

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

August 7, 2007
9:30 a.m.

- Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman (via telephone)
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer
Ms. Casandra Ulbrich
Mrs. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio
- Absent: Mr. Reginald Turner

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Straus called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She said State Superintendent Mike Flanagan is recovering from surgery, and may join the meeting later via telephone. She said she would chair the meeting in Mr. Flanagan's absence.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Special Education Advisory Committee Quick Notes and Reporting Formats Including the 2006-2007 SEAC Annual Report
- B. Information on Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Update on Special Education Rules Revision Process and Highlights on Extended School Year – added to agenda

- B. Report on Modification to the Previously Approved St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services – added to agenda
- C. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Huron Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services – added to agenda
- D. 2007-2008 Title II, Part A(3) – Improving Teacher Quality – Initial – added to agenda
- E. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Edward Roeber – added to agenda

Mrs. Danhof requested the following modification to the agenda:

- HH. Approval of Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT) Advisory Group and Proposed Changes to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Charge and Composition – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion items

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Carnell arrived at 9:45 a.m.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

Mrs. Straus welcomed Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Department of Education. She said Dr. Vaughn joined the Department on August 1, 2007.

Mrs. Straus welcomed Ms. Patty Cantu, Director, Office of Career and Technical Preparation, back to the Michigan Department of Education from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. She said the transfer of the office was effective on July 1, 2007, as a result of Executive Order 2007-4 issued by Governor Granholm.

V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

Mrs. Kathleen Straus said the Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award is named after the late Dorothy Beardmore, Past President and member of the State Board of Education from 1985-2001. She said the award is given annually to a person for (1) providing volunteer leadership in developing education policy, or positively impacting the education system; or (2) contributing to the improvement of education through involvement on local, state, or national commissions, task forces, or significant leadership on community organizations; and (3) volunteering at the local, state, or national levels.

Mrs. Straus said this year's nominees were outstanding, and the recipient of the 2007 Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award is Mrs. Francile Anderson from Waterford. She said Fran is former State President of the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association, a former Michigan educator, and for the past twelve years has been the driving force behind the Michigan Public Education Task Force, now known as Michigan for Public Education. She said Fran is a knowledgeable, dedicated, energetic, and informed citizen activist who is often called upon for her expertise on child related issues. Mrs. Straus said the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association has created the "Fran Anderson MPTSA Scholarship" in her honor. Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Anderson continues to serve on the Michigan North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Pontiac Oakland Symphony Board, and as President of the North Oakland Medical Centers Foundation.

Mrs. Straus said Fran knew Dorothy Beardmore personally and shared her philosophy for educational excellence and inclusion, and therefore it gives her great pleasure to present the 2007 Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award to Mrs. Francile Anderson. Mrs. Anderson accepted a crystal bowl, an engraved base, and certificate presented by Mrs. Straus.

Mrs. Anderson thanked the Board with her trademark verve and enthusiasm and said the presentation of this award is a highlight in her life that she will never forget. She said Dorothy Beardmore had a keen intellectual mind and she always studied everything and knew exactly what was happening at all times. She said she is honored to receive the award.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Straus called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Child and Adolescent Health Centers

The following individuals presented:

- Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support
- Kyle Guarrant, Supervisor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support
- Deb Brinson, Executive Director, School Community Health Alliance of Michigan
- Carrie Tarry, Adolescent Health Services Coordinator, Department of Community Health

The Child and Adolescent Health Centers presentation provided a brief overview of the program and services highlighting interagency collaborative efforts between the Departments of Education and Community Health and the School Community Health Alliance of Michigan. The goal of the Child and Adolescent Health Centers program is to achieve the best possible physical, intellectual, and emotional status of children and adolescents to support academic achievement by reducing barriers to learning and creating effective learning environments. The program is a key component of the Coordinated School Health Programs model that provides high quality and accessible primary health care services to Michigan children and youth.

A PowerPoint presentation and video clip were shown.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. these programs are critical; there is great synergy in collaboration and the growth of this program should be supported;
2. student achievement levels rise when there is a school based health center;

3. what is the target number of school based health centers – *one center in every district and one school nurse in every building to do initial assessment and referral;*
4. would it be possible to provide funding through health insurers or pharmaceutical companies – *yes, it is possible;*
5. school based health centers also create a sense of community; children are comfortable in school based clinics;
6. are all ages provided access – *that is the goal, but it varies by site;*
7. is the largest client population middle and high school aged children – *yes; and*
8. are suicide prevention statistics available – *information is collected in schools, but it is not required that it be reported.*

This was an informational presentation and no action was required.

