus Funds for Federal Education Technology (HB 4308), the U. S. House Education and Labor Committee hearings, and the development of National common academic standards.

CONSENT AGENDA

As part of its Consent Agenda, the Board approved criteria for the:

- [2008-2009 Title V, Part A Innovative Programs Competitive Grant](#)
- [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – Qualified School Construction Bond \(ARRA-QSCB\) Program](#)
- [Michigan Statewide System of Support – School and District Audit Tool Development Grant](#)
- [Consolidated Application Grant Programs Made Available Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#)

In addition, action was taken by the Board on the following items that were presented in detail at its May 12, 2009 meeting:

- [Approval of the Michigan School Accreditation System \(MI-SAS\)](#)
- [Receive the Report on Michigan Equity Plan Update and Equitable Distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers](#)
- [Receive the Three-Year Reports on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Results for 2005-2008](#)

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of the Board is August 11, 2009. The July 14, 2009, meeting has been cancelled.

This publication is an effort to provide information on State Board of Education meeting highlights. The Board is interested in your feedback. Please direct your feedback to Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, at hamiltone@michigan.gov