

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Also Meeting As STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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

December 14, 2000
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Arthur E. Ellis, Chairman
Mrs. Dorothy Beardmore, President
Mrs. Kathleen Straus, Vice President
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Secretary
Mrs. Sharon L. Gire, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire
Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr.
Mr. Scott Jenkins, representing Governor John Engler

Absent: Mrs. Sharon A. Wise, Treasurer
Mrs. Eileen L. Weiser

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Mr. Ellis said due to weather conditions, Mrs. Weiser is unable to attend the meeting, and Mrs. Wise called and is unable to attend due to an unanticipated family commitment.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report of the Superintendent - Report on Property Transfers - added to agenda
- B. Report of the Superintendent - 2000-2001 Summer Institutes for the Arts, Sciences, and Technology - added to agenda
- C. Report of the Superintendent - 2000-2001 Mathematics and Science Centers - added to agenda

- D. Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Teacher Preparation/
Certification Advisory Groups - added to agenda
- E. Receive the Report on Michigan's State Technology Plan (1998) Update 2000 -
this item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion items

III. AGENDA MATERIALS

- A. Revised Version 1 - Policies for Creating Effective Learning Environments

IV. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Memorandum dated December 14, 2000, from Alexander G. Davlantes,
Administrative Officer, to the State Board of Education regarding Update on
Activities at the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and Camp T
- B. Harvard Education Letter - November/December 2000 - "Getting a Jump on
Good Health"

V. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 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. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of State Board of Education Minutes of Meeting of November 16, 2000
- B. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of November 30, 2000
- C. Approval of Minutes of Closed Session of November 30, 2000

Due to a delay in mail delivery, many Board members did not have an opportunity to
review the minutes of the November 16, 2000 meeting.

There was consensus to delay approval of the November 16, 2000, State Board of
Education meeting minutes until the January 2001 meeting.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the State Board of Education
approve the minutes of special and closed meetings of November 30, 2000.**

Ayes: Beardmore, Gire, Moyer, Straus, Warren

Absent: McGuire, Weiser, Wise

The motion carried.

VII. REPORT ON HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Mr. Ellis said in January, March, June, and October 2000, the State Board of Education heard presentations on programs and policies for children ages 0-4, 4-8, 8-11, and 11-14. He said today's report will conclude the Board's year-long developmental focus with an update on in-school and out-of-school initiatives and issues for students in high school, ages 14-18.

Ms. Sue Carnell, Director, Office of School Excellence; Dr. Lindy Buch, Supervisor, Curriculum Unit, Birth through Grade 12; Ms. Sheila Potter, English Language Arts Consultant, Birth through Grade 12; Mr. John Williams, Director, Office of Career Preparation, Department of Career Development; Mr. Ben Kramer, Senior, Pewamo-Westphalia High School, Pewamo Westphalia Community Schools; and Mr. Ryan Carnell, Sophomore, Wayne Memorial High School, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, provided information and responded to questions from the Board regarding education at the high school level.

Dr. Buch provided information on the following:

- Growth spurts and puberty issues, physiological changes, and intellectual and socio-emotional development.
- The importance for children to learn outside of the school setting, such as in a work environment. There is currently a shortage of workers, and high school students are often pressured to work which takes time and energy away from school and school related activities.
- Economic dependency, and the necessity for schools to provide options such as dual enrollment, online and/or virtual education, and advanced placement courses.

During the presentation, Ms. Potter commented on the following:

- The importance of a balanced curriculum which includes interdisciplinary connections, and instruction guided by the *Teaching and Learning Standards*.
- Engaging learners to apply their knowledge in real world context, and the completion of tasks which conform to adult tasks.

- The value of meaningful and consistent evaluation, and engaging teachers in a process to articulate their expectations, agree on grading/working criteria, and setting common performance standards and levels.
- High expectations for all students including tailored intervention which develops literacy skills and abilities, and teachers coaching students in application of literacy, learning, study, and thinking strategies specific to content areas.

There was extensive discussion regarding: (1) the importance of teacher assessment, and the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and its connection to the Standards and Benchmarks; (2) students attending college unprepared to learn at a college level; (3) students not having the necessary amount of time for academic activities because of pressures to work; (4) the importance of developing programs designed to help students stay in school and to make the content of the education interesting; and (5) the possibility of starting high school later in the day because many teenagers tend not to be fully alert early in the day.

In response to Board members, Ms. Potter said the Periodic Review/Program Evaluation process ensures that teachers are being taught to the Board approved standards which provide consistency in the curricula among the different colleges and/or universities.

Mr. Williams said a prevalent problem for many school districts is “senioritis.” He said it is imperative for school districts to actively work toward keeping students engaged in their education through the high school term. He said unfortunately schools tend to respond by being more restrictive rather than providing experiences and opportunities that will keep students in school.

Mr. Williams said there are three major themes that are recurring in literature regarding school reform: (1) the success of career or academic academies; (2) interesting instructional curriculum; and (3) keeping students actively engaged through their high school years. He said another key issue is the connection between school and the community which has been shown to be effective in increasing student retention and achievement.

Ms. Carnell asked the two high school students, Mr. Kramer, and Mr. Carnell, representing both urban and rural schools to respond to the following questions:

- What is the name of your high school and where is it located?
- What classes are you enrolled in?
- What are some of the other classes offered in your high school?
- What are some of the extracurricular activities offered at your high school?
- What do you like best about your high school?
- If you could change something about your high school, what would it be?

Mrs. Gire suggested that the Board further discuss issues raised in this presentation at the February or March Board meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

VIII. ADOPTION OF POLICY ON CREATING AN EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Ellis said at the November 16, 2000, meeting, the State Board of Education reviewed a staff document and accepted the reiteration of the previously adopted policy and priorities. He said the Board has been provided with two versions of the proposed policy, and a revised Version 1 is included in the agenda folders.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education adopt the Revised Version 1 of the Policies for Creating Effective Learning Environments.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Beardmore, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren

Absent: Weiser, Wise

The motion carried.

The policy is attached as Exhibit A.

IX. REPORT ON STATE TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Mr. Ellis said the update for Michigan's State Technology Plan was developed under the Superintendent's Educational Technology Advisory Group's (ETAG) guidance through the subcommittee process. He said the U. S. Department of Education requires that this plan be submitted in order for states to receive Technology Literacy Challenge Grant funds and to be eligible for the Universal Service Fund discounts.

Mrs. Beardmore and Mr. Warren each requested that the Report on Michigan's State Technology Plan Update 2000 be removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion items because the Technology Plan: (1) outlines the challenges and accomplishments encountered; (2) emphasizes the importance of professional development; (3) follows some of the studies the Board has received since January, 2000 regarding childhood development. In addition, the Board believes the Technology Plan is

a critical component in improving education in the future, and a key in customizing individualized attention for many students in low performing schools.

Mrs. Beardmore moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education receive the report on Michigan's State Technology Plan (1998) Update 2000 and support the proposed next steps, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 29, 2000.

Because of his commitment to and research of the advantages of technology in education, Mr. Warren volunteered to be a liaison between any department task forces or other groups following-up on the recommendations of ETAG and the State Board of Education.

There was extensive discussion regarding the Board's commitment to technology in education and all that it entails, and the need to focus on improved student achievement, and how technology could be used to accomplish that.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Beardmore, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren

Absent: Weiser, Wise

The motion carried.

X. ADOPTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2001

Mr. Ellis said Board members have been provided three different meeting schedules for the 2001 calendar year.

There was discussion regarding the impact a meeting schedule which includes recesses or more time between meetings would have on staff and the Board's effectiveness in setting policy. It was also mentioned that the Board has held some meetings at sites outside of Lansing, and many Board members expressed an interest in continuing this practice. Mr. Ellis suggested that the Board may, in lieu of a regular meeting, simply visit school districts throughout the state.

Mrs. Beardmore moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education cancel the scheduled meeting of January 9, 2001, and reschedule it for January 10, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the State Board Room.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Beardmore, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren

Absent: Weiser, Wise

The motion carried.