B. Presentation on the Michigan School for the Deaf and Non-Discrimination Policy for the Michigan School for the Deaf

The following individuals presented:

- Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- David Sanderson, Campus Administrator, Michigan School for the Deaf
- Cecelia Winkler, Principal, Michigan School for the Deaf (Interpreter)

The presentation provided a review of the past year at the Michigan School for the Deaf, and forecasted some of the continued improvements at the school. Data regarding students at the school and dormitories, as well as graduation and postsecondary education were included.

Approval of the Michigan School for the Deaf Non-Discrimination Policy is on the consent agenda later in the meeting. This will complete requirements for compliance with a Civil Rights review.

There was a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Flanagan joined the meeting via telephone at 11:00 a.m. He said he appreciated all the get well wishes he has received as he recovers from his recent surgery.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. Mr. Sanderson's enthusiasm is contagious; MSD leadership is transforming the learning program, moving bilingual education forward by using American Sign Language, and focusing on improving the outcomes of the students;
 2. wonderful emphasis on higher education and increase in the number of students moving into postsecondary education programs with the focus on careers and jobs;
 3. *all colleges are welcome to recruit at the school; and*
 4. *how are behavioral support services provided - it is a team approach working with community mental health agencies and intermediate and local school districts.*
- C. Update on Special Education Rules Revision Process and Highlights on Extended School Year

The following individual presented:

- Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

The Board item contained a brief overview of the Administrative Rules Promulgation Process as it relates to the status of the revision process for special education rules. The statutory context and the anticipated timelines for the remaining steps were included.

Board member comment and *staff clarification* included:

1. *how would changes be handled - any changes to the proposed revisions based on public comment would be evaluated by State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (SOAHR) to determine if the language change is a clarification or substantive change; if it is a substantive change the rule revision process begins again.*

D. Report on the Special Education Advisory Committee Recommendations and Administrative Rules for Special Education, Policy Documents, and the Development of Draft Standards for Extended School Year Services

The following individuals presented:

- Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee
- Chuck Saur, immediate past Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee

The document contains: (1) the official comment of the Special Education Advisory Committee regarding proposed rules, (2) the results of the research of other state and organizational policies, and (3) draft standards for extended school year.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. standards are too permissive with too many "mays" in the document;
2. document must be clear in providing a free and appropriate education for all; information is sometimes withheld due to cost; power and balance can be an issue that intimidates parents during IEPs (Individualized Education Programs);
3. was there a review of case law – *yes*;
4. does Attachment C (standards document for extended school year services) include SEAC recommendations – *SEAC has not reviewed the document, but will make further commentary in the future; it is anticipated that the document will return to the Board for approval in November or December*;
5. *the Board would adopt standards that would be referenced in the rules*;
6. Attachment C says "guidelines," the word "standards" should be used since that is how they are being referred to; clarify terms standards (requirements) and guidelines (commentary); and

7. *the 2006-2007 SEAC annual report is in the informational folder, and a presentation to the Board could be on a future agenda.*

The Board will take action to receive the report during the regular meeting.

IX. RECESS

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

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- E. Report on Implementation of School-wide Positive Behavior Support Training and Teacher Preparation – Follow-up on Board Action of December 2006

The following individual presented:

- Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

In 2006 the Board adopted Supporting Student Behavior: Standards for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint. The Board requested a report on the “feasibility and timetable for requiring Positive Behavior Support training for all Michigan teacher candidates in all teacher preparation institutions and all teachers currently teaching in the field” and “feasibility of linking seclusion and restraint reports to individual teacher license renewal.” This report provides an update on these requests.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. will there be an introductory video – *people will be able to link to the website that will be continually updated;*
2. Mrs. Danhof said she would share information with Jacquelyn Thompson regarding a Parents as Partners group in Holland that is working on a project regarding positive behavior support;
3. can we use the current rule making process to require pre-service and in-service training – *it would be a new rule with a new process; and*

4. agree with request as stated on page two of the document "Adding requirements for training on school-wide Positive Behavior Support (PBS) to teacher preparation institutions would be subject to a recommendation from the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT). Therefore, the State Board of Education should consider requesting the issue be added to the agenda of the next PSCT meeting."

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 1:29 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 12, 2007.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 12, 2007.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus,
Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

XIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Straus said the July 10, 2007, meeting was cancelled, allowing her to spend time with family in California. She said she has talked with constituents regarding special education issues and social studies grade level content expectations. She said there is still much concern regarding the state's budget for 2007-2008.

XIV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- H. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- I. Report on Property Transfers

- J. Report on Michigan Department of Education Cosponsorships
- II. Report on Modification to the Previously Approved St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- JJ. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Huron Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- K. 2006-2007 Implementation Grant Application for Charter School Grant Program – Continuation
- L. 2007-2008 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Initial
- M. 2007-2008 Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology – Initial
- N. 2007-2008 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program – Continuation
- O. 2006-2007 State Funded Michigan School Readiness Competitive Grants – Amendment
- P. 2007-2008 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, Part C Infants and Toddler Program – Initial
- Q. 2006-2007 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment
- R. 2007-2008 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial
- S. 2005-2006 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment
- T. 2007-2008 Vocational Education-Basic Grants to States – Secondary CTE Perkins – Initial
- U. 2007-2008 Tech Prep Education Grants to States – Initial
- MM. 2007-2008 Title II, Part A(3) – Improving Teacher Quality – Initial

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Lois Gibbons, South Lyon, Michigan. Mrs. Gibbons, representing Michigan Jumpstart Coalition and Michigan Council on Economic Education, provided verbal comments on personal finance standards.
- B. Ms. Patricia A. Bonner, South Lyon, Michigan. Ms. Bonner, representing Economic Connections, provided verbal comments on personal finance education in the curriculum.
- C. Mr. Mark McWilliams, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. McWilliams, representing Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc., provided verbal and written comments on school wide positive behavior support.
- D. Mr. Ed Blews, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Blews, President, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, provided verbal comments on teacher preparation institution performance scores.
- E. Dr. Don Tuski, Olivet, Michigan. Dr. Tuski, President, Olivet College, provided verbal comments on teacher preparation institution performance scores.
- F. Ms. Karen Barnhart, Beverly Hills, Michigan. Ms. Barnhart, representing Michigan Alliance for Special Education, presented verbal comments on special education and extended school year.
- G. Ms. Marcie Lipsitt, Franklin, Michigan. Ms. Lipsitt, presented verbal comments on special education and extended school year.
- H. Ms. Mary Bridget Monaghan, Lansing, Michigan. Ms. Monaghan, representing Michigan for Public Education, presented verbal and written comments on volunteer tutoring programs.
- I. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, Warren, Michigan. Mrs. Wood presented comments on her daughter's educational experience.
- J. Mrs. Shari Krishnan introduced her son, Mr. Nicholas Krishnan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Mr. Krishnan, presented verbal and written comments on extended school year.
- K. Mr. Luke Ford, Owosso, Michigan. Mr. Ford presented verbal comments on special education rule changes.

- L. Miss Erin Ford, Owosso, Michigan. Miss Ford presented verbal comments on special education rule changes.
- M. Mr. Thomas Ford, Owosso, Michigan. Mr. Ford presented verbal comments on special education rule changes.
- N. Ms. Norma Sell, Williamston, Michigan. Ms. Sell presented verbal comments on education for children with disabilities.

XVI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING EDWARD ROEBER

Mrs. Straus presented Adoption of Resolution Honoring Edward Roeber. Mrs. Straus said Dr. Roeber will retire from the Michigan Department of Education on September 7, and will become an adjunct professor at Michigan State University. She said he served the Department of Education from 1972 until 1991. He returned to the Department in 2003 to head the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability when the Michigan Educational Assessment Program was returned to the Department from Treasury by Executive Order 2003-20 issued by Governor Granholm.

Mrs. Straus said she is sorry to see Dr. Roeber retire, and she looks forward to working with him in the future.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Edward D. Roeber, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 9, 2007.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Straus presented the resolution to Dr. Roeber.

Dr. Roeber said it has been his pleasure to serve the Department of Education, and the staff he has worked with has done a great job.

Mr. Flanagan said Dr. Roeber's leadership has made a tremendous difference, and he thanked him for his service.

The resolution honoring Edward D. Roeber is attached as Exhibit A.

XVII. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MICHIGAN WORLD LANGUAGES STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS

APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN MERIT CORE GUIDELINES FOR WORLD LANGUAGES (FORMERLY LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH)

There was Board consensus to remove these items from the Committee of the Whole and Consent Agendas and present them together under Discussion Items.

Ms. Betty Underwood, Interim Director, Office of School Improvement; Ms. Emily Spinelli, Executive Director, The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese; Ms. Jackie Moase-Burke, Consultant, Oakland Schools; and Ms. Anne Nerenz, Eastern Michigan University, presented.

Ms. Underwood said the Board accepted the draft of the Michigan World Languages Standards and Benchmarks at its April 10, 2007, meeting, and then it was available for review via the website until the end of June. She said very few changes were needed due to extremely positive reviews. She said the document was reviewed by Dr. Marty Abbott, Director of Education, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and minimal changes were suggested.

Ms. Underwood said the Board also accepted the draft of the Michigan Merit Core Guidelines for World Languages (formerly Languages Other than English) at its April 10, 2007, meeting. She said this document defines the world language experience at elementary, middle, and high school.

Ms. Underwood said the graduating class of 2016 will have a two-credit requirement for a language other than English. She said this can be two credits of the same language in high school, or coursework or other learning experiences prior to or during high school. She said American Sign Language, heritage languages, and online courses qualify toward the requirement. She said there is no list of approved languages, and local school districts will make the decision regarding which languages to offer.

Ms. Underwood thanked Ms. Emily Spinelli, Ms. Jackie Moase-Burke, and Ms. Anne Nerenz, for their work in spearheading the committee work that resulted in the documents.

Mrs. McGuire said the Michigan World Languages Standards and Benchmarks is a very well written technical document. She said it will make a superb guideline for teaching world languages.

Mrs. Carnell said the work should be ongoing and the document revisited in two years. Ms. Spinelli said professional development and an assessment project are being planned.

Mrs. Danhof said the first paragraph on page five of the Michigan Merit Core Guidelines for World Languages specifies "language study in the **same** world language." She said the word "same" should be used throughout both documents.

Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Michigan World Languages Standards and Benchmarks, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007, and as modified.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Guidelines for World Languages (Formerly Languages Other than English), as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007, and as modified.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

XVIII. RECEIVE THE PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND DRAFT STANDARDS FOR EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR SERVICES

Mrs. Straus said this item was presented earlier during the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education receive the official public comment from the Special Education Advisory Committee, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2007.

Mrs. Danhof said the report from the Special Education Advisory Committee is not currently reflected in the draft standards, and it will be woven into the draft standards document that is a starting point not a finished product.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education receive the draft standards for extended school year services, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2007.

Mrs. Straus said this action would enable the draft standards document to be available for public comment. She said it was suggested earlier in the meeting that the standards be embedded in the rules. She said that will be decided later.

Mrs. Bauer said Dr. Thompson mentioned the standards could be referenced in the rules. Mrs. Bauer said this would allow for the Board to make revisions in the standards, as deemed appropriate; and as part of the rules they would carry the force of the law. Mrs. Straus said she wants the information to be easily accessible for parents.

Mr. Austin said Mrs. Bauer makes an important point, because it allows the Board to govern the policy regarding this topic.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

Mrs. Danhof asked if the timeline for the process will be posted on the website, and Dr. Thompson said yes once the timeline is established.

XIX. RECEIVE THE REPORT ON TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION PERFORMANCE SCORES

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Steven Stegink, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented Report on Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores.

Mrs. Straus said on June 13, 2006, the State Board of Education approved criteria for teacher preparation institution performance scores. She said the Office of Professional Preparation staff has gathered the necessary data and applied the criteria producing this report. She said

results will be reported to the United States Department of Education to comply with Title II, Section 208(a) of the Higher Education Act.

Dr. Jenkins distributed a revised Page 3 of the item. She said Olivet College received five points for its student teacher survey that was not recorded previously, moving it up from the Low Performing category to the At-Risk category.

