

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

June 8, 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 (via telephone)  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)  
Ms. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Absent: Mr. Reginald M. Turner

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 9:12 a.m.

II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Report on Consent Agenda
- B. Revised Record of Public Forum – May 10, 2004 at Wayne RESA
- C. 2002-2003 Title II, Dwight D. Eisenhower Grants

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on Special Education Advisory Committee Advice on Eligible Students with Disabilities in Adult Prisons
- B. *High Priority Points* Newsletter (Spring/Summer 2004)

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers – added to agenda
- B. 2003-2004 IDEA Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment – added to agenda
- C. 2003-2004 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program – Continuation – added to agenda
- D. 2004-2005 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Initial and Continuation – added to agenda
- E. Report on the Status of Legislation – added to agenda
- F. 2002-2003 Title II, Dwight D. Eisenhower Grants – Amendment – added to agenda

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

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

**The motion carried.**

V. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Watkins said the Board is being asked to adopt resolutions honoring William R. Cecil (2003-2004 Teacher of the Year); Heidi Capraro (2004-2005 Teacher of the Year); and Elizabeth R. Wilson (2004 Support Staff Person of the Year). He said the resolutions will be presented to the recipients during the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting.

**Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the resolutions honoring the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year – William R. Cecil, the 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year – Heidi L. Capraro, and the 2003-2004 Michigan School Support Person of the Year – Elizabeth R. Wilson, as attached to the Superintendent’s memoranda dated May 25, 2004.**

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

**The motion carried.**

The resolution honoring William R. Cecil is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring Heidi L. Capraro is attached as Exhibit B.

The resolution honoring Elizabeth R. Wilson is attached as Exhibit C.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:15 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

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

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

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and Michigan School Support Person of the Year Program

The following individuals participated in the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year presentation:

- Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognitions
- Mr. Bill Cecil, 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year

The following individuals participated in the 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year presentation:

- Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognitions
- Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year
- Ms. Kerry Krone, Chief of Staff for Senator Nancy Cassis from Novi

The following individuals participated in the 2003-2004 Michigan School Support Person of the Year presentation:

- Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognitions
- Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, 2003-2004 Michigan School Support Person of the Year
- Representative Fulton Sheen from Plainwell
- Ms. Amanda Price, representing Senator Patricia L. Birkholz from Saugatuck

Mr. Austin joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. via telephone.

B. Presentation on the Alliance for Building Capacity in Schools (ABCS) Coaches' Institute

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Dr. Barbara Markle, Office of K-12 Outreach Programs, Michigan State University
- Mr. Bob Harris, Michigan Education Association
- Mr. Ricardo Briones, Core Faculty, ABCS Michigan Academic Coaches' Institute
- Dr. Marlene Kukuzke, ABCS Michigan Academic Coaches' Institute
- Dr. Anne Hansen, ABCS Michigan Academic Coaches' Institute
- Ms. Bersheril Bailey, ABCS Michigan Academic Coaches' Institute
- Dr. Gary Sykes, Professor of Educational Administration and Teacher Education

C. Presentation Regarding *Detroit Free Press Yak's Corner*

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. Cathy Collison, Editor, *Yak's Corner*
- Ms. Janis Campbell, Assistant Editor, *Yak's Corner*
- Mr. Marty Westman, Art Director, *Yak's Corner*

Following comments from Ms. Collison, Mrs. Straus presented the Board's "You Make A Difference" certificate to *Yak's Corner*.

D. Plans for the 2005-2006 MEAP in Compliance with No Child Left Behind

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Edward Roeber, Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

The following individuals offered comments:

- Dr. J. Kelli Sweet, Executive Director, Michigan Council for the Social Studies
- Dr. David Michelson, Lobbyist, Michigan Education Association

The discussion continued in the afternoon as part of the Regular meeting.

E. Report on State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Alignment for Leadership Session

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Mrs. Carolyn Curtin, State Board of Education
- Mrs. Marianne McGuire, State Board of Education

F. Presentation on Recommendations from the State Board of Education Subcommittee on Intermediate School Districts

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director
- Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:15 p.m. and the Board reconvened the Regular meeting at 1:13 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XI. PUBLIC PARTICPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Dan and Kristyn Diekema, 228 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, Michigan 49090. Mr. and Mrs. Diekema offered written and oral comments on their son, Callen's, successful inclusion experience.

