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## ***BOARD BRIEFS***

### MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The following is a summary of items addressed by the State Board of Education (SBE), with web links to electronic versions of those items. A video archive of the meeting is available at: <http://www.mistreamnet.com/vidflv.php?who=sbe110910n01>

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

##### **Discussion Regarding Outcome of Election 2010 and [State and Federal Legislative Update](#)**

Two new Board members will be joining the State Board of Education in January 2011 – Republicans Eileen Weiser and Richard Zeile were elected to the Board at the November 2, 2010, election. Democrat Elizabeth Bauer was not successful in her reelection campaign, and Republican Carolyn Curtin did not seek reelection.

This month's State and Federal Legislative Update included an overview of the election results, both at the state and federal level. Even though there was a Republican sweep (including the State Board of Education seats), the State Board has a history of working together in a bi-partisan way, which is expected to continue.

##### **Discussion Regarding Michigan Department of Education Budget**

This presentation focused on past budget cuts and the impact of the recent retirement incentive on the MDE. The impact of both is significant. Staff provided the Board with information on the number of positions that have been eliminated from the Office of the Superintendent/State Board since 2005, and information on the number of MDE employees retiring by the end of the year.

[Click here for the PowerPoint presentation.](#)

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## Discussion Regarding School Districts Operating in Deficit

Forty one (41) school districts ended the 2008-2009 school year in deficit. The data from the 2009-2010 school year are due on November 15. A review of unaudited budget transparency data shows that nine (9) additional districts are in deficit as of June 30, 2010, and seven (7) districts have come out of deficit. Staff provided an overview of what is required of the district, and the assistance provided by the MDE when a school district is in deficit.

## Discussion Regarding Home Schooling

Staff provided the Board with a Home Schooling in Michigan fact sheet, a summary of home schools meeting reporting requirements in Michigan from 1989 through 2010, and a summary of home school regulations in the United States. Staff provided an overview of the information and explained that the MDE has no authority to collect additional information regarding home schooled students.

# **REGULAR MEETING**

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Superintendent provided the Board a [Human Resources Update](#), and notified the Board of a recent [Teacher Certification Revocation Decision](#).

In addition, the Superintendent provided the Board with information on several grants that have been awarded by the Michigan Department of Education including:

- [2009-2010 ISD Collaboration Grant – Amendment](#)
- [2010-2011 ISD Collaboration Grant – Initial and Continuation](#)
- [2010-2011 Title I School Improvement – Initial](#)
- [2010-2011 Title I School Improvement Funds to Support Regional Assistance to High Priority Schools – Initial](#)
- [2010-2011 U. S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program \(FFVP\) – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 ARRA – The Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\) – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 The Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\) – Amendment](#)
- [2010-2011 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers \(21<sup>st</sup> CCLC\) Evaluation Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2010-2011 Training and Technical Assistance for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2010-2011 Great Start Readiness Program Evaluation Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2010-2011 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Amendment](#)
- [2010-2011 Title III, Part A, Immigrant Program – Initial](#)
- [2010-2011 Region 3 ISD Partnership Grant – Initial and Continuation](#)

## REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Matinga Ragatz, 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year provided a verbal report on activities she participated in the past month.

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### [Approval of Revised State Board of Education Policies on Bullying and Model Anti-Bullying Policy](#)

The Board discussed these policies at its October meeting. Based on that discussion, staff provided proposed modifications to both the Policies on Bullying and Model Anti-Bullying Policy.

The Board adopted the revised [Policies on Bullying](#) and [Model Anti-Bullying Policy](#).

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- [Approval of Criteria for Grants to Create and Implement Middle College High Schools Focused on Health Sciences or Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics \(STEM\)](#)
- [Adoption of Resolution Honoring Retiring Department of Education Employees](#)
  - [Linda Armstrong](#)
  - [Mary Beckwith](#)
  - [Donna Beltz](#)
  - [Barbara Campbell](#)
  - [Jim Constandt](#)
  - [Mary Dredge](#)
  - [Linda Droste](#)
  - [Rick Floria](#)
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  - [Pam Matelsky](#)
  - [Bonnie Norton](#)
  - [Leonora Okeke-Aaron](#)
  - [Jennette Woodruff](#)
  - [Karen Zarka](#)
- [Adoption of Resolution Regarding Local School Board Recognition Month](#)
- [Adoption of Resolution Regarding International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- [Adoption of Resolution Regarding Inclusive Schools Week](#)

- [Approval of the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute \(NOCTI\) Assessments for General Management and Accounting-Advanced for Career and Technical Education Business, Management and Administration \(BMA\) and Finance and Financial Management Services \(FFMS\) Students](#)
- [Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report – July-September 2010](#)

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Tuesday, December 7, 2010 (9:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, January 11, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, February 8, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, March 8, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, April 12, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)

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