

# MINUTES

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

August 23, 2001  
10:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Mrs. Sharon L. Gire, Vice President  
Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr., Secretary  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser, Treasurer  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate  
Mr. John C. Austin  
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer  
Mrs. Sharon Wise

Absent: Governor John Engler, ex officio

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

### II. AGENDA MATERIALS

- A. Federal Report for August 2001 - Memorandum dated August 23, 2001, from Mr. Watkins to the Board
- B. Report of the Superintendent - 2001-2002 Federally-Funded Child Care and Development Fund Grants for Three-Year-Old Children
- C. Report of the Superintendent - Report on Property Transfers
- D. Report of the Superintendent - Report on Teacher Certification Revocation

### III. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Memorandum dated August 23, 2001, from Mr. Alexander Davlantes, Administrative Officer, to the Board regarding Update on Activities at Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and Camp T

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report of the Superintendent - 2001-2002 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants - added to agenda

- B. Report of the Superintendent - 2001-2002 Federally-Funded Child Care and Development Fund Grants for Three-Year-Old Children - added to agenda
- C. Report of the Superintendent - Report on Property Transfers - added to agenda
- D. Report of the Superintendent - Report on Teacher Certification Revocation - added to agenda

Mrs. Straus requested that the following item be removed from the agenda

- E. President's Report - Discussion Regarding State Board of Education By-laws

**Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.**

**Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise**

**The motion carried.**

V. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, Administrative Secretary to the State Board of Education, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and guests attending the meeting.

VI. MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 19, 2001

**Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the minutes of the meeting of July 19, 2001.**

**Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise**

**The motion carried.**

VII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no awards and recognitions presented.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Straus said she recently traveled to Sault Ste. Marie with Mr. Watkins who spoke with a leadership group from the Michigan Education Association as well as a group of local Upper Peninsula superintendents. She said Mr. Watkins has stated that Board members are welcome to join him on his visits, and she encouraged the Board to participate as much as possible.

A. Discussion Regarding State Board of Education Task Forces

Mr. Straus said a convocation of outstanding teachers is planned for September 19-20, 2001, in East Lansing, Michigan, and she suggested that the Board plan its next meeting in conjunction with that event. She further suggested that the Board utilize that opportunity to break into the respective task forces on the 20<sup>th</sup>. She said the preliminary plan is for the Board to meet very briefly in the morning, recess into the task forces, and reconvene later in the day. She said the task forces would be asked to provide reports to the Board during the regular portion of the meeting.

Ms. Jean Shane, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, said she has been working with staff at the Michigan Virtual University to organize the event titled, "Focus on Teaching: What Helps Teachers Teach and Children Learn." She said 16-20 teachers from throughout Michigan would be involved and asked to provide their best ideas, strategies, and proposed policies for teachers to help improve student achievement. She said the teachers will develop a PowerPoint presentation and a preliminary report while visiting the MVU Collaboratory, which will be provided to the Board at its meeting later in the day.

Mr. Watkins said this forum will provide an opportunity to pull together award winning teachers, receive their input, follow up with the Task Force on Teacher Quality, and transfer the information back to the Board as either recommended policy or legislative changes.

There was extensive discussion regarding other items that may be included on the agenda for the September meeting, including Dr. Michael Addonizio's report regarding charter schools.

B. Governor's Education Summit and the Upper Peninsula Education Summit

Mrs. Straus said the Board has been invited to both the Governor's Education Summit and the Upper Peninsula Education Summit on September 7, 2001. She said there will be a follow up meeting the next day with education leaders in Lansing.

Dr. William Bushaw, Chief Academic Officer, said the follow up meeting will focus on issues addressed at the Governor's Summit. He said the meeting will be by invitation only and will include chairs of legislative committees, members of the State Board of Education, and other policy leaders. He said main topics for discussion will be accreditation, accountability, and assessments.

C. Dr. Paula Serra, IDEA Consultants

Mrs. Straus said Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Support Services, indicated to the Board at its July 19, 2001, meeting that Dr. Paula Serra may be willing to either speak with the Board or to the individual task forces regarding her evaluation on the Michigan School Improvement Plan. She said after careful review of the document, she has concluded that Dr. Serra should work with the individual task forces. Mrs. Straus said an article in USA Today, titled, "Poll: Vouchers lose support,

but public schools gain,” indicates that support for public education has never been higher. She said she felt the poll shows that people are recognizing that public schools are doing better and better, and that reform is wanted instead of vouchers.

IX. DISCUSSION REGARDING ANALYSIS OF HOUSE BILLS 4760 AND 4761 - ED FLEX LEGISLATION

Ms. Kate McAuliffe, Assistant Superintendent, provided information and responded to questions from the Board regarding the analysis of House Bills 4760 and 4761 - Ed Flex Legislation. She said these bills have been reported out of committee and are currently on the House floor for consideration. She said these bills would permit the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive designated state statutes and rules as requested by school districts which provide information on how the waiver would increase student performance under a performance-based contract. She said the Department would be required to submit a report to the Legislature summarizing the waivers that have been requested, and possibly some suggested changes in rules and law that may benefit the state as a whole.

Ms. McAuliffe said some concerns have been raised by staff and Board members regarding safeguards pertaining to health and safety requirements, teacher certification and preparation, rules or statutes which apply specifically to public school academies, and that waivers should not be granted until the school district would ensure fiscal responsibility.

Mrs. Straus assured the Board that those recommendations have been included as amendments in the Statement Regarding House Bills 4760 and 4761 - “Ed Flex” Legislation which has been provided to the Board for adoption.

Ms. McAuliffe said the Chairman of the House Education Committee has indicated that amendments have been drafted. She said even though these bills do not appear to have the votes necessary to pass, she thinks they would provide an opportunity for school districts to determine what is causing them to not move forward, and remove some state imposed restrictions hindering student academic achievement.

**Mrs. Gire moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement Regarding House Bills 4760 and 4761 - “Ed Flex” Legislation.**

Mr. Warren said the Board has historically been on record for increasing flexibility for schools and has approved similar proposals in the past. Mr. Warren said even though Michigan is a local control state, there is a perception that barriers to effective organized learning exist, and this proposal binds the waiver process to accountability in increased academic performance, and ties the waiver to a contract that ensures improved student achievement.

Mrs. McGuire said she believes this proposal provides an opportunity for schools to advance, but was concerned that minorities would be forgotten when waivers were granted. In response, Mr. Watkins assured the Board that he will not approve a waiver that does not help a teacher teach or children learn, and that unintentional discrimination will not be an issue.

The following individuals offered comments regarding this issue:

- Dr. Thomas Davis, Superintendent, Holt Public Schools, 4610 Spahr Street, Holt, Michigan 48842. Mr. Davis offered comments regarding the impact “Ed Flex” legislation has had on Holt Public Schools, and the recent incident where a student brought a weapon to a school event as part of his Scottish costume. He said local and intermediate school district superintendents appreciate it when red tape is released regarding statutes, rules, regulations, and funding so that each instance may be viewed uniquely to the circumstance.
- Ms. Linda Myers, Michigan Education Association, P.O. Box 2573, East Lansing, Michigan 48826. Ms. Myers offered comments regarding the Michigan Education Association’s opinion of the “Ed Flex” legislation, and suggested that a study be conducted to determine exactly which rules and regulations should be changed or eliminated.

Mrs. Straus said the general powers provision of the school code is supposed to give school districts the authority to do anything they want unless specifically prohibited. She said she does not think this legislation is necessary, but appreciates that school districts must provide a contract that the requested waiver will result in increased student improvement.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The statement is attached as Exhibit A.

X. DISCUSSION REGARDING SENATE BILLS 473-476 - SENATE PRIORITY SCHOOL LEGISLATION

Ms. Kate McAuliffe, Assistant Superintendent, provided information and responded to questions from the Board regarding Senate Bills 473-476. Ms. McAuliffe said these bills have passed the Senate and are now being reviewed by the House Education Committee. She said this legislation creates a “State Educational Improvement Board” which will be housed within the Department of Education. She said there have been some issues discussed by staff and with the Board regarding the role of the State Educational Improvement Board and the conflict that this creates in law given the constitutional authority of the State Board of Education over public education.

**Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement on Senate Bills 473-476 - Priority Schools Legislation.**

There was extensive discussion regarding the State Educational Improvement Board and the State Board of Education’s constitutional role, unified performance and accreditation standards, the importance of collaborating with the Legislature and providing recommendations which will help schools effectively lift up underperforming schools, not wasting taxpayer dollars with a duplicative, non-constitutional board, and the desire of the board to work as partners with the Legislature, the Governor, and others.

