

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

September 13, 2011
9:30 a.m.

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

Also Present: Mr. Paul Galbenski, 2011-2012 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children Program
- B. HealthierUS School Challenge

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Flanagan said Mrs. Danhof had previously requested that Item N, Recommendation for By-law Change from State Board of Education Legislative Committee, be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

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,
DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

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

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Mrs. Danhof arrived at 9:40 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

VII. PRESENTATION ON EDUCATING MICHIGAN'S STUDENTS WITH AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDER: AN INITIAL EXPLORATION OF PROGRAMMING –
THE ASD MICHIGAN PROJECT REPORT

Dr. Robert E. Floden, Interim Dean of the College of Education and Co-Director, Education Policy Center, Michigan State University; and Dr. Summer Ferreri, Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education, College of Education, Michigan State University; presented Educating Michigan's Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder: An Initial Exploration of Programming – The ASD Michigan Project Report.

Mr. Flanagan said the ASD-Michigan Project is the first study of its kind to examine the extent to which Michigan public school professionals are trained in effective practices for educating students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and how often they use such practices with students.

Mrs. Weiser thanked those involved in the study that began three years ago.

Dr. Eleanor White, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Programs, Michigan Department of Education, joined the presenters at the Board table.

Dr. Floden and Dr. Ferreri provided information through a PowerPoint presentation.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON MODEL POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Grants Coordination and School Support; and Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Supervisor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit; presented Model Policy on the Management of Diabetes in the School Setting.

Mrs. Chartrand said the Model Policy on the Management of Diabetes in the School Setting will serve as a guide to public school districts and academies, offering recommendations to the school and classroom environment.

Mr. Guerrant said a workgroup was convened and included diverse representation. He explained the process used to develop the Model Policy.

This item will be presented to the Board for approval in November.

IX. UPDATE ON THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF GREAT START

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; presented the Update on the Creation of the Office of Great Start.

Dr. Vaughn said on June 29, 2011, Governor Snyder signed Executive Order 2011-8, creating the Office of Great Start (OGS) in the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), transferring to the OGS the MDE's Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services and the Michigan Department of Human Services' Offices of Child Development and Care and Head Start Collaboration. Dr. Vaughn said the purpose of the OGS is to create a coherent system of health and early learning that aligns, integrates, and coordinates Michigan's investments from prenatal to third grade.

Dr. Vaughn shared information through a PowerPoint presentation.

X. PRESENTATION ON THE NEW CUT SCORES ON THE MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MEAP) AND MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION (MME) TO BE CONSISTENT WITH CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability; presented The New Cut Scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Examination (MME) to be Consistent with Career and College Readiness.

Mr. Flanagan said in February the State Board of Education approved moving forward with resetting cut scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Examination (MME) to be consistent with career and college readiness. He said the recommended new cut scores are being presented for approval.

Mr. Flanagan said there has been support for Michigan's efforts in raising cut scores to more accurately reflect career and college readiness. He showed a video clip from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's visit to Michigan on September 8, 2011.

Dr. Martineau provided information and answered questions on the recommended cut scores through a PowerPoint presentation.

This item was presented to the Board for approval during the Regular Meeting.

XI. PRESENTATION ON THE BIG HISTORY PROJECT

Dr. Bob Bain, Associate Professor, School of Education and Associate Professor, Department of History, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, University of Michigan; presented the Big History Project.

Dr. Bain said the Big History Project is a multi-disciplinary course that places the human past within the largest context possible, from the beginning of the universe up until life on the Earth today. He said it unifies history, literacy, and the humanities with the latest findings in astronomy, physics, biology, geography, geology, climatology, archeology, anthropology, cosmology, natural history, and population and environmental studies. Dr. Bain said schools and teachers are being recruited to participate in the Big History Project.

Dr. Bain provided information through a PowerPoint Presentation.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:27 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Denise Pentescu, Howell, Michigan. Ms. Pentescu, representing the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, provided verbal comments on the Model Policy on the Management of Diabetes in the School Setting.

- B. Mr. Jim McGowan, St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. McGowan, representing the American Diabetes Association (ADA), provided verbal comments on ADA's Safe at School initiative and the Model Policy on the Management of Diabetes in the School Setting.
- C. Ms. Sally Joy, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. Joy, representing the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, provided verbal comments on the Model Policy on the Management of Diabetes in the School Setting.
- D. Ms. Evilia Jankowski, Byron, Michigan. Ms. Jankowski, representing the Michigan School Nurses Association, provided verbal comments on the Management of Diabetes in the School Setting.
- E. Mr. Lauve, Holly, Michigan. Mr. Lauve shared verbal and written information on a standardized financial accounting system.
- F. Ms. Mary Wood, Warren, Michigan. Ms. Wood shared verbal and written information on charter schools.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 1:52 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XV. PRESENTATION ON ALTERNATE ROUTES TO TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATION AND THREE-TIERED TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; and Mr. Rajah Smart, Education Consultant, Professional Preparation Services; presented Alternate Routes to Teacher and Administrator Certification and Three-Tiered Teacher Certification.

Mr. Flanagan said legislation required the development of alternate routes to certification for both teachers and administrators. He said staff have balanced rigor with flexibility to attract professionals who have experience in the business world, for example, who want to use that expertise in the classroom.

Dr. Vaughn said stakeholders were involved in the development of the alternate routes for and three-tiered teacher certification.

Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Smart shared information through a PowerPoint presentation.

XVI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAM

Mrs. Straus asked if the Michigan Department of Education recommends grant writers. Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation, said that is not the practice of the Department.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:52 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XVIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

H. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of August 9, 2011

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of August 9, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XIX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said he believes the Governor's upcoming message on talent and the work force will fit well with the Governor's education message and the long-standing education priorities of the Board and Department. Mr. Austin said he is working with various people on early and middle college opportunities; blended learning; and science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Mr. Austin said Mrs. Straus and Mrs. McGuire have been participating in national and local obesity summits. Mrs. Straus shared information on the focus on physical activity and its benefits.

Mr. Austin said there was discussion during the State Board of Education Retreat in May, and at a meeting on September 12th, regarding a State Board of Education Communications Policy, and he will be working on that and sharing it with the Board.

Mr. Austin said he and Mrs. Weiser have been invited to participate in an upcoming Ann Arbor regional business leaders event.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Report

I. Human Resources Report

Grants

J. Report on Grant Awards

- 2011-2012 Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants – Initial
- 2011-2012 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Sec. 619 Preschool Grants – Initial
- 2011-2012 IDEA, Part B Formula Grants – Initial
- 2010-2011 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Initial
- 2010-2011 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Initial
- 2010-2011 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program Allocations, Summer Academic Program – Initial
- 2011-2012 Title I, Part C Regular Migrant Program Allocations – Initial
- 2011-2012 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Continuation
- 2011-2012 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) - Initial

Mr. Flanagan shared a photo, podcast clip, and a verbal report on the Educator Advisory Group that he convened on August 25, 2011. He said he wanted to hear the perspectives of teachers regarding educational opportunities and issues.

XXI. REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Paul Galbenski, 2011-2012 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year. He provided a verbal update to his written report including meetings with Governor Snyder, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and the State Educational Technology Directors Association. He said he chaperoned a group of youth attending World Youth Day in Spain, and he provided an update on the Oakland Schools Technical Campus.

XXII. APPROVAL OF NEW CUT SCORES ON THE MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MEAP) AND MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION (MME) TO BE CONSISTENT WITH CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Austin said the cut scores are a good target of college and career readiness and he does not want to delay MEAP scores or cause uncertainty.

Mrs. Straus said the Board's policy is to present an item at one meeting and approve the item at the next meeting.

Mrs. Danhof said during the agenda planning meeting she proposed that the item be on the Committee of the Whole in the morning and be approved at the Regular Meeting since there had been a period of time since February when the Board approved moving forward with resetting the cut scores.

Mr. Austin said in the future time must be allowed, but he promotes moving ahead with approval at today's meeting.

Mrs. McGuire said she would like to wait until October to vote, because she believes there has not been time for input.

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the recommended new Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Examination (MME) cut scores for the 2011-12 school year and subsequent years as delineated in the memorandum dated September 6, 2011.

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Varner said clear messaging is important stating that it is not a measurement of an individual student's career and college readiness, but rather a measure of a schools' ability to prepare students for a 50% expectation of receiving a B or better in college.

Mrs. Weiser said Board members should be notified if the agenda planning committee determines that, due to extraordinary circumstances, a Board item needs to be presented and approved the same day.

XXIII. APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN'S POSITION ON PROPOSED 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 NASBE Public Education Positions and Election of Officers.

Following discussion, Mrs. Danhof and Dr. Ulbrich suggested that a variance of language be proposed to the NASBE Position from Next Generation Learning: Transforming the Role of Educators Today for the Students of Tomorrow (Attachment A of the NASBE Delegate's memorandum dated September 9, 2011, page 50, 7. Personnel, D. Educators for Next Generation Learning). There was Board consensus to eliminate the first sentence, "The traditional model of education..." and begin the paragraph with the second sentence "The internet and efficient global communications..."

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the NASBE Public Education Position from Next Generation Learning: Transforming the Role of Educators Today for the Students of Tomorrow, 7. Personnel, D. Educators for Next Generation Learning, with the elimination of the first sentence, thus beginning the paragraph with the second sentence, "The Internet and efficient global communications have fundamentally changed how individuals access information," as described in Attachment A of the NASBE Delegate's memorandum dated September 9, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the NASBE Public Education Position from No Time to Wait: Creating Contemporary School Structures for All Students Today and Tomorrow, 2. School Improvement, E. School Structure, 7 and 8, as described in Attachment A of the NASBE Delegate's memorandum dated September 9, 2011.

Mrs. Weiser proposed a friendly amendment to E. School Structure, 7. to strike the words "Eliminate barriers for student learning based on the calendar, seat time, and fixed physical boundaries in order to," thus beginning the paragraph "Create environments that actively promote and support innovation within and beyond the school walls."

The friendly amendment was accepted by Dr. Ulbrich and Mr. Varner.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the NASBE Public Education Position from Common Ground: Education and the Military Meeting the Needs of Students, 2. School Improvement, U. Developing Education and Military Partnerships to Meet the Needs of Students, as described in Attachment A of the NASBE Delegate's memorandum dated September 9, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the NASBE Public Education Positions from Integrating School Health Policies and Topics into State Education Reform Efforts, 7. Personnel, B. Educator Preparation, and 2. School Improvement, S. State Longitudinal Data Systems, as described in Attachment A of the NASBE Delegate's memorandum dated September 9, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Zeile said the two candidates for President-Elect are Patrick Guida from Rhode Island, and Kristen McKinley from Ohio. He said Rob Hovis from Ohio is running unopposed for Secretary-Treasurer; and Stan Archie from Missouri is running unopposed for Central Area Director. Dr. Zeile said he would recommend Patrick Guida, and other Board members agreed.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire that the State Board of Education cast ballots for Patrick Guida as President-Elect, Rob Hovis as Secretary-Treasurer, and Stan Archie as Central Area Director, of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXIV. 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 United States House Committee on Education and the Workforce and the federal role in school accountability.

Ms. Hansknecht said the State Board of Education Legislative Committee met on September 9 and discussed the Parent Empowerment Education Reform legislation. She also spoke of upcoming Michigan House and Senate committee meetings.

Mr. Austin said the members of the State Board of Education Legislative Committee are Mrs. Danhof, Chair; Dr. Ulbrich, Vice Chair; Mrs. Straus, Mrs. Weiser, and Mrs. McGuire. There was Board consensus. Mr. Austin said everyone is welcome to attend State Board of Education committee meetings.

XXV. RECOMMENDATION FOR BY-LAW CHANGE FROM STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

This item was removed from the agenda.

XXVI. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval

- O. Approval of Criteria for the 2011-2015 Michigan Charter School Grant Program

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

- O. approve the Criteria for the 2011-2015 Michigan Charter School Grant Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 22, 2011.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXVII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Weiser said she recently became Chair of the National Assessment Governing Board's Reporting and Dissemination Committee, and she is responsible for signing off on the release of the Nation's Report Card.

XXVIII. 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.

XXIX. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, October 11, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, December 6, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, January 10, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)

XXX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof
Secretary