MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

April 12, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Ms. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Zeile, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

Also Present: Ms. Matinga Ragatz, 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Absent: Mr. Daniel Varner

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

A. Approval of Michigan Association of School Boards Replacement Delegate to the Special Education Advisory Committee – added to agenda

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education and acknowledged staff and guests who were present at the meeting.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:47 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

V. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole to order at 9:48 a.m.

VI. PRESENTATION ON SCHOOLS BEATING THE ODDS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment & Accountability; and Dr. Venessa Keesler, Manager, Evaluation Research and Accountability; presented Schools Beating the Odds.

Dr. Vaughn said there are some schools that are beating the odds based on a comparison of two studies showing how similar schools performed. She said the schools being profiled beat the odds in terms of student outcomes given the context in which the schools operate. She said the lists will be released later in the week, and schools should be proud to be on either list.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

VII. PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS' DEFICIT STATUS

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Dan Hanrahan, Director, State Aid and School Finance; and Jeff Kolb, Financial Analyst; presented on School Districts' Deficit Status.

Ms. Wolenberg said there is evidence that the overwhelming majority of districts have been able to manage their finances and maintain a positive fund balance in very difficult times.

Mr. Hanrahan said in 2010, Michigan had 551 local educational agencies, 240 public school academies, and 57 intermediate school districts for a total of 848 education entities. He said of these entities, 95%, or 805, had a positive fund balance as of June 30, 2010. He said this included 515 local educational agencies, 233 public school academies, and 57 intermediate school districts.

Mr. Kolb reviewed the information which is accessible through the Budget and Salary/Compensation Transparency Reporting icon located on every school district website.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN ELECTRONIC LIBRARY (MeL)

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Nancy Robertson, State Librarian; Ms. Deb Biggs Thomas, Michigan Electronic Library Coordinator; and Ms. Barbara Fardell, Educational Technology; presented on the Library of Michigan including a demonstration on the Michigan Electronic Library (MeL).

Ms. Robertson said the Library of Michigan serves all branches of state government and all types of Michigan libraries, as well as collecting and maintaining the public record of the state. She said the Library of Michigan programming also promotes third grade reading proficiency and career and college readiness of K-12 students via the Michigan Electronic Library (www.mel.org), Michigan Reads!, summer reading, the SL21 benchmarking recognition program for school libraries and media centers.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:28 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Mr. Trent Wickwire, Dundee, Michigan. Mr. Wickwire, representing Abbey Budget and Control, provided verbal comments on a proposed pilot for a reduced service option in public education.

B. Mr. John Lauve, Holly, Michigan. Mr. Lauve provided verbal comments and written information on local control, school drop outs, and data.

C. Ms. Sandra York, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. York, Executive Director, Michigan Parent Teacher Association (PTA), provided verbal and written comments on PTA updates.

D. Ms. Ashna Khanna, Farmington, Michigan. Ms. Khanna, representing the Michigan Youth and Community Program, provided verbal comments and written information on diversity learning including a draft resolution on diversity learning.

XI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. JOHN C. AUSTIN

Mr. Austin said the Board welcomes youth participation and the opportunity to work together regarding diversity learning.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:55 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

XIII. PRESENTATION ON USING THE MICHIGAN ONLINE EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (MOECS) AND NEW TEACHER INDUCTION AND MENTORING RESOURCES

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Ms. Krista Ried, Supervisor, Client Services; Mr. Michael Mekhayel, Department Analyst; Ms. Karen Taylor, Department Analyst; and Ms. Donna Hamilton, Education Consultant; demonstrated the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) and New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Resources.

Dr. Jenkins said the Office of Professional Preparation Services is responsible for processing over 50,000 educator certificates, licenses, permits, and authorizations annually. She said the database contains over 750,000 records. Ms. Karen Taylor provided a demonstration on MOECS.

Ms. Donna Hamilton provided a demonstration on Advocating Strong Standards-based Induction Support for Teachers (ASSIST) which provides new teachers with website resources and instructional modules that are available 24 hours a day. She said ASSIST modules are available as State Board of Education Continuing Education Units through Michigan Virtual University's LearnPort.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown for ASSIST.

XIV. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no Board member questions regarding grant criteria.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:15 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

F. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2011

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Closed Session of March 8, 2011

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of Closed Session of March 8, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XVII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said the Board continues to encourage reform and focus on performance. He said expectations for performance should be coupled with meaningful support.

Following discussion regarding listening sessions, there was Board consensus to delay State Board of Education sponsored public forums until the fall. Mr. Austin said he will participate in spring listening sessions, and he invited other Board members to join him.

Mrs. Danhof left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Human Resources Update

H. Report on Michigan Department of Education Cosponsorship

Grants

I. Report on Grant Awards

- 2010-2011 Secondary Perkins State Leadership Grant – Amendment
- 2010-2011 IDEA, Part B Formula Grants – Amendment
- 2010-2011 Competitive Early on Grants Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 – Initial
- 2010-2011 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants Facilitators/ Monitors – Initial
- 2010-2011 Designated State Aid Grant – School-Based Crisis Intervention – Continuation
- 2010-2011 Statewide Collaboration for Technical Assistance Grant for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program – Initial
- 2010-2011 Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant – Initial
- 2010-2011 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on alternate routes to teacher certification, additional hearings on the Michigan School Accreditation and Accountability System, his participation in the International Summit on the Teaching Profession, and the retirement reception of Principal Rick Jones from North Farmington High School.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

XIX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Matinga Ragatz, 2010-2011 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 the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning Conference, the 2011 Creative Educator Summit that was organized by DeWitt High School students, and an upcoming student forum at Grand Ledge High School on April 27.

XX. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, State and Federal Legislative Director, presented the State and Federal Legislative Update. She provided an update on the federal reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, federal and state budgets, State Emergency Manager legislation, and the Joint Legislative Session of the National Association of State Boards of Education and the Council of Chief State School Officers on March 27-29 that she attended with Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Straus.

XXI. DISCUSSION REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Zeile, NASBE Delegate, said State Boards of Education have been asked by the National Association of State Boards of Education to submit nominations for the 2011 Policy Leader of the Year Award, and Friend of Education Award. He said the nominations are due May 20, 2011.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education nominate former Congressman Vern Ehlers for the National Association of State Boards of Education Policy Leader Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Dr. Zeile said State Boards of Education have also been asked to submit nominations for the 2012 President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Directors. He said the nominations are due June 8, 2011. There was Board consensus to discuss additional nominations at the May 10, 2011, State Board of Education meeting.

XXII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

L. Approval of Two Replacement Organizational Seats on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

M. Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Industrial and Technology Education (IX)

Q. Approval of Michigan Association of School Boards Replacement Delegate to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Criteria

N. Criteria for the Title II (B) Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant Program

O. Criteria for the Allocation Formula for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

P. Approval of Criteria for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program

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

L. approve the Michigan Alliance for Families and the Association for Children's Mental Health to fill the two organizational vacancies on the SEAC, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 21, 2011;

M. approve the Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Industrial and Technology Education (IX), as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 21, 2011;

Q. approve the Michigan Association of School Boards nomination of Ms. Deborah Hurren as its replacement delegate to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, as specified in the transmittal memorandum dated April 7, 2011;

N. approve the criteria for the Title II (B) Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 21, 2011;

O. approve the criteria for the Allocation Formula for The Emergency Food Assistance Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 11, 2011; and

P. approve the criteria for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 21, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XXIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Weiser said she distributed copies of the March 17, 2011 issue of *Education Week – Technology Counts* and an *Education Next Future Schools* article on blending face-to-face and online learning.

Mrs. Straus said she has learned that State Board of Education members will be invited to attend the NASBE Common Core Implementation Conference in another region, since the May 10-11 Central Regional meeting conflicts with the State Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Straus said she participated in a webinar on implementing the Common Core.

Mr. Zeile said he represented the Board at a March meeting of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, and also a meeting at Wayne RESA on March 23.

XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mr. Austin, Ms. Ulbrich, and Mrs. Danhof with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. Tuesday, May 10, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
B. Tuesday, May 24, 2011 (9:30 a.m. Retreat)
C. Tuesday, June 14, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
D. Tuesday, July 12 (if needed)

XXVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof
Secretary