- B. Ms. Diane Mitchell, 10501 Orangelawn, Detroit, Michigan 48204. Ms. Mitchell, a student/parent/community advocate representing T. C. Simmons Campus, offered comments on funding of charter schools.
- C. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Mrs. Wood shared comments and written materials on renewal of charter school contracts.

Mr. Austin rejoined the meeting via telephone at 1:20 p.m. Mrs. Weiser rejoined the meeting via telephone at 1:30 p.m.

XII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Public Forum of March 10; Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 11; Minutes of Special Meeting of May 18; and Record of Alignment for Leadership Session of May 18-19, 2004.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the Revised Record of Public Forum of March 10; Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 11; Minutes of Special Meeting of May 18; and Record of Alignment for Leadership Strategic Planning Session of May 18-19, 2004.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Celebration of Accomplishments Letter to Educational Community

Mrs. Straus said she and Mr. Watkins sent a letter to the educational community dated June 1, 2004, Celebrating Educational Excellence in Michigan. Mrs. Straus said the letter lists the accomplishments of the past year and thanks the educational community for their leadership. Mrs. Straus also thanked staff for their dedication and hard work.

- B. *They Help Us Paint Rainbows*

Mrs. Straus said Mr. Watkins has gathered a collection of artwork and quotes from students in response to the question, "What makes a teacher great?" She said the first printing of this booklet, *They Help Us Paint Rainbows*, was funded by Strategic Staffing Solutions. She said Mr. Paul Huxley is the Chief Financial Officer of the company, who worked with

the Michigan Department of Education for eight months as an Executive on Loan under Governor Granholm's Office. Mrs. Straus quoted from a letter written by Mr. Huxley for the booklet, "I had the opportunity to work with a tremendously dedicated group of State Board of Education members and MDE staff who focus every day on what can be done to help teachers teach and children learn. It is a surprisingly small group of people for a job so important, but what they may lack in numbers they make up for in enthusiasm. I also grew to have a great respect for the job that our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Watkins, does for the children of this state."

C. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education

Mrs. Straus said she attended a dinner observing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education on May 12, 2004. She said the dinner was chaired by Mrs. Barbara Roberts Mason, a former member of the State Board of Education. Mrs. Straus said it is essential that everyone is assured equal educational opportunities, and there is still much work to be done to attain this.

D. Multicultural Children's Fair at Detroit Public Schools

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Multicultural Children's Fair at Detroit Public Schools on May 21, 2004. Mrs. Straus said there are 92 languages spoken in the Detroit Public Schools, and many ethnic groups are represented. She said the children performed song and dance in their native language and attire.

E. Blue Ribbon School Visit to Troy

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer visited Baker Middle School in Troy to participate in the school's Blue Ribbon Celebration on May 21, 2004. She said there are 50 languages spoken there and many socio-economic groups in the Troy School District.

F. Senate Education Committee Testimony on MEAP/ACT

Mrs. Straus thanked Mrs. Curtin for joining her to testify before the Senate Education Committee on the issue of MEAP and ACT testing and assessment.

XIV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

N. Human Resources Report

CC. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers

Grants

- O. 2003-2004 Continuation/Implementation Grant Application for Charter School Grant Program – Continuation
- P. 2003-04 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment
- DD. 2003-2004 IDEA Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment
- EE. 2003-2004 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program – Continuation
- FF. 2004-2005 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Initial and Continuation
- HH. 2002-2003 Title II, Dwight D. Eisenhower Grants – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed a written report “Superintendent’s Report Highlights of Activities for May – June 2004”

Mr. Watkins provided an oral report on the following:

- A. The Workmen’s Circle Honors Kathleen N. Straus

Mr. Watkins said Mrs. Straus was honored on June 6, 2004, by the Workmen’s Circle/Arbeter Ring for her work for social and economic justice.

- B. Mrs. Straus Honored by Anti-Defamation League

Mr. Watkins said on June 17, 2004, Mrs. Straus will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Anti Defamation League honoring her for more than 60 years of outspoken advocacy and visionary inspiration.

- C. *Leading Change*

Mr. Watkins said the Department’s June issue of *Leading Change* focuses on early childhood education. He said *Leading Change* contains much useful information and is available at [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov).

XV. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT ON THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT GOVERNING BOARD PLAN FOR GRADE 12 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Dr. Edward Roeber, Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability, presented Approval of the Report on the National Assessment Governing Board Plan for Grade 12 National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Dr. Roeber said the State Board of Education asked that a report be prepared and presented on the National Assessment Governing Board's (NAGB) plan for modifying the Grade 12 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). He said the current NAEP assessment is administered in the winter of seniors' final year in school to a small sample of students nationally, and there is question if the test is taken seriously and if the results accurately depict the status of students graduating from high school.

Dr. Roeber said NAGB appointed an eighteen-member commission to examine the purposes and role of the grade 12 assessments within NAEP. He said the commission has made recommendations including the following: (1) the grade 12 NAEP assessment sample for reading and mathematics should be a required of all states; (2) NAEP should report 12<sup>th</sup> grade students' readiness for college-credit coursework, training for employment, and entrance into the military; and (3) incentives should be established for students to participate in the program.

Dr. Roeber said he believes the plan needs more detail, and it would be advisable for Michigan to consider the recommendations of the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth.

Mrs. Weiser stated that the proposed 12th Grade Assessment would help states and the nation link the successes of ongoing standards-based reform with the adult educational and employment needs in the United States today. As an example of the need for this nationally, she cited high college coursework remediation levels, and the related high dropout rates of college students who are unable to complete their schooling in four years because of remedial courses. She stated that NAGB would welcome comments or concerns from today's discussion to aid in developing the proposed test. She said it is not necessary for the Board to approve the proposal at this time, as the test concept is still being discussed and refined in NAGB committees and meetings with stakeholders.

Mr. Watkins reminded the Board that Mrs. Weiser is a member of the National Assessment Governing Board.

Mr. Austin said he is hopeful that the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth will provide a context to discuss the balance of high school assessment that produces information, awards and looks ahead, yet also maintains a standards driven approach that has been used to drive curriculum, and been successful in improving achievement.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer that the State Board of Education accept the report of May 24, 2004, and direct staff to: (1) review it with the Office of Educational Assessment & Accountability Advisory Committee (2) to continue to monitor the plans for the Grade 12 NAEP assessment as NAGB and NCES develop them, and (3) forward the report of May 24, 2004, to NAGB.**

**Mrs. Bauer proposed a friendly amendment to review the five-year SAT-optional policy being conducted at Mount Holyoke College (South Hadley, Massachusetts) funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation.**

**Mrs. Straus accepted the friendly amendment.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XVI. PLANS FOR THE 2005-2006 MEAP IN COMPLIANCE WITH NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

This is a continuation of the discussion during the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting.

Dr. Edward Roeber, Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability; and Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; presented Plans for the 2005-2006 Michigan Educational Assessment Program in Compliance with No Child Left Behind.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that Plans for the 2005-2006 MEAP in Compliance with No Child Left Behind be removed from the Consent Agenda, and placed under Discussion during the Regular meeting.**

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

**The motion carried.**

Dr. Roeber said that at the May 11, 2004, Board meeting, staff of the Michigan Department of Education presented plans for the 2005-2006 Michigan Educational Assessment Program in compliance with the assessments in grades 3-8 mathematics and English language arts (reading and writing) required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. He said staff proposed moving testing from the winter (January-February) to the fall (first three weeks of October). He said several Board members raised several issues regarding the proposal, which staff has attempted to respond to.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the Plans for the 2005-2006 MEAP in compliance with No Child Left Behind, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2004, including the move of testing from winter to the fall, and the return of results no later than early December.**

**Ms. Carnell proposed a friendly amendment to include the approximate time of the release of the report card (March), when fall testing is used in 2005-2006. The friendly amendment was accepted by Mr. Austin and Mrs. Curtin.**

Ms. Carnell suggested that future Board agenda items related to assessment include a curriculum component.

Mr. Watkins said there are three conflicting laws: (1) No Child Left Behind requires that a school report card be issued before the school year begins so that parents can make appropriate choices, (2) State law requires that the high school MEAP assessment can only be given 30 days prior to the end of the school year; and (3) State law requires that schools must be given 30 days to appeal their No Child Left Behind school report card grade.

Mr. Watkins said the State Legislature has been made aware of the conflicting laws, and no action has been taken to date.

Dr. Hughes said he expects a federal audit exception related to the conflicting laws.

In response to a question from Mrs. Bauer, Mr. Watkins said one of the reasons that State law requires that the high school MEAP assessment can only be given 30 days prior to the end of the school year is to maximize the amount of time students have to qualify for the Merit Scholarship.

Mrs. McGuire said she is opposed to the motion because she believes it is too much of a disruption for schools to deal with at this point, in addition to other changes that schools have had to face recently.

Mr. Austin said fall testing allows for teachers to receive the data so that it can be used for instruction in the current year, rather than receiving results in April at the end of the school year.

Mrs. Straus said she supports fall testing, one of the reasons being that the beginning of the school year is used for student review of material, and it will be fresh in the minds of students.

Mrs. Straus said the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Federation of Teachers have stated a willingness to work toward the move to fall testing.

Mrs. Curtin said she was initially opposed to the motion but now favors fall testing, because she believes students will be more rested and enthusiastic in the fall.

Dr. Moyer said he is in favor of the motion, but urges a broad communications plan to inform the public of the rationale for the move to fall assessment.

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

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

**The motion carried.**

XVII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. KATHLEEN STRAUS

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that Mr. Brendan Guilford, Alma College student intern majoring in political science, sit at the Board table as a non-voting member during the July and August, 2004 Board meetings.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XVIII. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH STATE BOARD POLICIES: (1) POLICY ON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION, AND (2) POLICY ON QUALITY CHARACTER EDUCATION

Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support Services; and Ms. Merry Stanford, Health Education Consultant, presented Approval of School Health State Board Policies: (1) Policy on Comprehensive School Health Education, and (2) Policy on Quality Character Education.

Ms. Merry Stanford said the policies for comprehensive school health education and character education recognize that children need healthy and ethical environments in order to learn, and need research-based curriculum in order to learn practical skills for lifelong health and character development. Ms. Stanford distributed “Health and Character Education Policies Overview” that describes how the proposed policies relate to those previously approved by the Board.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the School Health State Board Policies: (1) Policy on Comprehensive School Health Education, and (2) Policy on Quality Character Education, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated May 24, 2004.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XIX. ELECTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2005

Mrs. Marianne McGuire, the Board's NASBE Delegate, presented Election of National Association of State Boards of Education Board of Directors – 2005.

Mrs. McGuire said the Board needs to vote on a President-elect and Central Area Director. She said both candidates are unopposed. She said Mrs. Diane Fladmo, from Montana, is running for President-elect; and Ms. Jennifer Stewart, from Ohio is running for Central Area Director. Mrs. McGuire said Dr. Moyer does not need to run for re-election for his current office of Central Area Director.

**Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the Board vote for Mrs. Diane Fladmo for President-elect; and Ms. Jennifer Stewart for Central Area Director of NASBE.**

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

**The motion carried.**

Dr. Moyer said NASBE has been in the process of strengthening ties with the Council of Chief State School Officers, and asked Mr. Watkins for his advocacy in this effort.

Mr. Watkins said he has had discussions about this with Mrs. Straus and the Council of Chief State School Officers and will continue to advance those efforts.

XX. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO AND APPROVAL OF CHARGE OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SOCIAL STUDIES TASK FORCE

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer, presented Appointment of Members to and Approval of Charge of State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Social Studies Task Force.

Dr. Hughes said over the past five years, students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels have not been reaching high achievement, as measured by the social studies Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests. He said student achievement has increased slightly, however 2004 MEAP results still indicate over 70% of elementary and middle school students are not yet proficient. He said

school results for 2004 are not in yet, but the previous four years of MEAP data indicate 75% of high school students are not yet proficient.

Mr. Watkins said the Board has proposed to commission a Task Force on Social Studies. He said The Honorable Doug Hart and Dr. Joseph Stoltman, Professor of Geography at Western Michigan University, have agreed to co-chair the Task Force.

Dr. Hughes said the mission of the Task Force is to study the issue of student performance on the social studies MEAP test, and make recommendations to the State Board of Education on steps that need to be taken to improve student performance.

Dr. Hughes said the working group will be limited to 12-15 people, who will hold public forums in various geographic regions of the state. He said the Board will be asked to approve the appointments to the Task Force in July.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the commissioning of the Social Studies Task Force and its mission statement, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 8, 2004.**

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

**The motion carried.**

XXI. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR 2004-05

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement; presented Approval of Criteria for Allocation of Title I School Improvement Funds for 2004-05.

Dr. Hughes said the Michigan Department of Education currently has over \$7 million in Title I School Improvement funds available to provide support to Title I schools with the greatest need to improve student achievement. He said staff are proposing criteria to make grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$45,000 available to schools identified for Corrective Action or Restructuring based on their Adequate Yearly Progress results for 2002-03 or 2003-04. He said grant amounts to individual schools would depend on the number of identified schools in the district, reflecting the higher cost of providing services in districts with few identified schools, where it is more difficult to pool resources.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for allocation of Title I School Improvement Funds for 2004-05, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2004.**

Mrs. Straus said she is pleased that schools in the Corrective Action phase are being offered the opportunity for funding, in an effort to keep them from entering the Restructuring phase.

In response to a question posed by Mrs. Straus, Dr. Caamal Canul said funding has been discussed with superintendents of local and intermediate school districts, and they are in agreement with the criteria.

Dr. Hughes said Mr. Watkins has made it clear that funding administered by the Department will be based on firm, consistent plans for school improvement with expectations for schools to meet deadlines and get results.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

XXII. REPORT ON STATUS OF LEGISLATION

There was no presentation or discussion on this item, because Mr. Morris was attending a committee meeting at the Capitol.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- V. Approval of the Plans for the 2005-2006 MEAP in Compliance with No Child Left Behind
- W. Approval of Amendments to the Michigan Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook
- X. Approval of Nomination Form and Selection Process for Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

Criteria

- Y. Approval of Criteria for Special Project Grants in FY 2004-2005 Under the Improving the Health, Education, and Well-Being of Young People Through Coordinated School Health Programs Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Appointments

- Z. Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee Reports
- AA. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report for January – March 2004

Resolution

- BB. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Ray H. Lawson

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

- V. **(this item was removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed during the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting);**
- W. **approve the amendments to the Michigan Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated May 24, 2004;**
- X. **approve the nomination form for the Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award, as attached to the President’s memorandum dated May 24, 2004;**
- Y. **approve the grant criteria for *Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs* grants as attached in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated May 24, 2004;**
- Z. **approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent’s memorandum of May 24, 2004, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified;**
- AA. **approve the January 1, 2004 – March 31, 2004 report of State Board of Education expenses, as attached to the State Board Executive’s memorandum dated June 2, 2004; and**
- BB. **adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated May 24, 2004, honoring Ray H. Lawson.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

The resolution honoring Ray H. Lawson is attached as Exhibit D.

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

A. Visit to Guyton Elementary School – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin said she and other people from Evart traveled to Detroit to attend the rededication of the Guyton Elementary School. She said Joseph Guyton lived in her home town of Evart and was the first American killed on foreign soil in World War I. She said last year the school was in jeopardy of closing due to budget cuts, and she is happy to report that the school is not closing, but thriving.

B. Detroit Students Visit Washington – Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer said he and his wife met a group of Detroit students in Washington, D.C. on May 12, 2004. The students had raised funds to visit Washington to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education. Dr. Moyer said the students were wonderful representatives of Michigan.

C. Senator John Kerry Speaks at Bedford Graduation – Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer said Senator John Kerry delivered the commencement address at the Bedford Public Schools graduation ceremony on June 6, 2004. Dr. Moyer said the editor of the school newspaper contacted Senator Kerry and President Bush for an interview. He said President Bush did not respond, but Senator Kerry offered to speak at the graduation ceremony. Dr. Moyer said the students were instrumental in making the appearance possible, and Senator Kerry was an excellent speaker who shook the hand of each of the 400 graduates as they received their diploma.

D. Bay-Arenac Community High School Graduation – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said she and Ms. Pam Wong, Chief of Staff, attended the Bay-Arenac Community High School Graduation ceremony honoring 21 graduating students. Mrs. Straus said the school is an impressive example of a successful alternative education program that continues to advocate for students.

#### XXV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins asked Board members to submit items for the July 7, 2004, meeting to the Agenda Planning Committee.

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the July meeting date be changed from July 13 to July 7, 2004.**

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

**The motion carried.**

The future meeting dates are as follows:

- A. July 7, 2004
- B. August 10, 2004
- C. September 14, 2004
- D. October 12, 2004

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary