

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

January 11, 2005  
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman  
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 W. Bauer  
Mr. Reginald M. Turner (via telephone)  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)  
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Watkins called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m, and read a statement regarding leadership.

The Honorable Michael David Warren, Jr., Oakland County Circuit Court Judge, and former member of the State Board of Education; administered the Oaths of Office to Mrs. Marianne McGuire who was re-elected to a second eight-year term as a State Board of Education member; and Mrs. Nancy Danhof who is a newly elected member of the Board serving an eight-year term. Mrs. Danhof introduced her husband, Mr. Bill Danhof, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Mrs. Weiser began her telephone connection at 9:15 a.m., and Mr. Turner began his telephone connection at 9:20 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

- A. Information on Special Education Advisory Committee Recommendations Regarding the Impact of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) on Students with Disabilities

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on Universal Education Vision and Principals – added to Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bauer requested and there was consensus to add a Public Participation opportunity during the Committee of the Whole agenda after Discussion Regarding Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that Item U – Approval of Second Addendum to Agreement Between State Board of Education and Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., be removed from the Consent Agenda.**

Mrs. Straus said that in July, 2004, the Board gave Mr. Watkins a very positive evaluation and rating of A-. However at that time the Board was under legal constraint and could not extend his contract at that time. Mrs. Straus said the Board authorized the President and Secretary to negotiate the extension of the contract as soon as it was legally permissible, which was January, 2005. Mrs. Straus said the contract addendum which extends the contract for one year as stipulated in law with no salary increase, was negotiated with Mr. Watkins by both her and Mrs. Curtin, and has been signed by all three. Mrs. Straus said, in her opinion, no further discussion is required.

Mr. Austin said, in his opinion, the purpose of the law is to prohibit a “lame duck” Board from approving a contract.

Mr. Turner said he concurs with Mr. Austin’s concern that this issue is not appropriate for the Consent Agenda. He said, in his opinion, the new Board should have an opportunity to review the agreement, and it would be an appropriate item for an upcoming meeting of the Board.

The vote was taken on the motion to remove the item from the Consent Agenda.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that Item U – Approval of Second Addendum to Agreement Between State Board of Education and Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., be removed from the agenda and be tabled for this meeting.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

V. ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006

Mr. Watkins said the By-laws of the State Board of Education state that the members of the Board “may biennially elect at a meeting of each odd numbered year, from their membership, a president or co-presidents, vice president or co-vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, and a NASBE Delegate.” Mr. Watkins declared that nominations were in order for each of these offices.

Mr. Watkins declared nominations open for the President of the State Board of Education.

Mrs. McGuire nominated Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus for President of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006. Mr. Turner supported the nomination.

Mr. Watkins asked if Mrs. Straus would accept the nomination, and Mrs. Straus said she would accept the nomination.

Mr. Watkins asked if there were additional nominations for President, and there were none.

The vote was taken on the election of Mrs. Straus as President of the State Board of Education.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Turner**  
**Nay: Danhof, Weiser**

**The motion carried.**

**Mr. Watkins declared Mrs. Straus President of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006.**

Mr. Watkins declared nominations open for the Vice President of the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Danhof nominated Mr. John C. Austin for Vice President of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006. Mrs. McGuire supported the nomination.

Mr. Watkins asked if Mr. Austin would accept the nomination, and Mr. Austin said he would accept the nomination of Vice President.

Mr. Watkins asked if there were additional nominations for Vice President, and there were none.

The vote was taken on the motion of Mr. Austin as Vice President of the State Board of Education.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Watkins welcomed Mr. Austin to the office of Vice President of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006.**

Mr. Watkins declared nominations open for the Secretary of the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Bauer nominated Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin as Secretary of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006. Mr. Austin supported the nomination.

Mr. Watkins asked if Mrs. Curtin would accept the nomination, and Mrs. Curtin said she would accept the nomination of Secretary.

Mr. Watkins asked if there were additional nominations.

Mrs. Weiser nominated Mrs. Nancy Danhof as Secretary of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006. Mrs. Danhof supported the nomination.

**A roll-call vote was taken on the motion of Secretary of the State Board of Education.**

**Austin – Curtin  
Bauer – Curtin  
Curtin – Curtin  
Danhof – Danhof  
McGuire – Curtin  
Straus – Curtin**

**Turner – Curtin  
Weiser – Danhof**

**The Chairman declared that Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin was elected Secretary of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006.**

Mr. Watkins declared nominations open for the Treasurer of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Austin nominated Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire as Treasurer of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006. Mrs. Curtin supported the nomination.

Mr. Watkins asked if Mrs. McGuire would accept the nomination, and Mrs. McGuire said she would accept the nomination of Treasurer.

Mr. Watkins asked if there were additional nominations for Treasurer, and there were none.

The vote was taken on the motion of Mrs. McGuire as Treasurer of the State Board of Education.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Watkins declared Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire Treasurer of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006.**

Mr. Watkins declared nominations open for NASBE Delegate of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Austin nominated Mrs. Nancy Danhof as NASBE Delegate of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006. Mr. Turner supported the nomination.

Mr. Watkins asked if Mrs. Danhof would accept the nomination, and Mrs. Danhof said she would accept the nomination of NASBE Delegate.

Mr. Watkins asked if there were additional nominations for NASBE Delegate, and there were none.

The vote was taken on the motion of Mrs. Danhof for NASBE Delegate of the State Board of Education.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Watkins declared Mrs. Nancy Danhof NASBE Delegate of the State Board of Education for 2005-2006.**

Mr. Turner ended his telephone connection at 9:40 a.m.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:40 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on Staff Recommendations Regarding the Recommendations of the Social Studies Task Force

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Karen Todorov, Social Studies Consultant, Office of School Improvement

The following individual offered comments:

- The Honorable Michael David Warren, Jr., Judge, Oakland County Circuit Court; member of Social Studies Task Force

By consensus, this item was added to the Regular meeting agenda under Discussion Items.

B. Presentation of Social Studies Grade Level Content Expectations

By consensus, this item was removed from the agenda, in order to accommodate the schedules of the individuals who wished to address the Board.

C. Discussion Regarding Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

The following individual presented:

- Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President of the State Board of Education, shared a PowerPoint presentation.

D. Public Participation in State Board of Education Meeting

The following individuals offered comments on Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:

1. Mr. Tom White, Executive Director, Michigan School Business Officials, 1001 Centennial Way, Suite 200, Lansing, Michigan 48917; and representing the K-16 Coalition.
2. Mr. Bert Bleke, Superintendent, Grand Rapids Public Schools, 1331 Franklin Street, SE, Post Office Box 117, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501; and representing the K-16 Coalition.
3. Mr. Rich Ames, Superintendent, Hillsdale Community Schools, 30 South Norwood Avenue, Hillsdale, Michigan 49242; and representing the K-16 Coalition.
4. Mr. Rich Terres, Chief Financial Officer, Howell Public Schools, 411 N. Highlander Way, Howell, Michigan 48843-1021; and representing the K-16 Coalition.
5. Mr. Bob Olsen, Superintendent, Manistee Area Public representing the Schools, 550 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660; and representing the representing the K-16 Coalition.
6. Mr. Mike Shibler, Superintendent, Rockford Public Schools, 350 North Main Street, Rockford, Michigan 49391; and representing the Kent County Superintendents Association.
7. Ms. Deborah Canja, 2465 Wood Lake Circle, Suite 140, Okemos, Michigan 48864.
8. Ms. Sara Haines, 7075 Bonaire Court, Rockford, Michigan 49391.
9. Mr. Robert W. Staple, Superintendent, Breitung Township School District in Kingsford, W9280 Russell Street, Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801.
10. Mr. Paul Price, Superintendent, Republic-Michigamme Schools, R.R. 1, Box 189, Republic, Michigan 49879.
11. Ms. Kathleen Booher, Tri-County Alliance for Public Education, 44800 Clare Boulevard, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