Dr. Jenkins said based on the Board approved criteria, teacher preparation institutions are categorized as exemplary, satisfactory, at-risk or low performing. She said the Michigan Department of Education will work with institutions in the categories of at-risk and low performing to offer technical assistance to develop a plan of improvement. She said the Department is working with institutions to correct data, and institutions can also appeal to the Department.

Mrs. Straus said she agrees with a comment Mr. Flanagan made previously that there may be a need to review the criteria after the Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group provides its recommendations to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Mr. Flanagan makes recommendations to the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Straus said it was mentioned during public participation that general education teachers are not required to take a course in special education. Dr. Jenkins said special education is embedded in the teacher preparation program, and is not a separate course. She said students are receiving coursework, experiences, and internships that involve special education and positive behavior support.

Mr. Austin said it is in the best interest of all that quality data is available, and the system will be fine tuned so that accurate decisions regarding improvement can be made.

Ms. Ulbrich asked if category scores that were rounded to the next highest number would provide an unfair advantage. Dr. Jenkins responded "no" since each category it is a percentage of the total score.

Mrs. Danhof said the Board, Department, and teacher preparation institutions want to provide the best teachers possible, and this is one piece of the continuum. She said during the process of improvement things may not always be comfortable as the Board and Department address existing needs that are challenges. She said this is not a bad thing, but rather an indicator of how the world has changed, and changes that need to be made for improvement.

Mrs. Bauer said she is pleased that the topics of the Board meeting have addressed many principles of universal education, diversity, and integration.

Mrs. Carnell asked if the same weight is given to small and large institutions. Dr. Jenkins said small and large institutions have the same weight. Dr. Stegink said the impact of small numbers is one of the issues that constantly needs to be considered. Dr. Stegink said three years of data is used when viewing test scores.

Mr. Austin said there is a large degree of variance in the program completion rates among institutions. He said postsecondary completion rates of the majority population are not as high as they should be, and the rate of completion for minority students is one-half of the majority population rate. He said there can be success with the help of needed resources.

Mrs. Straus asked what kind of assistance is given to at-risk and low performing institutions. Dr. Jenkins said the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers will help develop a plan for assistance to include reviewing data, analyzing weaknesses, and making suggestions for program improvement.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education receive the report on Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007, as modified.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

XX. APPROVAL OF STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF MODERN STANDARD ARABIC AND ARAB CULTURE TEACHERS (FK)

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Dr. Bonnie Rockafellow, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Mr. Kenneth Ayouby, University of Michigan Dearborn; presented Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Modern Standard Arabic and Arab Culture Teachers (FK).

Mrs. Straus said in response to evidence of significant need and through the leadership of Mrs. McGuire, a referent group of experts in the field was convened and designed the proposed Modern Standard Arabic and Arab Culture Standards.

Dr. Jenkins said Michigan has one of the largest Arabic speaking populations in the nation. She said the standards are designed to align with the K-12 content standards in the Michigan Curriculum Framework and the draft Michigan Merit Core Guidelines for World Languages, as

well as national standards as presented in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century. Dr. Jenkins said the document reflects feedback received during a field review.

Mr. Ayouby thanked Mrs. McGuire for her leadership, Dr. Rockafellow for facilitating the work of the referent group, and the members of the referent group. He said this is an important step in professionalizing a core group of teachers that already exists in Michigan, and districts will be able to establish Arabic language and culture programs in schools.

Dr. Rockafellow said spelling errors will be corrected on page five of the document.

Mrs. McGuire thanked the referent group and Department staff noting that a greater understanding of cultures fosters respect for others resulting in fewer conflicts.

Mr. Austin said this is an opportunity for Michigan to provide leadership in the understanding of Arabic culture, and he thanked Mrs. McGuire for seizing the opportunity.

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Modern Standard Arabic and Arab Culture (FK) standards for the preparation of Modern Standard Arabic Culture teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

XXI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR TEACHERS (PSCT) ADVISORY GROUP AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR TEACHERS CHARGE AND COMPOSITION

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under discussion.

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services, presented Approval of Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT) Advisory Group and Proposed Changes to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Charge and Composition.

Mrs. Danhof said it is too early to change what was approved by the Board at its March 14, 2006 meeting. She said she believes the charge of the PSCT is an opportunity that many potential committee members would be excited about if they fully understood the charge.

Dr. Jenkins said committee members are excited and involved, but the requirement that associations nominating representatives to the PSCT "shall propose two nominees for each position available," is not always possible due to the time commitment and lack of financial resources for reimbursement.

Dr. Jenkins said it is recommended that wording be changed to "Associations may propose one or more nominees for any position available." She said this would allow for associations to have their candidate considered even if they are only able to submit one nomination.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the appointments of Michael S. Hutto, Eileen Lappin Weiser, Jeanine M. Clever, Greg Johnson, Lawrence L. Ridley, Jr., and Albert J. Lewandowski to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers for a four-year term ending June 30, 2011.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Straus said the proposed change in language will stand as recommended "Associations may propose one or more nominees for any position available. . ."

Ms. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the Proposed Changes to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Charge and Composition, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

XXII. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Legislative Director, presented State Legislative Update.

Ms. Hansknecht said the Department just received notice that the House Appropriations Committee will meet on August 21 and 22 to discuss the Department of Education budget and state school aid budget.

Ms. Hansknecht said House Bill 4591 regarding teacher certification/ teacher preparation program review fees was moved from the Senate Education Committee to the Senate K-12 Subcommittee on Appropriations. She said she will send information to Board members to contact members of the Senate K-12 Subcommittee on Appropriations.

Ms. Hansknecht said she is researching issues discussed during the August 7, 2007, meeting of the Board's Legislative Committee. Mrs. Straus requested that another meeting of the Legislative Committee be scheduled prior to the September 11, 2007, State Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Curtin said she objects to Senate Bill 549 which forces a common calendar at the intermediate school district level. She said her school district has been doing this for several years as a common sense approach to scheduling, and legislation should not be required.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- Z. Approval of the Non-Discrimination Policy for the Michigan School for the Deaf
- AA. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report
- BB. Approval of Draft Michigan World Languages Standards and Benchmarks
- CC. Approval of Michigan Merit Core Guidelines for World Languages (Formerly Languages Other Than English)

Criteria

- DD. Approval of Criteria for the 2007-2010 Michigan Charter School Grant Program

EE. Approval of Criteria for the Title III Immigrant Grant

Resolutions

FF. Adoption of Resolution on Michigan Safe Schools Week

GG. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National School Lunch Week

Appointments

HH. Approval of Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT) Advisory Group and Proposed Changes to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Charge and Composition

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda, as follows:

Z. approve the non-discrimination policy for the Michigan School for the Deaf, as attached in Exhibit B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007;

AA. approve the April 1 – June 30, 2007 report of the State Board of Education expenses dated July 30, 2007;

BB. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);

CC. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);

DD. approve the Criteria for 2007-2010 Michigan Charter School Grant Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007;

EE. approve the Criteria for Title III Immigrant Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007;

FF. approve the Michigan Safe Schools Week Resolution, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007;

GG. adopt the resolution regarding National School Lunch Week, October 15-19, 2007, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 30, 2007; and

HH. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion).

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

The resolution regarding Michigan Safe Schools Week is attached as Exhibit B.

The resolution Regarding National School Lunch Week is attached as Exhibit C.

XXIV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. Symposium on Post-Secondary Education for Students With Intellectual Disabilities – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said the Symposium on Post-Secondary Education for Students With Intellectual Disabilities will be at the University of Michigan, Dearborn Campus, on November 5, 2007. Mrs. Bauer said she sent notification to Board members, and she is urging all to attend.

- B. Galileo Institute Teacher Leadership Program – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said she has been invited to speak at the Galileo Institute Teacher Leadership Program on August 22, 2007 at Oakland University. She said she was invited by Bob Maxfield, from Oakland University. Mrs. McGuire said Mr. Flanagan helped start the program while he was at Wayne RESA.

XXV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education convene a Special Meeting on October 1, 2007, to approve the Social Studies Content Expectations.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. September 11, 2007
- B. October 1, 2007 (Special Meeting)
- C. October 9, 2007
- D. November 13, 2007
- E. December 11, 2007

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 4:09 p.m

XXVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
(continued)

- O. Ms. Cynthia Simmons, Alma, Michigan. Ms. Simmons, representing Family and Consumer Science Educators of Michigan, presented oral and written comments on family and consumer education.

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary