

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

August 9, 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 (via telephone)
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Dr. Richard Zeile, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

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

Absent: Mr. Daniel Varner

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

II. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said he was sad to hear of the death of civil rights leader Eleanor Josaitis, who passed away on August 9 in the early morning. He said Mrs. Josaitis co-founded Focus: HOPE in Detroit and she helped the poor rebuild their lives through education and training.

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

A. Information on Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Report

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mrs. Straus requested that Item K, Report on the Academic Year 2009-10 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores, be removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion/action.

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

The motion carried.

V. 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 attending the meeting.

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. UPDATE ON SCHOOL REFORM OFFICE AND EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT
SYSTEM

Mr. Flanagan explained the structure and timelines associated with the School Reform Office and Education Achievement Authority (EAA).

Mr. Flanagan said Deborah Clemmons is the State School Reform Officer who will lead the School Reform Office in the Michigan Department of Education. He said her role will be to work with the schools that are on the Persistently Lowest Achieving list to help identify a reform model and implement their plans.

Mr. Flanagan said legislation passed earlier this year was added to state that schools under the authority of an Emergency Manager are not subject to the State Reform Office.

Mr. Flanagan said the EAA is an independent body created through an interlocal agreement between Detroit Public Schools and Eastern Michigan University which establishes an entity that will operate the

lowest performing schools in Michigan not achieving satisfactory results on a redesign plan, as well as those under the authority of an emergency manager.

Mr. Flanagan said beginning in school year 2012-13, the EAA will begin operations of the lowest performing schools in the Detroit district, eventually expanding to include other qualifying schools statewide that have been transferred by the State School Reform Officer to the EAA.

Mr. Flanagan said the EAA will be governed by an appointed board and run by a Chancellor selected by its executive committee created under the interlocal agreement. He said Detroit Public Schools Emergency Manager Roy Roberts is the chair of the EAA.

IX. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN AFTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Lindy Buch, Director, Early Childhood Education and Family Services; Ms. Pat Hennessey, Consultant, 21 Century Community Learning Centers, Early Childhood Education and Family Services; and Ms. Mary Sutton, Executive Director, Michigan After School Partnership; presented Michigan After School Partnership and extended learning opportunities during out-of-school time.

Mr. Flanagan said staff of 21st Century Community Learning Centers and Michigan After School Partnership are providing an update on initiatives in Michigan to ensure that all students have opportunities to extend their learning during out-of-school time.

Dr. Vaughn said the focus on career and college readiness for all young people, makes it clearer than ever that learning gaps must be prevented by assuring that children have a great start, that school-day programs must be academically rigorous and relevant, and that all student must be able to sustain and enhance their learning and development during the times that they are not in school, both during the school year and during the summer.

Information was shared through a PowerPoint presentation.

X. PRESENTATION ON THE REPORT ON THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-10
TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION PERFORMANCE SCORES

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Steve Stegink, Higher Education Consultant, Professional Preparation Services; presented Report on the Academic Year 2009-10 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores.

Mr. Flanagan said in June 2006, the State Board of Education approved criteria for teacher preparation institution performance scores. He said staff in the office of Professional Preparation Services has gathered the necessary data and applied the criteria producing this report. He said the report will be given to the United State Department of Education to comply with the Higher Education Act.

Staff explained the data contained in the report. Board members asked for further information regarding how colleges were classified into categories, which was provided later in the day during the Regular meeting.

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

XI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAM

Mrs. Weiser asked about the feasibility of awarding unspent grant funds from a school that is closed or no longer eligible to a new grantee. Ms. Linda Forward, Director of the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation, said it is often difficult due to time constraints to draw the money back and reissue it to another grantee before the end of the funding cycle.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Mrs. Danhof ended her telephone connection at 12:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- E. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 14, 2011

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 14, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. John Lauve, Big Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Lauve provided verbal and written information on the duties of the State Board of Education, the Michigan Education Dashboard, and data.
- B. Ms. Shari Krishnan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Ms. Krishnan provided verbal information on online learning and time period for public comment on monitoring standards for special education.

XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said teacher preparation and teacher quality is central to student achievement. He said as part of teacher tenure reform the Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness will be developing evaluation tools and it is important to have teachers and evaluation experts involved as co-creators of fair, objective, effective evaluations. He said there must be high-quality, supportive evaluations that examine multiple measures including student performance. He said the Council will report to the State Board of Education, Governor, and Legislature.

Mr. Austin provided a written summary report on State Board of Education Public Education Forums which were held across the state in May and June, 2011. He said the Forums were designed to: assist the elected members of the State Board of Education in doing their Constitutionally-mandated job of providing leadership and supervision over all public education; better inform the Board's recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on education policy and funding; and improve the Board's educational policy decision-making and advocacy. He said the Forums were worthwhile, and appreciated by the public.

Mr. Austin said there needs to be a coherent national set of high expectations for students. He said he encourages the continued belief that all students can learn to a decent level of proficiency, and that is the starting point for delivering education that allows them to do it. He said this belief should be reflected in all decision making.

XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- F. Human Resources Update
- G. Report on the Department of Education Cosponsorships

Grants

H. Report on Grant Awards

- 2011-2012 Title I Schoolwide Program Planning Grant – Initial
- 2010-2011 Region 3 ISD Partnership Grant – Amendment and Continuation
- 2011-2012 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Initial
- 2010-2011 Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant – Amendment
- 2010-2011 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant– Amendment (\$1,403,799)
- 2010-2011 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant– Amendment (\$1,629, 912)
- 2010-2011 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant – Amendment (\$599,457)
- 2010-2011 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant – Amendment (\$628,340)
- 2011-2012 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial
- 2011-2012 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Initial
- 2010-2011 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment
- 2009-2010 Enhancing Education Through Technology, Title II, Part D, Competitive Programs – ARRA – Amendment
- 2009-2010 Enhancing Education Through Technology, Title II, Part D, Competitive Program, Michigan Education Data Portal Grant – Amendment
- 2010-2011 Enhancing Education Through Technology, Title II, Part D, Competitive Program, Michigan Education Data Portal Grant – Amendment and Continuation
- 2011-2012 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Continuation
- 2010-2011 Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs – Initial
- 2010-2011 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Amendment
- 2009-2010 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 – Amendment

- 2011-2012 Distribution of Federal Funds Awarded to Michigan Through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Initial
- 2010-2011 Title II, Part A(3) – Improving Teacher Quality – Initial
- 2009-2010 Title II, Part A(3) – Improving Teacher Quality – Amendment
- 2011-2012 CTE Perkins Secondary Reserve Grant – Initial
- 2011-2012 Secondary Perkins State Leadership Grant – Initial and Continuation

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on teacher certification and administrator certification rules. In response to Dr. Ulbrich, Mr. Flanagan said discussion on alternate routes to certification will occur at a fall Board meeting.

Mr. Flanagan said Michigan is one of two states chosen by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will allow school districts to use USDA funds to purchase locally grown food.

Mr. Flanagan said Governor Snyder has expressed his intent to apply for the U.S. Department of Education’s Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge. He said the competition for a total of \$500 million in grant funds requires states to present a plan for bold comprehensive reforms and encourages states to make the best possible use of federal and state investments in child care and early learning. He said Michigan’s new Office of Great Start is expected to be a positive influence on Michigan’s application.

XVII. 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 highlights of career and college readiness at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast in Royal Oak, teacher evaluation and student performance, America’s Marketing High School, and his upcoming speaking engagements.

XVIII. 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 Early Learning Challenge Grant, waivers, and the House of Representatives Bipartisan Education Reform Work Group.

XIX. ADOPTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2012

Mrs. Schneider presented the State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2012. She said all meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, except the May 24 Retreat which is the fourth Thursday of the month.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education meeting schedule for 2012, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated July 25, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2012 is attached as Exhibit A.

XX. RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-10 TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION PERFORMANCE SCORES

This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion.

Based on discussion during the Committee of the Whole, Dr. Steve Stegink, Higher Education Consultant, provided further information on 2009-2010 High Need Endorsement Reporting. There was Board consensus to add the document, 2009-2010 High Need Endorsement Reporting, as an appendix to the Report on the Academic Year 2009-10 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education receive the Report on the 2009-10 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 25, 2011, and as amended by discussion.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XXI. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- K. Receive the Report on the Academic Year 2009-10 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores
- L. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report – April through June

Appointments

- M. Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

Criteria

- N. Approval of Criteria for Allocation of Title I School Improvement funds to Support Regional Assistance to MI Excel Schools

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

- K. (this item was removed from the consent agenda, and placed under discussion);**
- L. approve the April 1 – June 30, 2011 report of State Board of Education expenses, dated July 25, 2011;**
- M. approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent’s memorandum dated July 25, 2011 to serve on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified; and**
- N. approve the Criteria for the Allocation of Title I School Improvement Funds to Support Regional Assistance to MI Excel Schools, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated July 25, 2011.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Weiser said she is a member of the National Assessment Governing Board. She said the National Center for Education Statistics has compared each state's standard for proficient performance in reading and mathematics by placing the state standards onto a common scale defined by National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores. She said the 2009 State Mapping Study will be released on August 10, 2011. She said the Nation's Report Card on Reading and Math will be released in October, 2011.

Mrs. Straus said the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Policy Updates cited Michigan's policy on Integrating Mental Health in Schools.

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. McGuire will be attending the Childhood Obesity Summit on September 8 and 9 in Washington, D.C. She said the Summit is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and cosponsored by NASBE.

Mr. Austin said United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will be visiting Michigan the first week of September. Mr. Flanagan said details will be shared with the Board when they become available.

XXIII. 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.

Mrs. Weiser said an Autism Study will be released by Michigan State University in the near future, and she requests a Board presentation.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, September 13, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, October 11, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, December 6, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof
Secretary

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING SCHEDULE**

CALENDAR YEAR 2012

January 10

February 14

March 13

April 10

May 8

May 24 (Retreat)

June 12

July 10 (if needed)

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

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