

# MINUTES

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

February 10, 2004  
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Vice President  
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary  
Mr. John C. Austin, Treasurer  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer  
Mr. Reginald M. Turner  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)  
Mrs. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Bill Cecil, Michigan Teacher of the Year

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

#### II. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Adoption of a Position Statement on the Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- B. Revised Page 9 of January 13, 2004 State Board of Education Minutes
- C. Approval of Criteria for 2003-04 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Program

#### III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on Proposal to Operate Camp Tuhsmeheeta (Camp T)

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Approval of Criteria for 2003-04 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Program – added to agenda
- B. Approval of Position Statement on the Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – added to agenda

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

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Moyer, Straus, Weiser  
Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:17 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

VII. INTRODUCTIONS OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

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

Mrs. Sue Carnell and Mr. Reginald Turner arrived at 9:20 a.m. Mrs. McGuire arrived at 9:40 a.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presentation on *Education YES!/NCLB Lessons Learned*

The following individual presented and distributed two documents titled “What We Have Learned” and “50 Cells for Adequate Yearly Progress”:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

B. Presentation by All Kids in School Action Coalition

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Ruth Zweifler, Student Advocacy Center
- Mrs. Missy Caulk, Parent & Co-Director of Student Advocacy Center
- Mr. DeQuan Williams, Student, Youth United, Detroit
- Mr. William Holley, Student, Youth United, Detroit
- Ms. Angelique Harris, Student, Youth United, Detroit
- Ms. Jennifer Lane, Student, Washtenaw Technical Middle College
- Dr. Calvin Williams, Associate Vice President of Student Services, Washtenaw Community College

C. Presentation of Standards for the Preparation of School Principals

The following individuals presented:

- Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Chair, Elevating Educational Leadership Task Force
- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation
- Ms. Cheryl Poole, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation
- Dr. Phillip Cusick, Michigan State University Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Educational Administration
- Ms. Joanne Welihan, Executive Director, Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association
- Ms. Helene Lusa, Principal, Tyler Elementary, Livonia

D. Report on Time Lines for Meeting NCLB Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation
- Dr. Frank Ciloski, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation

E. Report on the Status of the Act WorkKeys Assessment Program

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation
- Dr. Frank Ciloski, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation
- Ms. Krista Ried, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation

F. Presentation on Approval of Guidelines for Michigan Paraprofessional Portfolio Assessment

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation
- Dr. Frank Ciloski, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation
- Ms. Krista Ried, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation

This item was scheduled for action during the Regular Meeting. By consensus, it was removed from the Consent Agenda to allow staff an opportunity to present the item under Discussion Items with modifications based on the Committee of the Whole discussion.

G. Report on Status of Proposal on Universal Education

The following individuals presented:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, Board Liaison to Universal Education Referent Group
- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Dr. Olga Moir, Executive Director, Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Ms. Karen Massaro-Mundt, Arc of St. Clair County
- Ms. Debs Roush, Children with Attention Deficit Disorder and Vice Chair of Special Education Advisory Committee
- Mr. Mark McWilliams, Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service

H. Report on Position Statement on the Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Dr. David Brock, Supervisor, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Office of Administrative Law

The following individuals offered comments:

- Mr. Larry Simpson, Chair of Special Education Advisory Committee, and Director of Special Education for Flint Community Schools
- Ms. Shari Krishnan, Past Chair of Special Education Advisory Committee and parent advocate

IX. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. THOMAS D. WATKINS, JR.

Mr. Watkins introduced Ms. Judy Kebl, Director of the Community Connections Program, and welcomed a delegation of Ukrainian educators visiting Michigan.

X. RECESS

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:20 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 13, 2004

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 13, 2004, with the modifications to pages 9 and 13.**

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner  
Absent During Vote: Austin, Weiser**

**The motion carried.**

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Urban Health Conference

Mrs. Straus reported she was part of a Youth Connection Michigan delegation from Detroit, Mt. Clemens, and Pontiac that attended a conference in San Diego on January 21-23, 2004, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She said the main focus was the involvement of schools in the health of a city, and the necessity of community involvement. She said much of the focus was on after school programs which are needed to help students avoid unhealthy behaviors.

- B. Career Education Conference

Mrs. Straus attended the Career Education Conference sponsored by the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) on February 9, 2004 in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Straus said she and Robert Swanson, Deputy Director of DLEG, presented Excellence in Practice Awards to cooperative programs in career education.

C. *Detroit News* Editorial

Mrs. Straus said the *Detroit News* published an editorial urging the elimination of the State Board of Education, and she wrote a response that has not been published to date.

D. Letters of Support for Tom Watkins

Mrs. Straus shared three letters of support for Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., from the Michigan Association of School Social Workers, Tri-County Alliance for Public Education, and Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District. Mrs. Straus said she wrote an editorial to the newspaper supporting Mr. Watkins, who has been criticized by the chair of the Republican party.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Maureen Michaels and Stephanie Callahan, 24626 Bashian Drive, Novi, Michigan 48375. Ms. Michaels, representing Pepsico, provided comments supporting the Board's Policy on Offering Healthy Food and Beverages in Venues Outside of the Federally Regulated Child Nutrition Programs.
- B. Ms. Rita Maddox and Ms. Tamara Bashore-Berg, no address given, offered comments and distributed a document titled, "Statewide Web-Based Review of Michigan English Language Arts Grade Level Content Expectations Results – February 2004."
- C. Mr. Patrick T. Lane, 38694 Cherokee Drive, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Mr. Lane offered comments on zero tolerance.
- D. Ms. Chris I. Arteaga, 9228 Falcon, Detroit, Michigan 48209. Ms. Arteaga offered comments on zero tolerance.
- E. Ms. Elena Howard, 2998 Electric, Detroit, Michigan 48217. Ms. Howard shared comments on zero tolerance.
- F. Ms. Maureen O'Keefe, 2186 Van Antwerp, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236. Ms. O'Keefe shared comments on zero tolerance.
- G. Mr. James L. Rollinson, 2317 Second Street, Westland, Michigan 48106. Mr. Rollinson shared comments on zero tolerance.
- H. Ms. Rebecca Westphal, P.O. Box 219, Bangor, Michigan 49013. Ms. Westphal, attorney representing Farmworker Legal Services, provided comments on zero tolerance and due process rights for migrant/limited English proficient parents and children.

- I. Ms. K. P. Pelleran, 309 North Washington #011, Lansing, Michigan 48933. Ms. Pelleran, State Chairperson of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan, provided comments on Michigan's zero tolerance policy.
- J. Ms. Angelique Harris, 8104 Gartner, Detroit, Michigan 48209. Ms. Harris, Chair of Youth Leadership Committee and representing Youth United, offered comments on zero tolerance.
- K. Mr. William Holley, 546 Beechwood, River Rouge, Michigan 48218. Mr. Holley provided comments on zero tolerance and Youth United.
- L. Mr. Bernard Travnikar, 1674 Giddings Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48340. Mr. Travnikar, representing Michigan Positive Behavior Support Network, provided comments on expulsion and All Kids in School.
- M. Ms. Pat Dwelle, 8491 Baudine, Pinckney, Michigan 48169. Ms. Dwelle provided comments on the benefit of inclusion.
- N. Ms. Kelli Sweet, 5102 Whippoorwill, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009. Ms. Sweet, Executive Director of the Michigan Council for Social Studies (MCSS), provided comments and conference programs for the 48<sup>th</sup> MCSS Annual Professional Staff Development Conference.
- O. Ms. Deborah Sherman, 849 Shrewsbury Drive, Clarkston, Michigan 48348. Ms. Sherman provided comments on certification of teachers.
- P. Mr. Howard Sherman, 849 Shrewsbury Drive, Clarkston, Michigan 48348. Mr. Sherman commented on teacher certification.
- Q. Ms. Sharon Peters, 428 West Lenawee, Lansing, Michigan 48933. Ms. Peters, President and Chief Executive Officer of Michigan's Children, provided comments and materials on Michigan's Children.
- R. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood provided comments and written materials on Bay Mills Community College authorizing new charters for fall 2004.

XIV. DISCUSSION REGARDING NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Mr. Watkins presented Discussion Regarding NASBE Board of Directors and Awards Nominations. He said the State Board of Education has been notified that the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is seeking nominations for the 2005 President-elect and Area Director. He said NASBE is also seeking nominations for the Policy Leader of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, Dr. Moyer seconded, that the State Board of Education nominate Senator Ron Jelinek for the Friend of Education Award sponsored by National Association of State Boards of Education.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Moyer, Straus, Turner, Weiser  
Absent During Vote: McGuire**

**The motion carried.**

**Mrs. Straus moved, Mrs. Bauer seconded, that the State Board of Education nominate Dr. Herbert S. Moyer for Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education.**

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Moyer, Straus, Turner, Weiser  
Absent During Vote: Austin, McGuire**

**The motion carried.**

XV. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Mr. Watkins said the Executive budget for fiscal year 2005 will be presented on February 12, 2004. He said the state anticipates a structural budget deficit in excess of \$1 billion.

XVI. REPORT ON STATUS OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Watkins said he will be providing testimony on February 12, 2004, to the Intermediate School District Subcommittee of the House Education Committee chaired by Representative Ruth Johnson. Mr. Watkins said he will share comments regarding Michigan's intermediate school district accountability as it relates to three bills that are being introduced.

XVII. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR 2003-2004 ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; and Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Supervisor, Grants Administration; presented Approval of Criteria for 2003-2004 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Program.

Ms. Wolenberg said the 2002-03 Freedom to Learn (FTL) project was initiated through state legislation, support by State Aid and federal Title II, Part D of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. She said a limited number of districts were demonstration sites for wireless learning projects. Ms. Wolenberg said the intent of the federal portion of the grant program is to enable districts with a high rate of census poverty and with at least one building falling into a Title I category of improvement or corrective action to increase student achievement through appropriate classroom use of available technology.

Ms. Wolenberg said the primary concern at this time is that the Hewlett Packard laptop vendor contract has not yet been finalized, and the criteria are being presented to the Board to make certain that federal funds are encumbered by June 30, 2004, and not lapsed, in the event that the contract is not signed. She said the criteria are taken specifically from the No Child Left Behind Act, for the federal portion of the money, and maintain the spirit of the Freedom to Learn project.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the 2003-04 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Program, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 10, 2004.**

Ms. Chartrand said much of the funding is for professional development rather than hardware. She said many schools have hardware, but could be using it more effectively. Ms. Chartrand said online assessment is also an area of focus, so that teachers can have immediate feedback. She said another area of focus is the continuity of the Freedom to Learn project.

Mr. Turner stressed the importance of creating additional support for technology and professional development in schools. Mr. Turner and Mrs. McGuire said that school district personnel, Michigan Department of Education staff, and the State Board of Education need to be consulted while programs are being developed.

Mrs. Bauer said that Board members should be included on the electronic mailing list to receive the Freedom to Learn newsletter that is disseminated by Michigan Virtual University.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**XVIII. APPROVAL OF POSITION STATEMENT ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)**

Mr. David Brock, Supervisor, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services; presented Approval of Position Statement on the Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). This item was discussed during the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Mr. Brock said Attachment A (Proposed State Board of Education Position Statement on the Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), page 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph from the bottom is modified as follows: Delete Section 615(e)(d)(1) which eliminates procedural safeguards notice requirements in certain circumstances.

**Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education adopt the Position Statement on the Reauthorization of the IDEA, as modified, and direct the Superintendent to forward this statement to the U.S. House and Senate Education Committees, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 9, 2004.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XIX. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- M. Approval of Standards for the Preparation of School Principals
- N. Approval of Guidelines for Michigan Paraprofessional Portfolio Assessment – this item was moved to discussion
- O. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report for October – December 2003

Resolution

- P. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Parenting Awareness Month

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

- M. approve the standards for the preparation of school principals; and direct the Superintendent of Public Instruction to disseminate the Standards for the Preparation of School Principals to Michigan schools, professional organizations, Michigan universities, colleges, and other interested parties, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 26, 2004;**
- N. (this item was moved to discussion);**
- O. approve the October 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003 report of the State Board of Education expenses, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated January 26, 2004, and authorize the State Board Executive to transmit the report to the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies and the State Budget Director, as required by the Department of Education Appropriations Act; and**
- P. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 26, 2004 regarding Parenting Awareness Month.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The Resolution Regarding Parenting Awareness Month is attached as Exhibit A.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Grants

- Q. 2003-2004 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2004 – Amendment
- R. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Project, Part C – Initial
- S. 2003-2004 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment
- T. 2003-2004 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2004
- U. 2003-2004 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of “Superintendent’s Report Highlights of Activities for January – February 2004.”

XXI. APPROVAL OF GUIDELINES FOR MICHIGAN PARAPROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT

Dr. Frank Ciloski, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation; and Ms. Krista Ried, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation; presented Approval of Guidelines for Michigan Paraprofessional Portfolio Assessment. This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion.

Dr. Ciloski said the following modifications have been made to “Guidelines for the Michigan Paraprofessional Portfolio Assessment:

Page 4, first complete paragraph is replaced with: A district review committee must be established to affirm that individuals submitting completed portfolios have met the necessary requirements. The committee should include a balance of representation for paraprofessionals, administrators and teachers. Examples may be:

- Paraprofessional Education Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- School Improvement Committee

Final recommendation will be issued by the school or school district superintendent. The MDE strongly recommends that the approved completion of the portfolio assessment be portable to other schools and districts within the state of Michigan.

Page 4, addition of first sentence under Elements: The portfolio elements must lead to a deeper understanding of the content areas and/or the ability to assist in the content areas.

Page 5, first paragraph, second sentence from the end of the paragraph is revised as follows: The *Professional Reading Reflection* (Form B) should be entered into the completed portfolio for each reading. ~~regardless of the way in which it is reflected upon.~~

Page 19, last box on chart is revised to read: The paraprofessional demonstrates ability to assist with reading, writing and mathematics.

Page 19, change sign off to Superintendent or Designee of the school district.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Guidelines for the Michigan Paraprofessional Portfolio Assessment, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 26, 2004, including the modifications mentioned above.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Watkins directed staff to report to the Board in six months to one year, information on who is taking the Paraprofessional Portfolio Assessment, the results, and examples of portfolios.

## XXII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. KATHLEEN STRAUS

Mrs. Straus said that on February 12 at 12:00 p.m. the House Education Committee is taking up House Joint Resolution V (HJR V), a joint resolution transferring the authority to appoint the State Superintendent of Public Instruction from the State Board of Education to the Governor. She said on February 12 at 2:00 p.m. the Senate Education Committee is discussing Resolution Senate Joint Resolution H (SJR H) which is identical to HJR V. Mr. Watkins said both resolutions propose an amendment to the State Constitution that requires a two-thirds majority vote by both the House and Senate. He said, if approved, the ballot language would be drafted for the next general election in November 2004.

Mr. Watkins directed Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director, to prepare a memorandum informing the Board of the law and legal process required to amend the Constitution.

**Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that Mrs. Straus appoint a subcommittee comprised of Mr. Austin, Mr. Turner, and herself to review House Joint Resolution V and be empowered to develop a position statement to present to the Legislature.**

Mrs. McGuire said she believes the position statement should oppose the Joint Resolutions.

Mr. Austin said the merits and demerits of the Joint Resolutions need to be discussed openly and honestly. Mr. Austin said stakeholders should be involved.

Mr. Turner said he agrees with Mr. Austin that the subcommittee should engage in dialogue to promote quality education and quality education policy, as the Board is empowered to do. Mr. Turner said student achievement should also remain a priority with the Board.

Mrs. McGuire said she remains in opposition of the Joint Resolutions. Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Straus said the original provision in the Constitution provided for the State Board of Education to be somewhat separated from politics.

**Mrs. McGuire withdrew her second of the motion.**

**Mr. Turner seconded the motion.**

**Mrs. Straus proposed a friendly amendment to add Mrs. McGuire as a Subcommittee member.**

**Dr. Moyer and Mr. Turner accepted the friendly amendment.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### XXIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

#### A. House and Senate Joint Resolutions – Mr. John Austin

Mr. Austin said the message should be conveyed to Representative John Moolenar, sponsor of House Joint Resolution V, that the State Board of Education expects the opportunity to provide testimony on the House and Senate Joint Resolutions.

#### B. Education of All Children – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she appreciates the Board's interest in the education of all children, and allowing the public to provide comment on this issue.

Mrs. Bauer said she is a member of the Governor's Commission on Mental Health, and she invites Board members to speak to Mr. Watkins or her regarding the overlap of issues related to children's mental health.

C. Timely Response to Families – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin expressed concern regarding the comments provided during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. She said she wants to make sure the concerns of students, parents, and families are addressed in a timely manner at the local and state level. Mr. Watkins said he will be discussing with staff an appropriate procedure for allowing comprehensive, succinct public comment, and the opportunity for the Board to adopt policies relating to the issues addressed.

D. Cultural Education – Mrs. Eileen Weiser

Mrs. Weiser said schools and arts groups are meeting to discuss using the arts to infuse academic achievement for children. Mr. Watkins said there will be a presentation at the March State Board meeting.

E. Summer Meals Program – Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

Mr. Watkins commended Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Ms. Roberta Stanley, and staff members for their work in administering a federally funded summer meals program for children. Mr. Watkins said Representative Mickey Mortimer has been instrumental in this effort.

F. National Association of State Boards of Education Directors Meeting – Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer said he attended his first National Association of State Boards of Education Directors Meeting on January 22-24, 2004. He said Ms. Judy Wurtzel, Executive Director of Learning First Alliance presented, and Dr. Moyer shared materials with the Board and staff. Dr. Moyer said twelve national organizations collaborated and shared resources to pursue a common agenda to improve public education.

#### XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins asked the Board to submit agenda topics for the March meeting to the agenda planning committee comprised of Mrs. Straus, Dr. Moyer, and Mrs. Curtin.

Mrs. McGuire has been working with an ad hoc committee to establish Youth Worker as a category in the educational family. She said the rationale and standards are almost completed, and she anticipates presentation to the Board in March.

Dr. Moyer said the Integrating Communities and Schools Task Force will also have a presentation at the March Board meeting.

XXV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. March 9, 2004
- B. April 13, 2004
- C. May 11, 2004
- D. June 8, 2004

XXVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Following the Board Meeting, the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on School Aid/Department of Education convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Ladislaus B. Dombrowski State Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was discussion between legislators and the State Board of Education regarding education issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary