

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

December 6, 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 9:50 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

A. Information on Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

B. Information on Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) Great Start Collaborative Legislative Report

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mrs. Weiser requested that National Assessment of Educational Progress 12th Grade Testing Assessment be added to the Committee of the Whole agenda.

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

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – KATHLEEN N. STRAUS

Mrs. Kathleen Straus requested a moment of personal privilege to honor Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year, who passed away in November following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Capraro sat at the Board table with many of the current State Board of Education members, and she had tremendous energy and offered great insights to the Board. Mrs. Straus said she is saddened that Mrs. Capraro passed away in the prime of her life, and she expressed condolences. She said Mr. Austin sent a sympathy letter to Mrs. Capraro's family on behalf of the Board.

VI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

A. Susan Broman appointed Deputy Superintendent, Office of Great Start

Mr. Flanagan said Ms. Susan Broman has been hired as the Deputy Superintendent of the new Office of Great Start. He said Ms. Broman will join the Michigan Department of Education in mid-January, 2012.

Mr. Flanagan said the Office of Great Start was created by Governor Rick Snyder through Executive Order 2011-08 on June 29, 2011 to consolidate and coordinate a variety of early childhood development and learning programs and funding streams that had been fragmented across state government.

Mr. Flanagan said Ms. Broman is currently the President of Steelcase Foundation and she has a strong history of working collaboratively on early childhood issues. He said he has received several very positive comments from the field in support of Ms. Broman's appointment.

B. Educational Achievement Authority

Mr. Flanagan provided an update on the Educational Achievement Authority.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:14 a.m.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

### VIII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

### IX. PRESENTATION ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) FLEXIBILITY

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability; presented Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility.

Mr. Flanagan said the Michigan Department will submit an application to the United States Education Department for Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility in mid-February 2012. He said this provides additional time to ensure coherence in the plan and to solicit, receive, and incorporate input from stakeholder groups.

Dr. Vaughn, Ms. Forward and Dr. Martineau provided information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion continued later in the meeting.

### X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at the Regular Meeting 1:50 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Major John Gianella, Lansing, Michigan. Major Gianella, representing the United States Marine Corps, Lansing Recruiting Station, provided a verbal and written invitation to the 2012 Educators Workshop.

### XII. RECESS

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

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

### XIII. PRESENTATION ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) FLEXIBILITY (continued)

There was continued discussion earlier in the meeting.

Following discussion, Mr. Austin suggested that a short survey be developed and sent to Board members to gather their input regarding the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Request. There was Board consensus.

### XIV. PRESENTATION ON SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM (SBAC)

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability; presented Smarter Balanced Consortium.

Mr. Flanagan said the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium is one of two multistate consortia awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Education to develop an assessment system based on the Common Core State Standards. He said Michigan has joined the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium as a governing member.

Dr. Vaughn, and Dr. Martineau used a [PowerPoint presentation](#) to share information on the organization of the Consortium, products being developed by the Consortium, and timelines for activities.

### XV. NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ASSESSMENT

Mrs. Weiser said she requested that the National Assessment of Educational Progress 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Assessment be discussed. She said the initial state-level pilot assessment was held in 2009, and Michigan could be one of three additional states invited to participate in the voluntary assessment in 2013, pending funding. She said results can be used to inform instruction, but cannot be attributed to individual students, schools or school districts. She said letters requesting participation will be sent by the end of January, 2012. Mrs. Weiser referred Board members to the website for more information [www.nagb.org](http://www.nagb.org), "What We Do," click on "NAEP 12th Grade Preparedness Commission"; and "NAEP: Nation's Report Card," click on "What is NAEP?"

### XVI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no Board member comments regarding grant criteria.

### XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 2:58 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### XVIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- E. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011.**

Mrs. Straus said she had a minor edit that she will give to Mrs. Schneider for correction.

The vote was taken on the motion, as modified.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### XIX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin thanked staff for finding a way for Michigan to participate in the Green Ribbon Schools initiative sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. He said the designation signifies that a school is working on sustainability and energy efficiency.

Mr. Austin said a student intern is researching proposed policy improvements to student suspension and expulsion issues as previously discussed during Board meetings.

Mr. Austin said he attended a valuable diversity conference in Oakland County which was initiated by students who had previously presented to the Board. He said Paul Galbenski, 2011-2012 Michigan Teacher of the Year was also present.

### XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### Reports

- E. Human Resources Report

#### Grants

- F. Report on Grant Awards

- 2010-2011 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Mathematics and Science Centers – Initial
- 2011-2012 State School Aid Act Section 99(6) Mathematics and Science Centers – Initial

- 2010-2011 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected and Delinquent – Initial
- 2011-2012 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected and Delinquent – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Title III, Part A, Immigrant Program – Initial
- 2011-2012 Title III – English Language Acquisition Program – Initial
- 2011-2012 McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Assistance Grant – Initial

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on his meeting with the deans of teacher preparation institutions. He said it was a valuable dialogue.

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 Oakland Schools' Adaptive School model, Oakland County Diversity Forum, Detroit Public Television *Teacher Town Hall*, *Eye on Oakland County* cable television show, and stories celebrating the successes of teachers and students.

XXII. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2012-2013 EDUCATION BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS, AND 2013-2014 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS PLANNING PROCESS

Mr. Austin presented State Board of Education 2012-2013 Education Budget Recommendations and 2013-2014 Budget Recommendations Planning Process.

Mr. Austin distributed and reviewed a draft document and invited discussion on the State Board of Education Recommendations Planning Process for 2013-14 and Education Budget Priorities for 2012-2013.

During discussion, Board members offered edits to be included in the draft document.

**Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Michigan State Board of Education Budget Priority Recommendations, as amended by discussion.**

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Michigan State Board of Education Budget Priority Recommendations is attached as Exhibit A.

XXIII. 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 Matt's Safe School Law (MCL 380.1310b) which was signed by Governor Snyder on December 6, 2011. She also provided an update on changes to the House Education Committee chair and membership, and charter school legislation.

Ms. Hansknecht said her written report includes a recommendation regarding cyber schools legislation from the State Board of Education's Legislative Committee that met on November 12, 2011.

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board supports additional proposed virtual schools only upon satisfying the following conditions:**

- 1. Review of two years of performance data from the two current virtual schools as required by the current law; and**
- 2. Clear plans and capacity to implement these schools; for holding virtual schools to the same requirements for student achievement, growth, and outcomes as all public schools; and for full participation in school accountability, data collection and assessment systems.**

**Mrs. Straus proposed a friendly amendment to move "only" immediately following "State Board." The amendment was accepted by Dr. Ulbrich and Mr. Austin.**

**The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

- I. Approval of Criteria for the Title II Part A(1): Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Grant, No Child Left Behind Act
- J. Approval of Criteria for Evaluation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program

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

- I. approve the Criteria for the Title II, Part A(1): Improving Teacher and Principal Quality Grant, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated November 21, 2011; and**
- J. approve the Criteria for Evaluation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers Program, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated November 21, 2011.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mrs. Weiser said the Trial Urban District Assessment results will be released on December 7, and she suggested a presentation during the January Board meeting.

Mrs. Weiser gave a summary of the newly revised Institute of Education Sciences' website [www.whatworks.ed.gov](http://www.whatworks.ed.gov). She said the website contains an easily understood summary of high-quality research on programs, products, practices and policies in education reform so that educators have clear and recent information to make evidenced-based decisions. She said it's an important resource for Michigan educators needing solid information on best practices in use around the country.

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. McGuire, and former State Board of Education Secretary Mrs. Carolyn Curtin, attended the Michigan Virtual University Awards Presentation Dinner on December 5. Mrs. Straus said Julia Swartz of Maple Valley Schools in Vermontville was honored as the 2011 Online Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Zeile said he attended the hearing on teacher and administrator certification rules that was held at Wayne RESA on November 16.

Mr. Varner said Dr. Deborah Ball, Dean of The University of Michigan School of Education, is chairing the Governor’s Council on Educator Effectiveness.

Mrs. Straus thanked Department staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

**XXVI. 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.

XXVII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, January 10, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, February 14, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, March 13, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, April 10, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 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

**MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BUDGET PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1) SBE Budget Recommendations Process – FY 2013-14**

The State Constitution requires the Board to make recommendations on the financial requirements for education. Consistent with this Constitutional mandate to provide recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor regarding the funding needs of education, the State Board of Education in May, 2010 developed and approved the report ***Recommendations to Better Support Michigan's Education System: Reforms, Restructuring and Revenues***. This report stated the key, threshold elements of the P-20 education system needed in Michigan to provide individual opportunity and economic success, and indicated where both cost-savings and new revenues could be found to implement the key elements. This analysis and these recommendations also informed the State Board's February 2011 ***Education Improvement and Reform Priorities - Recommendations to Governor Snyder and the Legislature***.

The State Board proposes to initiate a process in January 2012 to revise and update recommendations concerning the financial requirements of education to inform the Governor and Legislature as they develop budgets for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Contingent on securing credible and independent analytic capacity to assist the State Board, this process will:

- Identify anew the key elements and requirements for an effective education system, P-20;
- Identify the financial resources required to deliver this education; and
- Identify the combination of cost-savings/reforms, and additional revenues needed to deliver the education required.

**2) SBE Recommendations on Education Budget Priorities – FY 2012-13**

Consistent with our Constitutional mandate to provide recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor regarding the funding needs of education; and consistent with the reform and funding recommendations made by this board February 8, 2011;

And in order to:

- Inform Executive and Legislative budget proposals for 2012 now being formulated; and
- In light of the potential for an estimated 2012-2013 budget surplus, including surplus revenues in the School Aid fund

The SBE restates our support for funding the critical components of a comprehensive early childhood through higher education policy as articulated in our May, 2010 report ***Recommendations to Better Support Michigan's Education System: Reforms, Restructuring and Revenues***. The current Board reaffirms that key, threshold elements of the P-20 education system needed in Michigan to provide individual opportunity and economic success are:

- Universal preschool available for all four-year-olds families, Mandated (preferably all-day) kindergarten for all children;

- K-12 State Aid at funding level sufficient to provide quality instruction;
- Post-secondary education financial support for all citizens to achieve the needed new minimum threshold of a postsecondary education or technical training credential (as defined by Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth [2004]); and
- Higher Education operational support for Michigan's universities and community colleges at a level competitive with peer states and national state average for higher education support.

The State Board of Education's recommendations included a combination of cost-saving reforms and changes to the way revenues are raised and spent. The reforms have largely been enacted. We are now calling on the state legislature to make adequate funding of the key elements of the P-20 education a priority.

The State Constitution requires the Board to make recommendations on the financial requirements for education. Pursuant to that mandate, and respectful of many legitimate demands on any budget surplus, including re-stocking Michigan's budget "rainy day" fund; we recommend to the Governor and Legislature, that a significant portion of any budget surplus be invested in Pre-K, K-12 and higher education, specifically the following budget priorities for next year:

- K-12 investments should financially reward schools and districts that have found cost savings in non-instructional services, such as through school consolidation and shared services;
- The state will pay for all districts a percentage of the annual legacy pension costs thus allowing all districts to realize the benefit of the true increase in the foundation grant for the 2011-2012 school year;
- K-12 investments that provide adequate funding to all schools, should also serve to reward schools that demonstrate progress on student growth and achievement as contemplated and defined in the Michigan Department of Education's Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Waiver Request;
- New K-12 investments should be targeted at the classroom, supporting teacher quality, and to support master teacher programs called for by the Governor and this Board;
- K-12 funding should also serve to create incentives that support every student being able to accelerate at his/her own pace and realize early - post secondary learning opportunities, and better plan for and realize post-secondary credentials through expanded dual enrollment, early and middle colleges, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, as supported by this board, and consistent with the Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace learning program proposed by the Governor; and
- Support for ongoing training for teachers and administrators to prepare them for implementation of more rigorous Career and College Ready Common Core Standards and the accompanying assessments being developed through the Smarter/Balanced Assessment Consortium of which Michigan is a governing member.

Approved December 6, 2011