

RECORD OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

July 28, 2005
9:00

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, 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
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Grantham, ex officio

Absent: Mr. Reginald Turner

Also Present: Mr. Daniel Schab, 2005-2006 Michigan Teacher of the Year

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. 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, and Department staff.

III. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. KATHLEEN N. STRAUS

Mrs. Straus provided a short history on the State Board of Education's constitutional responsibilities, and leadership and involvement related to improving outcomes for high school students, and the purpose of today's meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presentation on Creating a New Culture of Education and the Importance of High Quality High School Preparation in a Global Economy

The following individual presented:

- Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Flanagan's comments were followed by a video of the keynote address by Mr. William H. Gates, III, Chairman of Microsoft Corporation, at the National Education Summit on High School Reform on February 27, 2005, sponsored by the National Governors Association.

- B. Presentation on National and International High School Expectations

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Yong Zhao, University Distinguished Professor, Michigan State University

- C. Presentation on Michigan's Current Status

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Patty Cantu, Director, Office of Career and Technical Preparation, Department of Labor and Economic Growth

Dr. Zhao joined Dr. Hughes, and Ms. Cantu at the Board table to answer questions posed by Board members.

V. RECESS

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

Mrs. Bauer arrived at 12:00 p.m.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

D. Presentation on Current Promising High School Models

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Diane McMillan, High School Consultant, Panel Facilitator

Panel

- Mr. Jeff Bohl, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, Battle Creek Central High School
- Mr. Paul Bergan, Director, Career and Technical Education, Berrien County Intermediate School District
- Ms. Leadriane Roby, Principal, Covert High School
- Ms. Lisa Phillips, Principal, Detroit Technology High School
- Mr. Chris Reynolds, Director of Network Design, Henry Ford Learning Institute
- Ms. Lynne Nagy, Counselor, International Academy
- Ms. Chery Wagonlander, Principal, Mott Middle College
- Mr. Terry Campbell, Director, Dearborn Virtual Academy

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Ruth Ann Knapp, 2124 Passolt, Saginaw, Michigan 48603. Ms. Knapp provided comments on the Cherry Commission recommendations and the importance of including arts in education.
- B. Ms. Sherri Davis, 1340 Cambridge, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506. Ms. Davis, representing Michigan Art Education Association, commented on high school reform and arts education.

- C. Ms. Cheryl Swaim, 26345 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334. Ms. Swaim commented on (1) communication from the State Board to local school districts to the community, (2) proper identification and challenging gifted/accelerated students, and (3) allowing individualism and innovation.

IX. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – DR. JEREMY M. HUGHES

Dr. Hughes thanked Ms. Megan Phaneuf, a Presidential Management Fellow employed by the United States Department of Education, who for the past five months has been assigned to the Michigan Department of Education to assist in development of its high school reform initiative.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- E. Presentation on Implications for Michigan Education Policy

This agenda item was combined with item F below.

- F. Discussion Regarding Board's Next Steps, Charge to Michigan Department of Education, and Time Line

Mr. Flanagan facilitated a discussion among Board members regarding implications for Michigan education policy, Board's next steps, charge to Michigan Department of Education, and time line.

XI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. Presentation by Achieve – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said Mr. Matt Gandal, Executive Vice President, Achieve, Inc., will present on how other states are addressing the issue of high school redesign during the Board's August meeting.

XII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

There was consensus to continue the discussion of improving outcomes for high school students at the August 9, 2005, Board meeting.

XIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. August 9, 2005 – MacDonald Middle School, East Lansing Public Schools, East Lansing
- B. September 13, 2005 – Wayne RESA, Wayne
- C. October 11, 2005 – Washtenaw ISD, Ann Arbor
- D. November 15, 2005 – Oakland Schools, Pontiac

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary