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The following is a summary of items addressed by the State Board of Education, with web links to electronic versions of those items—as provided to the State Board. A video archive of the meeting is available at:

<http://www.mistreamnet.com/videtail.php?who=sbe101409n01>

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Presentation on Common Core Standards](#)

Staff provided a brief report on the draft Common Core College and Career Readiness Standards recently released by the National Governor's Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The Office of Education Improvement and Innovation did an analysis to check for alignment between the Readiness Standards and the Michigan High School Content Expectations.

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

[Presentation on Draft State Board of Education Integrating Mental Health in Schools Policy](#)

At the request of the Board, staff prepared an Integrating Mental Health in Schools policy for the Board's consideration. The MDE will seek input from the field prior to the policy being returned to the Board for approval.

This policy will serve as a guide to public school districts and academies, offering recommendations regarding incorporating mental health policies and practices into school and classroom environments. This policy is a result of a two-year federal grant process including feedback from a statewide steering committee and three pilot site school districts.

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[Presentation on Proposed Performance Standards for MEAP-Access Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics Assessments](#)

MEAP-Access is Michigan's newest assessment program for students with disabilities and is designed to fit between the Michigan Educational Assessment Program and the MI-Access Functional Independence Assessments. The proposed procedures are consistent with those used for previous MI-Access, as well as for the MEAP and Michigan Merit Examination. The proposed performance standards will include three levels of performance which will be unique to the MEAP-Access to differentiate them from the MI-Access and MEAP/MME. The results of the standard-setting activities, including recommended performance standards, will be presented to the Board at its January 2010 meeting.

[Presentation on National Consortium on Health Sciences Education \(NCHSE\) National Healthcare Foundation Skills Assessment for Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Health Science Students and the Use of the National Cut Scores](#)

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act requires that technical skill assessments be given to students who have completed a CTE program. This is the first in a series of the selection of technical skills assessments for technical education instructional programs. The development and/or selection of skills assessments will be a multi-year process involving input from business and industry, secondary and postsecondary educators, and assessment experts. Students who pass the assessment, as defined using the cut scores established by the consortium, receive a National Certificate issued by the National Consortium on Health Sciences Education. This item will be returned to the Board for approval at its October 26 meeting.

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

Presentation/Discussion on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

The MDE continues to receive guidance regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. MDE staff provided an update on new information since the September Board meeting. This month's report included information provided by representatives from Learning Point Associates on opportunities for integrated education reform.

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

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REGULAR MEETING

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent notified the Board of his approval of the [Midland County Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services](#); [administrative rule waivers](#); the [cosponsorship of the Michigan After-school Collaborative Conference – October 22-23, 2009](#); and recent [property transfer decisions](#).

In addition, the Superintendent provided the SBE with information on several grants that have been awarded by the MDE including:

- [2008-2009 Section 57 Advanced and Accelerated Program – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 Early On Formula Allocation Grants \(Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act\) – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 Early On Formula Allocation Grants \(Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act\) – Amendment](#)
- [2008-2009 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Amendment \(\\$772,500\)](#)
- [2008-2009 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Amendment \(\\$50,000\)](#)
- [2009-2010 Special Education-State Personnel Development Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 School Breakfast Challenge – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant – Amendment](#)
- [2008-2009 Title II, Part A\(3\) – Improving Teacher Quality – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 Secondary Perkins State Leadership – Initial](#)
- [2008-2009 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program Allocations – Amendment](#)
- [2008-2009 Title III, English Language Acquisition Program – Amendment](#)
- [2008-2009 Designated State Aid Grant – School-Based Crisis Intervention – Continuation](#)
- [2008-2009 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs – Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 Individuals with Disabilities Act, Sec. 619 Preschool Grants: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\) of 2009 – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 Early On Formula Allocation Grants \(Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act\) for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\) of 2009 – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 Title I Schoolwide Program Planning Grant – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Initial](#)

- [2009-2010 Training and Technical Assistance for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2009-2010 21st Century Community Learning Centers \(21st CCLC\) Evaluation Grant – Continuation](#)
- [2007-2009 Michigan After-School Partnership Grant – Amendment](#)
- [2008-2009 21st Century Schools Grant – Initial](#)
- [2009-2010 Early On Formula Allocation Grants \(Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act\) - Initial](#)

REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Rob Stephenson, 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided a report on his activities both as Teacher of the Year and in his classroom at Wardcliff Elementary School, Okemos Public Schools.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

State and Federal Legislative Report

The Board was provided with a state and federal legislative update since its August meeting, including the House and Senate agreement on the School Aid budget, low performing schools legislation, and the Board's Legislative Committee meeting.

Approval of Michigan's Position on Proposed NASBE Bylaws Changes, Public Policy Positions and Election of Officers

The State Board of Education discussed and took action on proposed modifications to the bylaws and public education positions of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). In addition, Board members acted on the election for the NASBE Board of Directors. Following this action, the Board's Delegate voted at the NASBE Annual Business Meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Approval of Robert M. Miller College as a Teacher Preparation Institution with Probationary Approval

The State Board appointed a Committee of Scholars in 2005 to review Miller College's application, which was prior to the moratorium issued by the Board in 2005. The Committee of Scholars examined and responded to application materials, reviewed Miller College's response to the Committee's first application review, conducted an on-site visit, and prepared a report detailing the Committee's findings. Miller College responded fully and completely to the Committee of Scholars' request for explanation and evidence and Miller College hosted a successful site visit in February 2009.

The State Board of Education granted Miller College three-year probationary approval as a teacher preparation institution in Michigan.

Miller College is the only teacher preparation institution in the Battle Creek area and a unique model for teacher preparation involving a degree-granting institution and a community college.

[Approval of Finlandia University as a Teacher Preparation Institution with Probationary Approval](#)

The Board appointed a Committee of Scholars in 2001 to review Finlandia University's application, which was prior to the moratorium issued by the Board in 2005. The Committee of Scholars conducted two on-site reviews and prepared a report detailing their findings. The Committee of Scholars recommended that Finlandia be granted three-year probationary approval and has developed specific criteria that need to be addressed before a request for full approval will be considered. Finlandia University serves an area in the Upper Peninsula that currently does not have an elementary teacher preparation program.

The State Board of Education did not grant probationary approval to Finlandia University as a teacher preparation institution. The Board requested clarification of the information that was provided. This item will be on the Board's December agenda for consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

As part of its Consent Agenda, the Board approved [Criteria for the Early On Michigan Interagency Collaboration Grant Awards Under the FY 2009-2010 Part C Allocation to Michigan](#); approved the [Michigan Educational Technology Standards for Students](#); and approved the [2009-2010 Spending Plan for Camp Tuhsmeheeta](#).

In addition, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

- [Local School Board Member Recognition Month](#)
- [Inclusive Schools Week](#)

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board is [Monday, October 26, 2009](#). The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m.

This publication is an effort to provide information on State Board of Education meeting highlights. The Board is interested in your feedback. Please direct your feedback to Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, at hamiltone@michigan.gov