The following individuals offered comments regarding this issue:

- Ms. Linda Myers, Michigan Education Association, P.O. Box 2573, East Lansing, Michigan 48826. Ms. Myers offered comments regarding the Michigan Education Association's opinion of this legislation, and stated that they would work with the Board in trying to implement the recommendation.
- Dr. James Mapes, Superintendent, Van Buren Intermediate School District, 490 ½ S. Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, Michigan 49064. Dr. Mapes offered comments regarding his view that failing schools tend to occur in failing communities and unless a comprehensive system for alleviating those factors occurs within the communities, schools will not improve.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The statement is attached as Exhibit B.

XI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - MRS. SHARON WISE

Mrs. Wise said the Michigan Constitution provides that the State Board of Education shall "advise the Legislature as to the financial requirements" of public education. Therefore, she recommends that the State Board of Education charge the Superintendent of Public Instruction to initiate a thorough and in-depth review and study of the financial requirements of public education. She said this study shall include both estimates of the funds needed to appropriately fund public education and any related policy recommendations, but was not to include recommendation related to the particular source or mechanisms of funds or state aid. She said this is a responsibility that the Board has failed to meet, and she thinks it is time that the Legislature be provided with the numbers and recommendations they need to adequately provide for public education in Michigan.

**Mrs. Wise moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement Regarding Financial Requirements of Public Education.**

There was extensive discussion regarding: (1) Proposal A; (2) the changing demographics of education; (3) the need for the Board to show leadership in this area; and (4) the need for the Board to fulfill its constitutional mandate.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The statement is attached as Exhibit C.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:26 p.m.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Mr. Fred Kline, Society for Excellence in Education, 80 East Hancock, #1514, Detroit, Michigan 48201. Mr. Kline offered comments regarding low standardized test results in Michigan compared to other states, and the need for more funds for nurses in elementary schools.

Mr. Kline provided a copy of "Grades for State Academic Standards, 1998 and 2000, Brookings Papers on Education Policy: 2001" to the Board.

- B. Ms. Mary Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments regarding authorizer oversight fees and the Michigan Department of Education budget.

Ms. Wood provided a copy of a document titled, "Public School Academies: Fees paid to their Authorizer and For-Profit Management Companies."

Mrs. Straus said Dr. Michael Addonizio, Wayne State University, has been contracted to review two charter schools in Michigan, and will be providing a report at a future Board meeting.

XIV. DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPACT OF 5% PRORATION VS. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TARGET AGREEMENTS FOR FY 2001-2002

Ms. Elaine Madigan Mills, Director, Office of State Aid and School Finance, provided information and responded to questions from the Board regarding the impact of the 5% proration vs. implementation of the target agreements for fiscal year 2001-2002. She said there is a school aid budget in place for the next two years, but it became apparent during the January and May revenue consensus conferences that the anticipated revenues were not going to be sufficient to fully fund the school aid budget. She said the Governor met with the legislative leadership and reached an agreement on the target budget on school aid which resulted in House Bill 4371. She said that bill was returned to the House from the Senate and is now in conference, though the conferees have not been named.

Ms. Mills provided an overview of the "Comparison of a Sample of Districts: Impact of 5% Proration vs. Implementation of the Target Agreements for FY 2001-2002," and briefly explained to the Board how the state aid payment process is conducted, and affected by Proposal A.

There was extensive discussion regarding whether student performance is impacted by poverty, if additional monetary resources would help student achievement improve, whether the proration or the target agreements will best further the Board's strategic goal, the problems related to a three year budget, whether pinpointing money was helpful, and the affect of the proposed reductions on underperforming schools.

In response to Mrs. Wise, Ms. Mills clarified for the Board that if the 5% proration is enacted, school districts will receive less of an increase than under the target agreements for fiscal year 2001-2002.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education encourage the Legislature to protect the foundation grant and categorical programs, and to find alternative funding resources.**

Mrs. Wise said she supports the first portion of the motion encouraging the Legislature to protect the foundation grant and categorical, but she feels how they accomplish that should be left up to them.

A suggestion was made by a Board member to divide the motion.

Mr. Austin rescinded his motion, Mrs. Gire her support.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education strongly encourage the Legislature to protect the foundation allowance and targeted categorical programs.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Austin said he feels it is incumbent on the Board to revisit the discussion earlier in the meeting regarding its role as public leaders and advocates for education to make thoughtful recommendations as the Legislature struggles with protecting investing in schools.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education endorse the Governor's efforts to seek legislative support for the so-called internet and catalog sales tax.**

Mrs. Wise said she understands Mr. Austin's intent with the motion, however, she does not think it is appropriate for the Board to support increases in revenues from the taxpayers of Michigan. She said it is the Board's responsibility to explain what funds are necessary to provide public education for students, but it is the Legislature's role to determine where the funds come from.

Mr. Austin said State Board of Education members are elected to be advocates and policy makers in education. He said that should include not only policy, but finding resources as well.

Mr. Warren said he appreciates the intent of the motion, but is concerned that it will set a precedent for the Board of adopting a new tax whenever a fiscal issue presents itself. He raised the issue of the Boards' role related to tax policy, and specifically asked why the Board should not support a host of other taxes, including sales taxes, sin taxes, and stamp taxes. He said the internet tax issue is moot in any case because it is mostly a federal issue which requires congressional action as well as a coalition of states, and different rules and regulations. He said it is unrealistic that an internet tax is going to solve Michigan's educational funding problems. He said the Statement Regarding Financial Requirements of Public Education adopted by the Board earlier in the day was well-grounded policy that could make a substantive difference in the policy discussions of the Legislature and the Governor. He said he believes this motion would be an empty gesture in that the Board has not received any information supporting the consequences of an internet sales tax. He suggested that the Board

convene experts to provide an in-depth, comprehensive evaluation of the long term financial needs for public education in Michigan.

Mrs. Weiser said she supported the motion for discussion purposes, and would like to ensure the Board is making progress and keeping its purview in tact. She said the Board is not in a position to advocate new revenue in a specific way, and she is apprehensive about setting tax policy. She said the Board does not have the information necessary to make an informed decision, and she feels this discussion does not fulfill the Board's obligation to advise the Legislature regarding educational funding.

Dr. Moyer said he believes the Board does have a role in identifying and making suggestions, and that an internet tax would help alleviate the situation for the coming year. He said he supports the motion.

Mrs. McGuire said she thinks that by supporting an internet tax, the Board is stating how strongly it feels about the educational funding issue. She said nobody wishes to discuss raising taxes, but no one wants to see a cut in education funding either. She said she feels that it will be very hard to collect an internet tax.

Mr. Watkins said he believes that the internet tax will not immediately address the issue, but it is estimated to be a significant amount of money, 70% of which will be applied toward education.

Mrs. Gire said this issue has been well researched across the United States, and Governor Engler is the head of the National Governor's Association which is looking into an internet tax. She said this is not a new tax, but a sales tax that is not currently being captured and by all rights is owed to every state. She said she believes it does merit some extra consideration and in-depth study. She said this tax would not save a program such as the summer reading program next year, but it would lay the foundation for long term types of additional investments.

Mrs. Straus said she thinks it is incumbent on the State Board of Education to indicate to the Legislature what it would be willing to support in order to provide the revenue to protect both the foundation grant and the targeted categoricals.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus**  
**Nays: Warren, Weiser, Wise**

**The motion carried.**

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education endorse the pause in the scheduled income tax reduction for one year.**

Mr. Warren asked that his reasons for his dissenting vote be placed in the record.

Mr. Warren said there is a difference between income tax and internet tax because the internet tax requires federal legislation. He said that process will take a long time to implement which could possibly affect the revenue stream. He said he does not think the Governor nor the Legislature will approve a delay in the tax reduction, and he is

concerned that by approving the recommendation the Board will damage its credibility incorporated by reference to the points he made in connection with the internet tax resolution.

Mrs. Straus said it is incumbent on the State Board of Education to make a recommendation on this issue to remind the Legislature they have the authority to pause the scheduled income tax reduction for one year. She said they need support from the Board which is responsible for public education in Michigan.

Mrs. Weiser said Michigan is now one of the best states in which to start or expand a business, and part of the pivotal reason for achieving that gain has been the taxation decreases. She said the Board has not studied the schedule income tax reduction, and she feels it should urge the Legislature to investigate any means possible to prevent a reduction in educational funding.

Mrs. Gire said she believes that funding reductions should be agreed upon across the board, and it seems that by just slowing down the process by a year means the state will be in better shape each year thereafter. She said she thinks it is the fiscally responsible thing to do. She said when there is a three-year budget, it does not make sense to cut other revenue streams.

Mrs. Wise said it is not the Board's responsibility to discuss sales tax issues. She said the Board must focus on how best to help children with the money that is available.

Mr. Austin said he thinks it is imperative for the Board to express its opinions on important topics. He said he appreciates Board members' comments, however, these are not ill considered recommendations. He said the Board has been involved in discussions and is interested in how to promote good outcomes for education. He said he thinks it is important that each Board member weigh in and provide some encouragement in what they think is the right direction for the Legislature.

Mrs. McGuire said when Proposal A was passed in 1994, many people warned that basing so much on a rise in sales tax could result in a loss of revenue received for education if the economy faltered. She said that is what is happening now. She said if the Board has an opportunity to encourage alternative revenues, it is its responsibility to inform the Legislature. She said she did not think there would be a change in the Proposal A situation, nor was it appropriate to discuss an income tax cut at this point.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus**

**Nays: Warren, Weiser, Wise**

**The motion carried.**

XV. UPDATE ON ACCREDITATION

Dr. William Bushaw, Chief Academic Officer, provided information and responded to questions from the Board regarding the progress that has taken place regarding establishing an effective accreditation system in Michigan. He said the accreditation meeting held on June 18, 2001, was instrumental in the research and information gathering process which has been ongoing since that time. He said he has met with

Department staff, individuals and groups from intermediate school districts, visitors from other states, and staff from the Department of Career Development and the Center for Educational Performance Information. He said the goal is to develop an accreditation system based on high standards, that employs multiple measures, and acts as a ladder not hammer for public education. He said he plans to utilize the Standard and Poor's report, priority schools legislation, the State Board of Education task forces, and the federal legislation with the re-authorization of ESEA.

During his presentation, Dr. Bushaw discussed the following: (1) communication efforts through an education listserv; (2) high standards for children of all ages; (3) ensuring that all children can read and compute; (4) Dr. William Sanders' comments and ideas presented to the Board at its July 19, 2001, meeting; (5) the importance of student attendance; (6) engaging students through the development of a plan for high school; (7) different measurements for elementary, middle, and high schools; and (8) the use of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), post secondary readiness, drop out rates and professional development as indicators.

Dr. Bushaw said Ms. Sue Carnell, Director, Office of School Excellence; Mr. Paul Bielawski, Consultant; and Ms. Dorothy VanLooy, Director, Office of Field Services, have been instrumental in the development of the new accreditation system.

There was extensive discussion regarding: (1) existing technical assistance programs; (2) a projected time line for presenting proposals to the Legislature and the Board; and (3) the importance of including all pertinent parties in the development of the accreditation system.

No action was taken on this item.

#### XVI. UPDATE ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law Office, said Department staff have been working on tying the Adequate Yearly Progress as required in the federal legislation in with the new accreditation system. She said federal and state programs have traditionally been coordinated by different staff within the Department, but efforts are being made to consolidate those processes because there are some current federal issues which could be problematic if local districts and Department staff are not aware of them.

Ms. Stanley provided information and responded to questions from the Board regarding the following, as listed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 23, 2001:

- Conferees Nix House/Senate Versions of Adequate Yearly Progress in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Full Funding Critical Issue in ESEA Negotiations
- Michigan Medicaid School-Based Services Negotiations Stall

Mr. Austin said he is aware of some educational issues being discussed in Washington, D.C. revolving around who is in charge of the state educational plans, and he feels that it may be pertinent that the Board receive this information. He said many of the issues include state testing, whether it is the Superintendent, Governor, or the State Board of Education speaking on behalf of the state, and are all parties in conjunction with one another's views. He said he thinks the Board should be involved in those discussions.

Ms. Stanley said this has been a long-standing issue between the state education agencies and the chief executives. She said Michigan is unique in that its board of education is elected, and superintendent of public instruction is appointed by the Board, as constitutionally mandated. She said because each state's educational system and boards of education differ so much, the Senate thinks the decision should be deferred to the states.

Mr. Austin said many specific topics have been discussed at the State Board of Education table including Michigan's assessment system and whether it is too tough or not tough enough. He said he thinks big issues such as this are part and parcel of the Board's responsibilities.

Ms. Stanley said Michigan was the tie breaking vote to include the Council for Chief State School Officers in the assessment issue, and she believes there is a commitment to have Michigan become more and more involved in the national debate.

No action was taken on this item.

XVII. REPORT ON ACTIVITIES BY TERESA BALLARD, 2000-2001 CHRISTA MCAULIFFE FELLOW, AND INTRODUCTION OF DR. LAUREN CHILDS, 2001-2002 CHRISTA MCAULIFFE FELLOW

Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Supervisor, Organizational Development, introduced Ms. Teresa Ballard, 2000-2001 Christa McAuliffe Fellow; Dr. Lauren Childs, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, and 2001-2002 Christa McAuliffe Fellow; and Dr. Arthur Vrettas, Consultant. She said the program is designed to support teachers to fulfill a dream that they have in honor of Ms. Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher in space.

Ms. Ballard said she has spent much of her year as a classroom coach, and found that it helped teachers become more confident in teaching mathematics and in their classroom management efforts. She said as a result of her project, she wrote an article titled, "Coaching in the Classroom," which was published by the National Education Association, Winter 2001 Journal, "Teaching and Change." She said she will be continuing her coaching efforts as a Math/Science Coordinator in Battle Creek Public Schools.

On behalf of the State Board of Education, Mrs. Straus presented Ms. Ballard with a certificate of recognition honoring her service as Michigan's 2000-2001 Christa McAuliffe Fellow.

Dr. Childs provided information regarding The Maple and McAuliffe Partnership for Literacy Exploration (The M.A.P.L.E. Project) which will address the challenge of early and elementary literacy development in a school community comprised of complex linguistic and cultural diversity. She said it is a focused practitioner, research-based kind of a project which provides an opportunity for her to employ her vision of being both a teacher researcher and teacher educator in a school-based context.

Mrs. Straus said the Board has established five task forces charged with helping to achieve the goal of improved student achievement in chronically underperforming schools. She said one of those task forces is Ensuring Excellent Educators, and Dr. Childs' project seems to fit in with that group.

Dr. Moyer said he believes this project also fits in the Integrating Communities and Schools task force which is grounded in a larger vision of a learning community of students, educators, and parents.

No action was taken on this item.

#### XVIII. REPORT ON CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Additional Criteria for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 Federally-Funded Child Care and Development Fund Grants for School-Age Child Care (Super Pilot Project) - this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion items
- J. Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Teacher Preparation/Certification Advisory Group
- K. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Michael R. Williamson
- L. Adoption of Resolution Declaring Michigan School Bus Safety Week
- M. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National School Lunch Week
- N. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan Safe School Week
- O. Adoption of Resolution Supporting Lights On Afterschool! 2001 - this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion items

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda, as follows:**

- I. (this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion items)**
- J. (1) appoint to the Standing Technical Advisory Council C. Timothy Weier, for a one-year term ending June 30, 2002, to fill a vacancy; and (2) re-appoint to the Standing Technical Advisory Council James Bosco for a two-year term ending June 30, 2003, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2001;**

- K. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2001 honoring Michael R. Williamson;**
- L. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2001, declaring October 21 - 27, 2001, as Michigan School Bus Safety Week;**
- M. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2001, recognizing October 15 - 19, 2001, as National School Lunch Week;**
- N. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2001, declaring October 14 - 20, 2001, as Michigan Safe School Week; and**
- O. (this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion items)**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The resolutions are attached as Exhibits D, E, F, and G respectively.

**XIX. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR THE 2000-2001 AND 2001-2002 FEDERALLY FUNDED CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE (SUPER PILOT PROJECT)**

Mr. Warren said he requested this item be removed from the consent agenda because he felt it would be pertinent to include the Board's School Climate Policy and School Safety Policy in the criteria. He said the Super Pilot Project grant lines up perfectly with the two Board policies, and he suggested that staff find a way to integrate them.

Dr. Lindy Buch, Consultant, said in the past, funds for school age child care have been limited to helping programs get off the ground. She said this project, however, is part of the interagency agreement with the Family Independence Agency which has requested that Department of Education staff consider issues of sustainability and quality, and develop models for school age child care.

Dr. Buch said it could be indicated in the first paragraph of the criteria that the purpose of the grant program is consistent with existing State Board of Education policies.

**Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the additional criteria for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 Federally-Funded Child Care and Development Fund Grants for School-Age Child Care (Super Pilot Project) as described in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2001, as modified.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XX. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL!  
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Mr. Warren said he understands that the purpose of this resolution is to call attention to the Lights On Afterschool! 2001 program, but he was concerned that the Board had not received enough information to make an informed decision. He suggested that more detailed information be provided and the item returned for Board approval at the September 20, 2001, meeting.

Mrs. Straus said the Lights On Afterschool! program is in line with the Safe School Policy and would support structured places for children to be after school. She said it is sponsored by the Mott Foundation and the United States Department of Education. She said the idea is to prepare national publicity and the materials may already be printed by the September meeting.

Mrs. Weiser said she thinks it is a perfect connection between the private sector and the foundation world, and is something that is recognized as being important for certain parents.

Mr. Warren said because of the time sensitive issue, and the fact that Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Weiser agree that it is a good program, he would be willing to support the adoption of the resolution. He suggested that the Superintendent and staff provide more detailed information regarding programs requested for Board approval in the future.

**Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2001, supporting Lights On Afterschool! 2001.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The resolution is attached as Exhibit H.

XXI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- P. Human Resources Report
- Q. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- R. Department of Education Cosponsorships
- GG. Report on Property Transfers
- HH. Report on Teacher Certification
- S. 1999-2000 Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant Programs - Cycle 4 - Amendment
- T. 2000-2001 Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant Program - Cycle 5 -
- U. 2000-2001 Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant Program - Cycle 5 - Additional Awards

- V. 2001-2002 State Competitive Projects, Part B
- W. 2001-2002 State Competitive Projects, Part C
- X. FY 2001-2002 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Formula Grants; FY 2001-2002 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C Infant and Toddlers Program; FY 2001-2002 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Sec. 619 Preschool Formula Grants
- Y. 2001-2002 Emergency Immigrant Education Program
- Z. 2001-2002 Michigan School Readiness Program
- AA. 2001-2002 State-Funded Michigan School Readiness Competitive Grant Program
- BB. 2001-2002 Federally-Funded Child Care and Development Fund Competitive Grants for School-Age Child Care
- CC. 2001-2002 Education for Homeless Children and Youth
- DD. 2000-2001 Motorcycle Rider and Safety Education Program
- EE. 2001-2002 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program
- FF. 2001-2002 Federally Funded Child Care and Development Fund Grants for Three-Year-Old Children

Mr. Watkins provided an oral report on the following:

- A. Reorganization of Office of the Superintendent

Mr. Watkins said during his interview for the Superintendent of Public Instruction position, he outlined his goals for public education. He said he has been actively trying to implement that plan through personal contact with local and intermediate school districts, and by engaging people throughout the State of Michigan.

Mr. Watkins said he is privileged to work with staff of the Department of Education, and is pleased that Dr. William Bushaw, Chief Academic Officer, agreed to join him in his efforts. He said he is also pleased to announce that Ms. Pam Wong will be joining the Department as Chief of Staff and Director of Communications. He said Ms. Wong is an extraordinary communicator and has worked with Michigan Bell and most recently helped merge the largest health care organization across the country.

**XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

- A. President's Retreat - Mrs. Sharon Gire

Mrs. Gire said she was privileged to attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) and National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Leaders conference recently. She said the conference offered an

experiential learning opportunity in that actors portrayed Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. She said the characters offered their opinions on public education to the House of Burgess, and she felt it was very educational.

B. Bullying Policy - Mr. John Austin

Mr. Austin said he heard on the radio that several school districts are making efforts to implement bullying policies, and he was encouraged that the word is getting out to the school districts.

C. Early Childhood Cognitive Development Summit - Mrs. Sharon Wise

Mrs. Wise said she had an opportunity to attend the Early Childhood Cognitive Development Summit hosted by First Lady Laura Bush, and she thought it was very interesting. She said the summit was held at Georgetown University and the President and First Lady spent a great deal of time with the attendees.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins said the Board President, Vice President, Secretary, and staff will meet in the next couple of weeks to develop the agenda for the next meeting.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. September 20, 2001
- B. October 18, 2001
- C. November 15, 2001
- D. December 13, 2001

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael David Warren, Jr.  
Secretary