

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

August 9, 2016
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Brian J. Whiston, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary
Dr. Pamela Pugh, Treasurer
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mrs. Eileen Weiser
Dr. Richard Zeile
Mr. Craig Ruff, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Tracy Horodyski, 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Pugh, Weiser, Zeile**

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.

Mr. Whiston welcomed Mrs. Tracy Horodyski, 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Schneider invited audience members to introduce themselves.

Dr. Pugh and Mrs. Weiser arrived at 9:36 a.m.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:39 a.m. to convene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

V. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

VI. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN AS A TOP 10 EDUCATION STATE IN 10 YEARS

Ms. Norma Jean Sass, Chief Deputy Superintendent; and Mr. Stephen Best, Director, Strategic Planning and Implementation; presented on Michigan as a Top 10 Education State in 10 Years.

Mr. Whiston said a plan is being developed for Michigan to become a Top 10 education state in 10 years. He said input was sought from a variety of perspectives; and people from across the state have been hard at work prioritizing and formulating the action plan. He said the presentation focuses on the draft Strategic Plan and Measuring Progress toward the goal of becoming a Top 10 education state. He said as progress is made over the course of ten years, the plan will be adjusted. He said the Top 10 initiative is aligned with the Governor's 21st Century Education Commission and the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Information was provided via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Dr. Zeile arrived at 9:48 a.m., and Mr. Ruff arrived at 9:57 a.m.

Board member comments included implementation of the plan in classrooms and buildings, home visits, timeline for implementation and inclusion of target dates, engagement with the field, focus on goal and major strategic actions, definition of implementation science and transformation zone, measuring progress for students with special needs, reduction of class size, School Reform Office assessments and closure of schools, tailoring the messaging for the general public and specific audiences, the inclusion of universal education vision and principals, and glossary on the process including differentiation between goals and strategies and measures.

VII. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN EDUCATION FINANCE STUDY

Mr. Justin Silverstein and Ms. Michaela Tonking, representing Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, presented the Michigan Education Finance Study.

Mr. Whiston said the State Board of Education adopted Recommendations for Change to Michigan School Organization and Finance in December, 2014. He said the Michigan Department of Education convened a School Finance Committee in fall 2015 which identified 12 policy priority areas. He said three themes were mentioned repeatedly: overall level of school funding, equity issues, and differentials between the costs of educating students and the revenues received.

Mr. Whiston said the State of Michigan, through the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, contracted with Augenblick, Palaich and Associates to conduct a data-focused analysis of the revenues and expenditures of Michigan school districts. He said the Michigan Education Finance Study is being presented by the authors of the report.

Mr. Silverstein and Ms. Tonking provided information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Dr. Pugh left the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Board member comments included equitable funding definition, special education funding average need, exemption of charter schools from the study, role of federal funds in supplementing state and local funds, spending equity and outcomes, inclusion of funding for Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, comparison with other states, resources lacking in some districts that have a high level of need, implications for Michigan, Board's Constitutional role to make recommendations for the financial requirements for schools, additional funding to meet opportunity gaps for students who have the highest need, training resources for professional development to build capacity, and declining student population and an expanding number of charter schools.

The Michigan Education Finance Study is available at:
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/budget/Michigan_Education_Finance_Study_527806_7.pdf.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PLAN

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent for Educator, Student and School Supports, presented on the Every Student Succeeds Act Plan.

Mr. Whiston said Congress has passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). He said Dr. Keesler is leading more than 350 people through a process to make recommendations for Michigan's ESSA Plan. He said it will support the work of the Top 10 in 10.

Information was provided via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Board member comments included accountability for attendance and graduation when students transfer to a different school; subgroup participation requirements; innovative assessment pilot with an overall goal of reduction; magnitude of broad stakeholder involvement; publicizing opportunities for stakeholder involvement; sharing examples of innovative assessment pilots that currently exist; providing access to evidence-based strategies for all teachers; multiple models of evaluation allowed by state law result in restriction of the support that can be given by educator preparation institutions and the department; investment of professional learning and feedback in a unified way; achievement defined by proficiency; overall weighting for growth; effects of teacher turnover on test scores; the ESSA requirement of English learner progress as a subgroup; accountability of schools for subgroups; State Board, Governor and Legislature involved throughout the process; anticipated completion of state plan well in advance of March submission deadline; and working toward the goal of a shared approach between the Michigan Department of Education and the School Reform Office regarding school turnaround.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:15 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

X. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. BRIAN J. WHISTON

Mr. Whiston asked Deputy Superintendents to introduce new employees.

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Mr. Diby Kouadio from the Office of Career and Technical Education.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations, introduced Ms. Ruth Thole, from the Office of Financial Management.

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Tom Greene from Portland, Michigan shared verbal comments on the Michigan Education Finance Study.
2. Elizabeth Bauer from Ferndale, Michigan shared verbal comments regarding Michigan's strategic plan.
3. Melody Arabo from West Bloomfield, Michigan provided verbal comments on special education reform.

4. Denis Dunn from West Bloomfield, Michigan provided verbal comments regarding special education.
5. Greg Pavuh from West Bloomfield, Michigan provided verbal comments on special education.
6. Kelly Rockwell from West Bloomfield, Michigan provided verbal comments on special education.
7. Johnny Oram from Walled Lake, Michigan provided verbal comments on special education reform.
8. Laura Jones from Pinckney, Michigan provided verbal comments on special education reform.
9. Marcie Lipsitt from Franklin, Michigan provided comments on special education and the Every Student Succeeds Act.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:59 p.m. to convene the Committee of the Whole at 2:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XIII. PRESENTATION ON GOVERNOR'S 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION COMMISSION

Mr. Whiston said the 21st Century Education Commission was created by Executive Order 2016-6 to make recommendations for an education system that positions Michigan as a national leader in developing talent to address the demands of today's economy.

Mr. Whiston said Mr. John Austin, Mrs. Eileen Weiser and he serve on the Commission. He said Mr. Craig Ruff attends the meetings as the Governor's Education Advisor, and Mr. Kyle Guerrant is a member of the Project Team.

Mr. Austin said he appreciated the presentation by Kati Haycock, President of the Education Trust, to the 21st Century Education Commission. He said she spoke of the urgency of addressing the needs of students who have furthest to travel, and raising Michigan's academic achievement. He said Ms. Haycock spoke of the need for higher standards, greater accountability, investment in educator capacity, increased third grade reading achievement, spending money differently by investing in students with the biggest achievement gaps, and an accountability system for all schools that ensures quality and results. He said many of the issues were also discussed during the morning portion of the board meeting during the presentation on the Michigan Education Finance Study.

Mr. Ruff said Proposal A was a great idea 20 years ago when it was enacted, but financial needs have changed and need to be reexamined. He said governance and structure also need to be reconsidered. He said accountability is a third area that needs to be addressed. He said the report of the Commission is due at the end of February, and should set a road map for the long-term to ensure stability. He said the work on developing Michigan into a Top 10 Education State in 10 Years, and the plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) should continue to move forward.

Mrs. Weiser said a broad range of stakeholders serve on the Commission. She said they are working to meld the information contained in the finance study, Top 10 and ESSA plans. She said it is important to make sure the structures of the state can accommodate factors such as population shifts, decline in postsecondary instruction, and average income of \$49,000. She said a determination needs to be made regarding how to use the money we have, infuse more money into the system, and provide stability to produce great results for children.

Mr. Whiston said the Commission meetings have been a beneficial learning opportunity through presentations and discussions regarding the areas of finance, governance, and accountability and how the work of the Commission meshes with other plans to move Michigan forward as a state.

XIV. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no Board member comments regarding grant criteria.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

F. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 14, 2016

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 14, 2016.

Dr. Ulbrich said Dr. Pugh had to leave the meeting, but she asked that the minutes include a statement clarifying that members of the Detroit Public Schools Board planned to file an injunction to block a restructuring package for Detroit Public Schools, and they requested support from the State Board of Education.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich,
Weiser, Zeile
Absent: Pugh**

The motion carried.

XVII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said he had no further comments and would forgo his report.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Human Resources Report

H. Report on Property Transfer

I. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Branch Intermediate School District Plan for Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

J. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

Grants

K. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2015-2016 Section 35a(6) Targeted Literacy Instruction and Interventions - Amendment; \$13,512,180
2. 2014-2015 Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality - Amendment; \$2,579,946
3. 2015-2016 Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality - Initial; \$2,396,312
4. 2015-2016 Civics Education - Initial; \$60,000
5. 2015-2016 ISD Collaboration Grant - Amendment; \$610,200
6. 2015-2016 ISD Collaboration Grant - Initial; \$70,000
7. 2015-2016 Professional Development Support for Teachers STEM Instruction, Section 99s(5); formerly 99b - Amendment; \$250,000
8. 2015-2016 Section 35a(6) Targeted Literacy Instruction and Interventions - Amendment; \$13,150,665

9. 2015-2016 Section 95a and Section 115 for Educator Evaluation Research and Evaluation Activities - Initial; \$1,900,000
10. 2015-2016 Section 95a for Educator Evaluation Regional ISD Staff - Initial; \$1,800,000
11. 2015-2016 Section 95a for Educator Evaluation Training - Initial; \$12,097,002.63
12. 2015-2016 Promoting Adolescent Health in Michigan Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance - Amendment; \$24,450
13. 2015-2016 Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \$467,217,972
14. 2015-2016 Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting - Amendment; \$85,629,105

Mr. Whiston provided an update on school visits, the Michigan PreK-12 Literacy Commission, and employee donations of back to school items.

Mr. Whiston provided clarification on recent discussions regarding subrecipients of special education funds, and the investigation process for special education complaints. Mr. Whiston said he believes that if a system is going to be changed significantly, all parties involved should have an opportunity to provide input. He said the next six months will be dedicated to discussions with all stakeholders on the topic of the obligations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grant.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Ruff left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

XIX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Tracy Horodyski, 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Horodyski thanked the Board for honoring all voices during the Board meeting. She shared information on her recent visits and guiding principles while serving as the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

XX. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, said Ms. Caroline Liethen has been hired as the Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Education, replacing Mr. Ben Williams.

Mr. Ackley said the legislature has not been in session, and the Board's Legislative Committee has not met.

XXI. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Approval of Criteria for Michigan 10 Cents a Meal Support of Local Produce in School Meals Grant, \$250,000
- N. Approval of Criteria for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program, \$36,796,796
- O. Approval of Criteria for Science Olympiad, Section 99s(5), \$250,000.
- P. Approval of Criteria for Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants, \$25,342,600
- Q. Approval of Criteria for Section 61b Planning Grants for Career and Technical Education Early/Middle College Programs, \$500,000

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, Dr. Ulbrich seconded, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- M. approve the Criteria for Michigan 10 Cents a Meal Support of Local Produce in Schools Meals, as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2016;**
- N. approve the Criteria for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program, as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2016;**
- O. approve the Criteria for Science Olympiad as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2016;**
- P. approve the Criteria for Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2016; and**
- Q. approve the Criteria for Section 61b Planning Grants for Career and Technical Education Early/Middle College Programs, as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated August 3, 2016.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich,
Weiser, Zeile
Absent: Pugh**

The motion carried.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Ulbrich asked if the Department has received clarification on the two-thirds vote needed for passage of the Detroit Public Schools restructuring package. Mr. Whiston said the Department has requested information from Detroit and will continue to do so.

Mrs. Weiser said the Education Commission of the States (ECS) would like to present to the State Board of Education at a future meeting. She said ECS is providing insight into ESSA as well as Title IV and the 21st Century School Component.

Mrs. Weiser said Indianapolis is working on starting school later in the day.

Dr. Zeile suggested a future presentation on the role and structure of intermediate school districts and regional educational service agencies.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Board members are asked to contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Wednesday, September 14, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, October 11, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, November 15, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary