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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. A video archive of the meeting is available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5373_41603---,00.html

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The primary focus of this meeting of the State Board of Education was a public policy discussion regarding Michigan's strategy for turning around low-performing schools.

The meeting started with a discussion with Senator Wayne Kuipers. Senator Kuipers highlighted and responded to questions regarding legislation he has introduced ([SB 636](#), [SB 637](#), [SB 638](#), and [SB 639](#)) creating what are called "Neighborhood Schools." [Click here for Senator Kuipers' PowerPoint presentation.](#)

Following Senator Kuipers, Representative Tim Melton highlighted and responded to questions regarding legislation he has introduced ([HB 4787](#) and [HB 4789](#)) dealing with turning around schools.

In addition to the discussions with Senator Kuipers and Representative Melton, the Office of Educational Improvement and Innovation provided information on the Department of Education's efforts to assist low-performing schools within a Statewide System of Support. [Click here for the PowerPoint presentation.](#)

Several representatives of the Education Alliance of Michigan and other key stakeholders provided comments for turning around low-performing schools.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Discussion Regarding Actions and Directions for Improving Underperforming Schools

The Board discussed the importance of meeting the time frame requirements due to the deadline for submission of the federal Race to the Top application. It was agreed that the Board needs to take action soon on those issues that require Board approval.

[Approval of Policy for Teacher Preparation Institution Corrective Action, Self-Improvement, and Plan of Improvement](#)

The Board approved the Policy for Teacher Preparation Institution Corrective Action, Self-Improvement, and Plan of Improvement, but asked staff to clarify the language of Level 3 Corrective Action based on the Board's discussion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The president's report included verbal comments on the recent meetings of the Board's Legislative Committee and Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund Committee. In addition, the president reported on Board representatives to serve on the state's Race to the Top committees currently being formed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent provided the Board with a Human Resources Update, and notified the Board that he approved [Modifications to the Previously Approved Calhoun Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services](#); approved a [Modification to the Previously Approved Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services](#); and approved the [Kent Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

As part of its Consent Agenda, the Board took action on the following:

- [Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 11, 2009](#)
- [Approval of Special Education Advisory Committee \(SEAC\) Member Replacement](#)

- [Approval of Accommodations Summary Table for Assessment of Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners](#)
- [Approval of the Assessment Integrity Guide](#)

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board is **Tuesday, October 13, 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