

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

May 8, 2012
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
Mr. Greg Tedder, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

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 9:31 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, 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 During Vote: Danhof**

The motion carried.

III. 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.

IV. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said May 7-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week, and he acknowledged Bruce Fay, who is retiring from Wayne RESA.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:35 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

VII. PRESENTATION ON EXTENSION OF THE MORATORIUM ON GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO INSTITUTIONS FOR INITIAL PREPARATION OF TEACHERS FROM AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2015

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; presented Extension of the Moratorium on Granting Preliminary Approval to Institutions for Initial Preparation of Teachers from August 1, 2012 Through August 1, 2015.

Mr. Flanagan said the Board is being asked to extend the moratorium on granting preliminary approval to institutions for initial preparation of teachers until August 1, 2015.

Dr. Vaughn said Michigan recommends approximately 6,200 teachers for certification annually, and 1,800 of them find jobs in Michigan.

Dr. Jenkins said an extension of the moratorium for initial teacher preparation programs would allow staff to focus their efforts on existing teacher preparation programs.

In response to discussion, Dr. Jenkins said there have been no recent requests for initial programs, and the programs currently in the approval process will not be affected by the moratorium. She said if a program withdraws its request and later chooses to seek approval, it would start at the beginning of the process.

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

VIII. PRESENTATION ON SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS

Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Director, School Support Services; and Mr. Bob Higgins, Safe Schools Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs; led the presentation on Safe and Supportive Schools.

Mr. Flanagan said the presentation focuses on providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students. He welcomed Mr. Guerrant, as the new Director of the Office of School Support Services.

Ms. Wolenberg said the presentation will focus on the Safe and Supportive Schools Grant, Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline, and Zero Tolerance Laws.

Mr. Guerrant introduced Ms. Hyun-Seung Kwak, the student intern who researched zero tolerance issues on behalf of the Board while working on her doctoral program at Michigan State University.

Mr. Guerrant and Mr. Higgins provided information through a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

There was discussion regarding classroom management, alternatives to suspension and expulsion, positive behavior intervention, revision of zero tolerance laws, clarification of due process, teacher induction, uniform definitions, data collection, classroom structure, and best practices.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting from 10:44 a.m. until 10:50 a.m.

X. JOINT MEETING AND DISCUSSION WITH HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES ON SCHOOL AID AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGETS

Mr. Flanagan welcomed the House Appropriations Subcommittees on School Aid and Michigan Department of Education Budgets to the Joint Meeting and Discussion with the State Board of Education.

Representative Bill Rogers, Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittees on School Aid and Michigan Department of Education Budgets, called the two Subcommittees to order and the clerk called attendance. The following members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on School Aid were present: Representatives Bill Rogers, Earl Poleski, Robert Genetski II, Phil Potvin, Ellen Lipton, and Jim Ananich. The following members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Department of Education Budget were present: Representatives Bill Rogers, Earl Poleski, Robert Genetski II, Phil Potvin, Joan Bauer, and Brandon Dillon.

State Board of Education members and Representatives introduced themselves.

Mr. Austin, President of the Board; Mrs. Danhof, Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee; and Representative Rogers presented priority highlights and shared areas of interest.

Mr. Austin said it is good to find common ground and continue dialogue. He highlighted Board positions upholding rigor and high standards.

Mrs. Danhof said combined meetings and hearings, and shared opportunities to see best education practices would be welcomed by the Board.

Representative Rogers said open dialogue is helpful, and he highlighted areas of the pending budget for 2012-2013.

Discussion among Board members and Representatives followed.

Representative Rogers adjourned the Subcommittees at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Tedder left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:35 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

D. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2012

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 10, 2012.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Mr. Rick Joseph, Royal Oak, Michigan. Mr. Joseph, representing the Network of Michigan Educators and Birmingham Public Schools, provided verbal comments and written information on the Sustainability in Business Project.

- B. Mr. Steve Kelly, St. Louis, Michigan. Mr. Kelly, representing the Network of Michigan Educators and St. Louis Public Schools, provided verbal comments and written information on teaching through the flipped classroom model.
- C. Ms. Sandra York, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. York, Executive Director, Michigan PTA (Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers), provided verbal comments and written information on Common Core Standards.
- D. Mr. Jim Farrar, Milan, Michigan. Mr. Farrar, representing Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, provided verbal comments and written information on the use of Native American mascots and logos.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 2:01 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XV. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAM

Mrs. Straus said more explicit information regarding the criteria should be provided in the form of bullet points so that the information is clear and easily understood.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:04 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said on April 11, 2012, the Milan Area Schools Board of Education approved a process of eliminating all Native American imagery associated with the identification with Milan Area Schools. He thanked the Milan Board for doing the right thing, and Mr. Jim Farrar and the State Board of Education for their support and encouragement.

Mr. Austin said he has reviewed the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness Interim Report dated April 27, 2012, and he is encouraged by the direction of the report. He said the creation of the Council by the Legislature was helpful.

Following discussion, a motion was made.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education receive and support the direction of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness Interim Progress Report dated April 27, 2012, including: a pilot study of evaluation tools in multiple school districts, inclusion of multiple measures of effectiveness, involvement of stakeholders, and an appropriation in the budget to cover the cost of the pilot.

Dr. Zeile said he has not had an opportunity to read the report.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mrs. Straus said evaluations should be used to support professional development, and not primarily for purposes of lay-offs.

Mr. Austin asked Board members to continue to provide input on the plan for the Finance/Innovation Study. He said discussion will continue at the Board's Retreat on May 24.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- F. Human Resources Update
- G. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- H. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Manistee Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- I. Report on the Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw-Roscommon Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- J. Report on the Van Buren Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- K. Report on the Oceana Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

- L. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- M. Report on Grant Awards
- 2011-2012 McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Assistance Mini-Grant – Initial
 - 2011-2012 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program Allocations – Initial
 - 2011-2012 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program Identification and Recruitment Centers – Initial
 - 2011-2012 Expansion Grants for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes – Initial
 - 2010-2011 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment
 - 2011-2012 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Continuation
 - 2011-2012 ISD Collaboration Grant – Amendment and Continuation

Mrs. Straus said reports on plans and modifications for the delivery of special education programs and services do not contain the original administrative rule language so the changes are not clear. Mr. Flanagan said additional information will be included in future reports.

Mr. Flanagan said in response to a Board request, newly hired employees will be introduced at Board meetings. He asked Ms. Gayle De Jong from the Bureau of Assessment and Accountability to introduce herself.

Mr. Flanagan provided an update on Muskegon Heights Public Schools.

Mr. Flanagan said he spoke at the Michigan Virtual University Partners in Innovation Program on April 17, and attended the Governor's Education Summit on April 23 where Mr. Austin and Mrs. Danhof delivered a bipartisan message.

Mr. Flanagan said he and staff gained valuable insights in the past month when he convened a Teacher Advisory Group on April 25, Student Advisory Group on April 30, and New Superintendents Meeting on May 3.

There was discussion regarding certificates of completion as they relate to federal financial aid, Michigan's Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Request, cyber schools, and blended learning classrooms.

Dr. Ulbrich left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

XIX. 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 the National Technical Honor Society, Teacher-Business Leader Exchange Program, Senator Mike Kowall's visit to Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast, National Business Education Association Conference presentation, membership on the K-12 Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee, and meeting the President of the United States at the National Teacher of the Year Conference in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

XX. DISCUSSION REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 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 2012 Policy Leader of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award. He said the nominations are due May 18, 2012.

Following discussion, a motion was made.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education submit the following nominations to the National Association of State Boards of Education: The Skillman Foundation for the Friend of Education Award, Diane Ravitch for the Policy Leader of the Year Award, and former State Board of Education member Elizabeth Bauer for the Distinguished Service Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Varner, Weiser, Zeile

Absent: Austin, Ulbrich

The motion carried.

Dr. Zeile said State Boards of Education have also been asked to submit nominations for the 2013 President-elect, and Area Directors. He said the nominations are due June 8, 2012.

No nominations were made for 2013 President-elect, and Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Dr. Zeile said there will be an opportunity to discuss nominations at the State Board of Education Retreat on May 24, 2012.

XXI. 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 House Education Committee hearings.

Ms. Hansknecht the House Education Committee heard a presentation from the Heritage Foundation expressing opposition to the Common Core Curriculum. Ms. Hansknecht said Mrs. Danhof, Mrs. Weiser, and representatives of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA), were in attendance and prepared to offer support for the Common Core Curriculum, but time did not allow.

Mrs. Danhof and Mrs. Weiser said they met with representatives of the Heritage Foundation following the House Education Committee meeting.

Mrs. McGuire requested that the Board's Legislative Committee discuss a resolution on zero tolerance at its next meeting.

XXII. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

- P. Approval of Criteria for Qualitative Compliance Information Grant Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Q. Approval of Criteria for Mandated Activities Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- R. Approval of Criteria for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B, Section 611 Special Education Flowthrough Grants, Enhancing Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (EOSD) Grants and Transition Coordination (TC) Grants

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

- P. approve the criteria for the Qualitative Compliance Information Grant Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2012;**
- Q. approve grant criteria for Mandated Activities Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as presented in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2012; and**
- R. approve the criteria for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, Section 611 Special Education Flowthrough Grants, Enhancing Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (EOSD) Grants and Transition**

Coordination (TC) Grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 23, 2012.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Varner, Weiser, Zeile

Absent: Austin, Ulbrich

The motion carried.

XXIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Weiser said she would like an update on Seat Time Waivers using technology in education at a future Board meeting.

Mrs. Weiser said since Michigan is considered a manufacturing state, the House of Representatives may want to hold hearings with the business community regarding science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and career and technical education. She said the Department and Board would fit into the discussions as it relates to kindergarten through twelfth grade education.

Mrs. Straus said she is looking forward to the presentation on the Education Achievement Authority at the June Board meeting.

XXIV. 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.

XXV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Thursday, May 24, 2012 (9:30 a.m.) State Board Retreat
- B. Tuesday, June 12, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, August 14, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, September 11, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)

XXVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at www.michigan.gov/sbe.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof
Secretary