There was consensus to postpone the adoption of a meeting schedule for 2001 until the January 10, 2001 meeting so that Mr. John Austin, Member Elect, Mrs. Wise, and Mrs. Weiser could be present and participate in the discussion.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

- E. Approval of the Criteria for Special Projects Grants from FY 2001 Funding of the Continuation Grant for HIV/STD Prevention, Expanded Program and Infrastructure Development for Comprehensive School Health Programs from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- F. Approval of Criteria for 2000-2001 State Aid Section 32h Tuition Grant Program for School Guidance Counselors
- G. Receive the Report on Expiring Terms of Members of the State Board for Public Community Colleges
- H. Receive the Report on Michigan's State Technology Plan (1998) Update 2000 - this item has been removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion items.
- I. Approval of a Proposal from Grand Valley State University for a New Middle Level Education Program as an Additional Endorsement at the Elementary and Secondary Levels
- S. Appointment of Members to the State Board of Education Teacher Preparation/Certification Advisory Groups

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

- E. approve the criteria for Special Projects Grants in HIV/STD Prevention, Expanded Program in Health Education, and Infrastructure for FY 2001, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 29, 2000;**
- F. approve the criteria for the 2000-2001 State Aid Tuition Grant Program for School Guidance Counselors, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 8, 2000;**
- G. receive the Report on Expiring Terms of Members of the State Board for Public Community Colleges dated November 29, 2000;**
- H. (this item has been removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion items);**

- I. approve the Grand Valley State University proposal for a New Middle Level Education program as an additional endorsement at the elementary and secondary levels, as discussed in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated November 29, 2000; and**
- S. (1) appoint to the Periodic Review/Program Evaluation Council Maxine Margesson and David Hamilton for four-year terms ending June 30, 2004; (2) appoint to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Delinda Crane for a four-year term ending June 30, 2004; and (3) reappoint to the Teacher Examination Advisory Committee Ray Ostrander for a two-year term ending June 30, 2002, as discussed in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated December 11, 2000.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Beardmore, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren
Absent: Weiser, Wise

The motion carried.

XII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- J. Human Resources Report
- K. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- L. Report on Issuance of Boarding School Licenses of Academic Year 2000-2001
- P. Report on Property Transfers
- M. 2000-2001 Michigan Teacher of the Year
- N. 1999-2000 Goals 2000 Cycle 9/Category Three - Amendment
- O. 2000-2001 U.S. Department of Education, Charter School “Grant Program”
- Q. 2000-2001 Summer Institutes for the Arts, Sciences, and Technology
- R. 2000-2001 Mathematics and Science Centers

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at the State Board of Education meeting.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Dr. Kenneth Burnley, Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools - Mrs. Sharon Gire

In response to Mrs. Gire, Mrs. Straus said both Mrs. Beardmore and she have spoken with Dr. Kenneth Burnley, Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools, who has indicated he would be pleased to accept an invitation to attend a State Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Michael Williamson, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services, said Department directors are scheduled to meet with Dr. Burnley to discuss ways of streamlining communication between Detroit Public Schools and the Department.

- B. Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Scores - Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores were recently released, however, the State Board of Education was questioned by reporters, but they were unaware the information had been released. She said she would like the Board to invite Mr. Mark Murray, State Treasurer, to a meeting to discuss the MEAP.

XV. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING DOROTHY BEARDMORE

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 8, 2000, honoring Mrs. Dorothy Beardmore.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren

Abstain: Beardmore

Absent: Weiser, Wise

The motion carried.

Mrs. Beardmore said she appreciates the many kind comments which have been made, and read a poem she had written regarding her pending retirement.

Board members expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Beardmore for her years of service on the Board, and her dedication to public education.

The resolution and poem are attached as Exhibits B and C respectively.

XVI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Board members were asked to submit agenda items for the January meeting to the Administrative Secretary. Mr. Ellis said Department staff would be meeting within the next couple of weeks to develop and finalize the agenda.

XVII. FUTURE MEETING DATE

A. January 10, 2001

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert S. Moyer
Secretary