

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

May 10, 2011
9:30 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
Mr. Daniel Varner
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

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

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

A. Special Education Advisory Committee April 6, 2011 Quick Notes

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Austin requested that State Board of Education Public Forums be added to the agenda as a discussion/action item.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, 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,
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.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:44 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole to order at 9:45 a.m.

VII. PRESENTATION ON EDUCATION DASHBOARD

Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; Mrs. Carol Easlick, Senior Policy Advisory to Carol Wolenberg; Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment & Accountability; presented the Education Dashboard.

Mrs. Carol Easlick said the Governor's education message on April 27, 2011, included an announcement of the statewide education dashboard which is available online at www.michigan.gov/midashboard. The dashboard illustrates how Michigan is performing in areas of student outcomes, school accountability, culture of learning, value of money and post-secondary education.

A website demonstration was provided.

VIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING GOVERNOR SNYDER'S EDUCATION MESSAGE

Mr. Austin distributed a document, Draft State Board of Education Resolution on Governor's Education Message.

Mr. Austin said the State Board of Education welcomes the Governor's leadership in making thoughtful education improvement and reform a priority as presented in the Governor's education message delivered on April 27, 2011. Mr. Austin said the draft Board resolution highlights the common ground shared by the Board and Governor.

Following discussion, Mr. Austin said a revised document will be presented to the Board for approval during the Regular meeting.

IX. DISCUSSION REGARDING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC FORUMS

Mr. Austin distributed a document, Proposed State Board of Education Public Forums on Education.

Mr. Austin said he is proposing that the State Board of Education host a several regional education forums in May and June. He said the forums would be opportunities for education stakeholders to meet with State Board of Education members; and discuss current education conditions, reform proposals, and the future direction of education in Michigan.

Mr. Austin said tentative locations and dates include Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids on May 23, Macomb Community College in Clinton Township on May 25, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on May 26, and Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant on June 7. He said all forums would begin at 4:00 p.m.

Following discussion, Mr. Austin said the item will be presented to the Board for approval during the Regular meeting.

X. PRESENTATION ON DIGITAL LEARNING

Mr. David Seitz, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Apple, Inc.; Ms. Joanna Montgomery, Education Development Executive, Apple, Inc.; and Ms. Matinga Ragatz, Michigan Teacher of the Year; provided a presentation on digital learning.

Mr. Flanagan said in the future we envision that every student will have laptops and digital devices and will be using technology as the textbook of the future. He said this supports one of the Governor's initiatives for learning "Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace."

PowerPoint presentations and online demonstrations were provided by David Seitz and Matinga Ragatz.

Mrs. Weiser left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:41 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 12, 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 April 12, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. Dennis Owocki, Fenton, Michigan. Mr. Owocki provided verbal comments on school district consolidation.
- B. Mr. John Lauve, Holly, Michigan. Mr. Lauve provided verbal comments and written information on local control, data, and Detroit Public Schools.
- C. Ms. Ashna Khanna and Mr. Lokesh Pagad, Farmington Hills, Michigan. On behalf of Youth Dialogues, verbal comments and written information were provided on diversity learning.

XIV. ADOPTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION ON DIVERSITY LEARNING

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Mr. Austin presented the State Board of Education Resolution on Diversity Learning.

Following discussion, and proposals for amended language, a motion was made.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution on Diversity Learning as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 25, 2011, as amended.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The Resolution on Diversity Learning is attached as Exhibit A.

XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin thanked Dr. Zeile for representing the Board during the Teacher of the Year interviews.

Mr. Austin said Mrs. McGuire has requested that she serve as a member of the School Health Committee. There was Board consensus.

XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

E. Human Resources Update

Grants

F. Report on Grant Awards

- 2010-2011 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program Identification and Recruitment Centers – Initial
- 2010-2011 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program Allocations – Initial
- 2010-2011 Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant – Initial
- 2010-2011 Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant – Amendment (\$15,900)
- 2010-2011 Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant – Amendment (\$125,867)
- 2010-2011 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment
- 2010-2011 Striving Readers – Amendment
- 2010-2011 Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs – Amendment
- 2009-2010 Title II, Part A(3) – Improving Teacher Quality – Amendment

XVII. 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 student forum at Grand Ledge High School on April 27.

XVIII. ADOPTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION ON GOVERNOR SNYDER'S EDUCATION MESSAGE

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

Mr. Austin said based on discussion during the meeting, the Resolution on Governor Snyder's Education Message has been revised to include amended language. Mr. Austin reviewed the amended language.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution on Governor Snyder's Education message, as amended.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The Resolution on Governor Snyder's Education Message is attached as Exhibit B.

XIX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC FORUMS

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

Following discussion led by Mr. Austin, it was determined that a Detroit location would be added, and public forums would begin at 4:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education convene a series of regional education forums.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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 state budget, State Reform Office, teacher tenure, kindergarten entry age, anti-bullying, and public hearings on state accreditation.

Ms. Hansknecht said the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has announced that beginning on May 12, 2011, it will hold a number of roundtable discussions on teacher education accountability, teacher preparation, and college completion, and on two teacher-preparation grant proposals.

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, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award. He said the nominations are due May 20, 2011.

Mr. Zeile said at its April 12, 2011 meeting, the Board approved the nomination of former Congressman Vern Ehlers for the National Association of State Boards of Education Policy Leader of the Year Award.

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education submit a joint nomination of former State Board of Education members Elizabeth Bauer and Carolyn Curtin for the National Association of State Boards of Education Distinguished Service Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mrs. Danhof left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education nominate Diane Ravitch for the National Association of State Boards of Education Friend of Education Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

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.

No nominations were made for 2012 President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

XXII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval

K. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report

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

K. approve the January 1 – March 31, 2011 report of State Board of Education expenses, dated April 25, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XXIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Straus said she has attended National Association of State Boards of Education and school health meetings during the past month.

XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. McGuire and Ms. Ulbrich requested that a presentation on Personal Curriculum be on the June Board meeting agenda.

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 24, 2011 (9:30 a.m. Orientation and Retreat)
- B. Tuesday, June 14, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, August 9, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, September 13, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)

XXVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof
Secretary

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

DIVERSITY LEARNING

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education support diversity learning as instrumental to success in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's increasingly diverse population is a valuable asset for the state's future economic development; and

WHEREAS, diversity learning enables students to communicate with others who are different from themselves; promotes mutual understanding; and prepares them to effectively participate in a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, diversity learning in public schools contributes to excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, students should have teachers who are trained to teach about diversity and handle sensitive issues in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, diversity learning promotes social well-being among students by helping reduce conflict, bullying and violence in schools; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education will continue to promote diversity learning in public forums; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education encourages local school boards to implement policies and practices that promote diversity learning.



Adopted May 10, 2011

John C. Austin, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction



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**State Board of Education
Resolution on Governor Snyder's Education Message**

The State Board of Education welcomes the Governor's leadership in making thoughtful education improvement and reform a priority, and we are pleased with his outreach to, and welcoming of the advice of the State Board and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The State Board is pleased to see the Governor's Special Message on Education Reform incorporate many of the recommendations made to him and the Legislature by the State Board of Education, www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FINAL_SBE_Educ_Improvement_and_Reform_Prior_346159_7.pdf including proposals for:

- Policies that incent and reward performance on education outcomes, including helping all students make yearly progress, graduate students without need of remediation, and reward schools that realize student appropriate achievement and growth;
- An enhanced focus on early childhood development and improving early childhood learning outcomes through consolidation of early childhood programs and resources into a single office of early childhood education;
- Legislative adoption of a new school accreditation system that provides an honest assessment of where our schools stand;
- Support for 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;
- Increased access to quality distance and blended learning options;
- Significant improvements in the way we “prepare, support, evaluate and reward teachers,” including:
 - Refashioning teacher certification to reflect the ability to deliver the Common Core standards; and raising the bar for teacher competency as we have for students;
 - Develop and use effective assessments of teacher performance;
 - Revising Michigan's continuing education requirements to better reflect teacher skill building;
 - Implement alternative certification for teachers, and administrator training and certification;
 - Implement a performance-based credential for excellent teachers to reward and afford satisfying careers for teachers as mentors and instructional leaders; and
- The Michigan Legislature passing meaningful state anti-bullying legislation, ideally calling on them to implement the State Board of Education's model policy for districts.

The State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education commit to fulfilling our Constitutional responsibility to lead education policy, and fully implement the education improvement agenda in these and other areas where we find common ground, and look forward to further collaboration in this important work.

Adopted on May 10, 2011