

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

October 9, 2012  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Mr. John C. Austin, President  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer  
Dr. Richard Zeile, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus  
Mr. Daniel Varner  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser  
Mr. Greg Tedder, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Also Present: Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon, 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Absent: Mrs. Nancy Danhof, Secretary

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

#### II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEM

- A. Approval of Michigan's Position on Proposed National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Public Education Positions and Election of Officers (Item H)

#### III. 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, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner, Weiser, Zeile**  
**Absent: Danhof**

**The motion carried.**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education and the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan congratulated Mr. Austin on his new position as the Director of the Michigan Economic Center at the Prima Civitas Foundation.

Mr. Flanagan said he attended the Education Nation Summit in New York City on September 25 and had the opportunity to ask a question of Presidential candidate Mitt Romney. A video clip was shown.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:49 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON HEAD START AND CHILD CARE

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Great Start; Mr. Jeremy Reuter, Director, Head Start State Collaboration Office; and Ms. Lisa Brewer-Walraven, Director, Child Development and Care; presented on Head Start and Child Care.

Mr. Flanagan said Head Start and Child Care play a key role in the implementation of an effective early childhood system supporting the achievement of the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education outcomes.

Ms. Broman shared a video clip, and Mr. Reuter and Ms. Brewer-Walraven provided information through a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

There was discussion regarding eligibility of participants, waiting lists, program licensing, Ready to Learn, Early Childhood Investment Corporation, research and alternate reports, effective use of resources and investment, parental advocacy, outreach to English language learners, quality programs and helping programs improve rather than eliminating them, coordination with community based organizations, and flexibility in concepts as the mission evolves.

IX. PRESENTATION ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Mike Radke, Director, Office of Field Services; and Dr. Vince Dean, Director, Office of Standards and Assessment; presented English Language Development Standards for English Language Learners.

Mr. Flanagan said the English Language Development Standards for English Language Learners is being presented as a replacement of Michigan's current English Language Proficiency Standards.

Dr. Vaughn said the standards recommended for adoption are the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) English Language Development Standards which was the unanimous recommendation from the stakeholder advisory committee.

Mr. Radke and Dr. Dean provided information through a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Dr. Shereen Tabrizi, Manager, Special Populations, Office of Field Services, joined the presenters at the Board table.

There was discussion regarding retention of native language while students transition to English, advisory committee membership, other assessment options, examples of how WIDA differs from current standards, screening to assess children when they enter school, and bilingual instruction.

X. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no Board member comments regarding grant criteria.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:23 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- D. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of September 11, 2012

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of September 11, 2012.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner,  
Weiser, Zeile  
Absent: Danhof**

**The motion carried.**

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. John Gardner, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Gardner, representing Comcast, shared verbal comments and written information on the Internet Essentials Program.

XIV. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said based on a request by Board members, new employees of the Michigan Department of Education have been asked to attend the Board meeting. The following employees introduced themselves: Ms. Mary Fielding, Mr. Thomas Priest, Ms. Naomi Krefman, and Ms. Shannon White.

XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said the Board has been invited to speak at the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning Student Technology Showcase, and also participate in the selection of the Superintendent of the Year as facilitated by the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Austin said the Board is offering input to the State Aid Act Rewrite project. He provided an update and encouraged members to continue to participate in the process.

XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- E. Human Resources Report
- F. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

## Grants

### G. Report on Grant Awards

- 2011-2012 ISD Collaboration Grant – Amendment, Continuation
- 2012-2013 Michigan Charter School Grant Program– Initial
- 2011-2012 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Application for School Bus Driver Safety Education Program – Initial
- 2012-2013 Distribution of Federal Funds Awarded to Michigan Through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Initial
- 2012-2013 Secondary Perkins State Leadership Grant – Initial

Mr. Flanagan said during the past month he has attended the Citizens Research Council Annual Meeting, National Council of State Governments, and the Michigan eLibrary 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. He said he was a speaker at the Upper Great Lakes Summit and the Niagara Foundation Annual Dialog. He said his monthly school visit was to Engadine Consolidated Schools.

Mr. Flanagan said Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability has been re-elected as Co-Chair of the Executive Committee for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. He said Dr. Martineau is a nationally recognized leader in his field.

Mr. Flanagan said the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium released sample test items on October 9, and there will be a presentation at the November 20 Board meeting.

### XVII. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon, 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year. She provided a verbal update to her written report including highlights of her presentation to future teachers at Central Michigan University. She ended her report with an inspirational video presentation that she uses to celebrate the teaching profession.

### XVIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, presented State and Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Ackley introduced Ms. Wendy Larvick, Legislative Liaison, and new employee of the Michigan Department of Education.

Mr. Austin said the next meeting of the Board's Legislative Committee is Monday, October 15. He said the Committee should discuss Senate Bill 620 regarding Conversion Schools as well as other legislation and make a recommendation to the full Board at the November 20 Board meeting.

Mrs. Straus asked if that would be too late to make a recommendation before the Legislature takes action. Ms. Larvick said it is anticipated that Education Committee hearings will occur at the end of November.

Mrs. Straus said House Bill 5923 regarding New Form Schools is complex and should also be discussed at the Board's Legislative Committee meeting.

Mr. Ackley said at the House Education Committee workgroup meeting, Mrs. Danhof and Mrs. Weiser spoke eloquently in support of maintaining the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

This was a presentation only, and no action was required.

XIX. APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN'S POSITION ON PROPOSED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) PUBLIC EDUCATION POSITIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Richard Zeile, National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Delegate, presented Approval of Michigan's Position on Proposed National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Public Education Positions and Election of Officers.

Dr. Zeile said NASBE's Annual Business Meeting will be held on October 11-13, 2012 in Chicago. He said election of officers and voting on changes to NASBE's public education positions will occur at that meeting.

Dr. Zeile said Ms. Elaine Gantz-Berman from Colorado is the candidate for President-Elect, and Mr. Ken Willard from Kansas is the candidate for Central Area Director. He said both candidates are unopposed.

Mrs. McGuire said in the past Mr. Willard has been a supporter of creationism and she is uncomfortable voting for him.

Mr. Austin asked if any Board members know Ms. Gantz-Berman. Dr. Ulbrich said she served on the Governmental Affairs Committee with Ms. Gantz-Berman, and she was a very thoughtful member of the group.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education cast a ballot of support for Elaine Gantz-Berman as President-Elect, and non-support for Ken Willard as Central Area Director.**

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner, Weiser,  
Nay: Zeile  
Absent: Danhof**

**The motion carried.**

Dr. Ulbrich and Mr. Tedder left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Dr. Zeile said he served on the 2012 Public Education Positions Committee that drafted the proposed changes to NASBE's Public Education Policies. Dr. Zeile reviewed the proposed changes.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the National Association of State Boards of Education Public Education Policies, as described in Attachment A of the NASBE Delegate's memorandum dated October 9, 2012.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Straus, Varner, Weiser, Zeile  
Absent: Danhof, Ulbrich**

**The motion carried.**

XX. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

- J. Approval of Criteria for Title IIA Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grants
- K. Approval of Criteria for the Section 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grants
- L. Approval of Criteria for a Competitive Grant for the Support to the Early On Field Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- M. Approval of Criteria for Title I, Part A Schoolwide Planning Grant

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

- J. approve the Criteria for the Title IIA Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 24, 2012;**
- K. approve the Criteria for the Section 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 24, 2012;**
- L. approve the Criteria for a Competitive Grant for the Support to the Early On Field Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as attached in the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 24, 2012; and**
- M. approve the Criteria for Title I, Part A Schoolwide Planning Grant, as attached in the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 24, 2012.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Straus, Varner, Weiser, Zeile**  
**Absent: Danhof, Ulbrich**

**The motion carried.**

**XXI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

Mrs. McGuire said she would like the Legislative Committee to discuss the Department of Human Service policy that children must be in school, if their families are receiving public assistance payments.

Mrs. Straus said she would like the Board to receive an update on charter schools.

Mr. Varner said an evaluation study of Learnfare in Wisconsin shows a lack of impact on school attendance of teens receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

**XXII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the agenda planning committee comprised of Mr. Austin, Dr. Ulbrich, and Mrs. Danhof with suggestions for agenda topics.

**XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- A. Tuesday, November 20, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)**
- B. Tuesday, December 11, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)**

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof  
Secretary