12. Ms. Shari Ballard Krishnan, 1550 Brandywine, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304.
13. Mr. Michael DeVault, Superintendent, Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038.
14. Mr. William Putney, Superintendent, South Lake Schools, and President of Macomb Superintendents Association, 23101 Stadium Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080.
15. Dr. Joan C. Sergent, Superintendent, Utica Community Schools, and 2005 Superintendent of the Year, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312.
16. Ms. Sandra Feeley Myrand, Superintendent, Lakeview Public Schools, 20300 Statler, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081; and representing the Macomb Superintendents Association.
17. Ms. Debbie Squires, Michigan PTSA (PTA), 2132 Jason, Commerce Township, Michigan.
18. Mr. Doug VanderLaan, President, Forest Hills Public Schools Board of Education, 2715 Winesap, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505.
19. Mr. Frank Reid, President Farmington Public Schools Board of Education; 32500 Shiawassee Road, Farmington, Michigan 48336; representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.
20. Mr. Kevin Harris, President, Dearborn Federation of Teachers, 4407 Roemer, Dearborn, Michigan 48124.
21. Mr. David Campbell, Superintendent, Olivet Community Schools, 4219 Marshall Road, Charlotte, Michigan 48813.
22. Mr. Thomas M. Strack, President, Kenowa Hills Board of Education, 1340 Franklin Street, Marne, Michigan 49435.
23. Ms. Evelyn Foreman, Educational Chairperson, Gray Panthers of Metro Detroit, 17344 Oak Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221.
24. Mr. Randy Liepa, Superintendent, Livonia Public Schools, 18986 Van Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152.
25. Ms. Heather Halpin, President, Lakeshore Federation of Teachers, 28770 Harper Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48082.

26. Ms. Anna Reseigh, 2036 Cumberland, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307.
27. Mr. Mark McWilliams, Director of Education Advocacy, Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, 4095 Legacy Parkway, Lansing, Michigan 48911
28. Mr. Greg Baracy, Wayne Westland Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48184.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the Regular meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Watkins said in the interest of time, the Board would start with Public Participation and continue its Committee of the Whole meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING**

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Dr. Marlene Davis, Superintendent, Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184. Dr. Davis commented on school funding and structural issues.
- B. Mr. Richard Wilson, 209 North Walnut, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Wilson shared comments on school funding and provided a copy of “School Funding: Past, Present, and Future, Part II – Operational Funding.”
- C. Ms. Rhonda Grochowalski, 104 Richards NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504. Ms. Grochowalski provided comments regarding school funding.
- D. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Mrs. Wood shared comments on public school academy oversight.
- E. Dr. Michael Peterson, 38739 French Pond, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331. Dr. Peterson, representing Whole Schooling Consortium and Michigan Network for Inclusive Schooling, shared comments on universal education.
- F. Ms. Michelle Miller, 11198 Long Point, Plainwell, Michigan 49080. Ms. Miller shared comments and written information on universal education.
- G. Ms. Kristyn Diekema, 228 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, Michigan 49090. Ms. Diekema spoke about inclusion.

- H. Ms. Carolyn Das, 35840 Smithfield Court, Farmington, Michigan 48335.  
Ms. Das, representing Everyone Together, commented on universal education.
- I. Ms. Deborah Canja, 2465 Woodlake Circle, Suite 140, Okemos, Michigan.  
Ms. Canja, Chief Executive Officer of Bridges for Kids, provided comments on policy and action alignment within the Department of Education and universal education.

Mrs. Weiser rejoined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:40 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 1:41 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- E. Presentation of School Improvement Framework

By consensus, this item was removed from the agenda, due to time constraints.

- F. Presentation on the State Evaluation Findings of the All Students Achieve Program – Parent Involvement and Education (ASAP-PIE)

By consensus, this item was removed from the agenda, due to time constraints.

- G. Report on Recommendations of the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth

By consensus, this item was removed from the agenda, due to time constraints.

- H. Presentation on Universal Education Vision and Principles

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer, State Board of Education; Core Planning Team and Member of the Universal Education Referent Group provided a brief introduction.

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Dr. Fran Loose, Consultant, Office of Special Education and
- Early Intervention Services

- Dr. Lynn Malinoff, Coordinator, Tinkham Center, Wayne-Westland Community Schools
- Dr. Milli Haug, Superintendent, Crawford-AuSable School District

The following individual offered comments:

- Ms. Shari Krishnan, parent and Former Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee

I. Presentation on Reporting of School Performance Indicators in 2005 School Report Cards

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement

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

J. Mr. Pete Lazaroff, Superintendent, Van Buren Public Schools, 9010 Solitude Lane, Belleville, Michigan 48111. Mr. Lazaroff offered comments on school funding.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 3:06 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 14, 2004.

**Mrs. Straus 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 December 14, 2004.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XVI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Thank you from the President

Mrs. Straus thanked the members of the Board for their continued confidence in her leadership as President. She said she knows the officers will work together to do what’s right and continue to work in the best interests of not only the children, but the whole state.

B. No Child Left Behind Character Education Our Shared Responsibility

Mrs. Straus said she received a pamphlet “No Child Left Behind Character Education Our Shared Responsibility” from the United States Department of Education. She said the only state mentioned in the pamphlet is the State Board of Michigan, commended for its policy on character education.

C. Putting the Arts in Education

Mrs. Straus said she received a copy of the book, *Putting the Arts in the Picture: Reframing Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, that she reviewed. She said she was pleasantly surprised to see herself quoted on the back cover of the book.

XVII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- K. Report on Lewis Cass Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- L. Report on the Michigan After-School Partnership Year-End Report
- M. Human Resources Report
- N. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- O. Report on Property Transfers

Grants

- P. 2004-2005 Mathematics and Science Centers – Initial
- Q. 2004-2005 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement (Preliminary) – Continuation

Mr. Watkins distributed “Superintendent’s Report – Highlights of Activities for December 2004 – January 2005.”

XVIII. REPORT BY MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year, presented Report on Michigan Teacher of the Year Activities.

Mrs. Capraro thanked the Board and Department for supporting the December 9, 2004, Educator Recognition Reception and Banquet honoring award-winning teachers. She said the recognition and celebration is greatly appreciated by teachers.

Mr. Watkins said the two-day conference joins educators who excel in their field to work with high priority schools to elevate excellent education and share ideas. He said the conference received exceptional feedback.

XIX. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no awards and recognitions.

Mrs. Weiser ended her telephone connection at 3:10 p.m.

XX. REPORT ON THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (ISD)/REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY (RESA) PARTNERSHIP

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; and Mr. Jay Newman, Superintendent, St. Joseph County Intermediate School District; presented Report on the Intermediate School District (ISD) Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) Partnership.

Ms. Wolenberg said Mrs. Straus, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, and Mr. Turner are members of the Board's Intermediate School District Subcommittee.

Mrs. Curtin said subcommittee members worked diligently and enthusiastically to develop the report. She said the resulting report is a good product that will continue to be refined.

Mrs. Straus said the commitment of the members of the subcommittee and the relationships that resulted are very impressive. She said there is a feeling of harmony among intermediate school district personnel and department staff realizes that limited resources must and will be used wisely to help local districts do a better job in reaching shared goals. Mrs. Straus said Mr. Newman's involvement as a representative of the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators has been extremely valuable. Ms. Wolenberg thanked Mr. Tony Derezinski, and the Michigan Association of School Boards, for their involvement in the subcommittee.

Ms. Wolenberg said the report is a framework for partnerships that is aligned with the State Board of Education Strategic Goal and recommendations of the five Task Forces of the Board. Ms. Wolenberg said the report moves the State Board of Education, Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Department of Education, and Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators into a proactive position to work on legislative challenges, policy development, implementation strategies, and capacity building.

Mr. Newman said the subcommittee wanted to create the most efficient and effective learning environment possible, and ensure that all learners have appropriate access to learning opportunities. He said capacity, alignment, person-to-person connectivity, collaboration, and mutual trust must be examined.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education receive the report on the ISD/RESA Partnership, as attached to the President's memorandum dated January 7, 2005.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus**

**Absent: Turner, Weiser**

**The motion carried.**

## **XXI. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director, presented Report of the Legislative Committee.

Mrs. Straus said the Board appointed a Legislative Subcommittee to be proactive in submitting the Board's legislative initiatives. She said the members are Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. McGuire, and herself. She said the list of legislative initiatives is evolving and subject to change, and suggestions are appreciated.

Mrs. Straus said the first priority of the committee is structural issues regarding funding.

Mr. Morris reviewed the following issues that are ready to be taken to the Legislature: (1) raising the dropout age, (2) principal certification, (3) public school academy oversight, (4) appropriation issues, and (5) modernizing the Pupil Transportation Act.

Mr. Morris said additional concepts that should evolve into legislation in the coming months include: (1) repealing antiquated or unfunded legislation, (2) required student expulsions and the need for alternative education, (3) university responsibility regarding prospective teachers with criminal records, (4) intermediate school district partnership proposals, and (5) high school redesign.

In response to a question from Mrs. Danhof, Mr. Morris said he will research the possibility of consolidating general education busses with special education busses.

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of a January 11, 2005, communication from Governor Granholm calling on the Legislature to act on unfinished business from the previous legislative session.

This was a presentation only, and no action was required.

**XXII. APPROVAL OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF ASTHMA IN SCHOOLS**

Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of School Support Services; and Ms. Kim Kovalchick, Education Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs; presented Approval of the State Board of Education Policy on the Management of Asthma in Schools.

Ms. Chartrand said Ms. Kovalchick has been working with a variety of professionals to develop the policy on asthma management in the school setting.

Mr. Watkins said there has not been an asthma policy in the past, however given the prevalence of asthma, it is believed to be an issue the Board should address.

Ms. Kovalchick said the policy is based on previous Board and legislative initiatives, as well as current research and best practice regarding effective school management of asthma, in a comprehensive coordinated school health approach.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Policy on the Management of Asthma in Schools, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 6, 2005.**

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

**The motion carried.**

**XXIII. REPORT ON SOCIAL STUDIES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Austin presented Report on Social Studies Task Force Recommendations.

This is a continuation of the Committee of the Whole discussion from earlier in the meeting. Mr. Austin said Judge Michael David Warren, Jr., a member of the Social Studies Task Force, offered modified policy recommendations for clarification purposes.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education accept the Policies on Social Studies, as recommended by the Social Studies Task Force and attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 3, 2005, with modifications.**

**In response to a question by Ms. Carnell regarding equating MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) cut scores as the test changes, Mr. Austin proposed a friendly amendment that staff rewrite language to reflect the change.**

In response to Mrs. Straus, Dr. Caamal Canul said Department staff are in agreement with the proposed modifications to the policies.

Mr. Roy Sovis, Michigan Social Studies Supervisors Association, and member of the Social Studies Task Force, said it is the intent of the Task Force that MEAP cut scores be equated as the test changes, and that is reflected in the proposed modification.

Ms. Amy Bloom, Social Studies Task Force member, said the modification puts “teeth” into the statements and she supports them, as rewritten.

Mrs. Danhof, said people in the K-12 curriculum continuum should be involved in developing the social studies recommendations, as a valuable learning experience. Dr. Hughes said the Curriculum Advisory Council would provide sharing of ideas across curriculum areas.

**Mr. Austin proposed that language be reworded by staff to include the involvement of the Social Studies Task Force for the next six to twelve months, as a friendly amendment.**

The vote was taken on the motion, including the friendly amendments.

**Absent: Turner, Weiser**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus**

**The motion carried.**

“Policies on Social Studies,” as modified, is attached as Exhibit A.

#### XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA

U. Approval of Second Addendum to Agreement Between State Board of Education and Thomas D. Watkins, Jr. – removed from the Agenda and tabled

V. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Carl A. Woloszyk

- W. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Gloria Hewitt Kielbaso
- X. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week
- Y. Report on Universal Education Vision and Principals

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

- U. **(this item was removed from the Agenda and tabled);**
- V. **adopt the Resolution Honoring Carl A. Woloszyk, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 4, 2005;**
- W. **adopt the Resolution Honoring Gloria Hewitt Kielbaso, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 4, 2005;**
- X. **adopt the Resolution Regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 6, 2005; and**
- Y. **accept the Report on Vision and Principles for Universal Education, as identified in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 6, 2005, and disseminate for field review.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

The Resolution Honoring Carol A. Woloszyk is attached as Exhibit B.

The Resolution Honoring Gloria Hewitt Kielbaso is attached as Exhibit C.

The Resolution Regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week is attached as Exhibit D.

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

- A. School Funding – Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire

Mrs. McGuire asked that the school funding suggestions shared at the meeting be inserted into a report. Mr. Watkins said information, new articles, and correspondence regarding school funding are being compiled, and will be updated to include comments from today’s Board meeting, as

well as Mrs. Straus' presentation on school funding. Mr. Watkins said the Department will continue to work with the Governor, Legislature, Council of Michigan Foundations, education community, business community, and citizens at large to address structural funding issues.

B. School District Report Cards – Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

Mr. Watkins said the school district report cards will be released on January 13, 2005.

XXVI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Austin requested that the Lieutenant Governor be invited to a future meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth.

Mr. Watkins said the agenda planning committee members are Mrs. Straus, Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Curtin; and Ms. Carnell participates as a representative of the Governor's Office. He asked Board members to submit agenda topics to the agenda planning committee or Mrs. Hamilton.

XXVII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. February 8, 2005
- B. March 8, 2005
- C. April 12, 2005
- D. May 9, 2005
- E. June 14, 2005

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary

## **POLICIES ON SOCIAL STUDIES**

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the following policies and directs the Superintendent to implement these proposals to the fullest extent possible within the Department; to the extent such proposals are not administratively or financially possible at this time, the Superintendent and the State Board shall vigorously work together to achieve such full implementation:

- 1) That the MERIT test include a Social Studies component, consistent with the State Board's Policy on Learning Expectations for Michigan Students.
- 2) Appropriate equated MEAP cut scores for elementary, middle and high school Social Studies shall be established on an on-going basis.
- 3) Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies shall be established. This process shall include a review and recommended approval from the Social Studies Task Force.
- 4) A comprehensive communication plan shall be established for reaching all teachers of Social Studies and their administrators with information about assessment and instruction, and availability of resources for teaching the Social Studies Curriculum Framework upon which the MEAP/MERIT is built.
- 5) A professional development plan for all administrators and teachers of Social Studies shall be implemented.
- 6) The design of the MEAP will follow the Policy on Learning Expectations, including but not limited to maintaining inquiry and persuasive essay questions in the Social Studies MEAP, and that weighting those strands more equally with the four disciplinary strands will be explored, as recommended in the original MEAP Assessment Plan.
- 7) An annotated list of the Social Studies materials provided to item writers shall be made public.
- 8) Content standards, benchmarks, and content expectations shall continue to be used as the basis for MEAP testing.
- 9) The Department will investigate and make a recommendation to the State Board no later than July 1, 2005 on creating a set of grade level tests to be administered by local districts to evaluate yearly student achievement in Social Studies.
- 10) For the next 6-12 months, the members of the Task Force on Social Studies will continue to advise the MDE and the State Board in connection with adopted recommendations, and will be invited to conduct the final review, and make recommendations to the State Board regarding the Grade Level Expectations.

**Adopted January 11, 2005**