

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

March 27, 2003
9:00 a.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.. Mr. Watkins welcomed Governor Jennifer Granholm to the meeting.

II. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education.

III. COMMENTS BY GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM

Mrs. Straus welcomed Governor Jennifer Granholm to the meeting and said she is always welcome to attend the Board meetings. Mrs. Straus said the State Board of Education's Strategic Goal for 2003-2004 is to "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on chronically underperforming schools and students." Mrs. Straus said the Board is delighted to be aligned with the Governor's belief in uplifting schools and students with priority given to the most underperforming of these, and making sure all public schools in Michigan are of high quality.

Mr. Watkins thanked Governor Granholm for restoring the foundation allowance in the budget.

Governor Granholm thanked Mrs. Straus, the Board, and Mr. Watkins for welcoming her to the Board table, stating that she is thrilled about an ongoing partnership with the Department and the Board. Governor Granholm said we are going to “drill down” to make sure that no child is left behind in this state. She said she will bring every resource that she can muster toward that end, focusing on schools that we know can do better.

Governor Granholm said she has a sincere and determined emphasis on early childhood education and development, and is partnering with intermediate school districts to provide incentives for them to continue honing in on early childhood.

Governor Granholm said it is not acceptable that schools don’t succeed, because children will suffer. She said the spirit behind No Child Left Behind is very much in sync with the Board’s mission statement. Governor Granholm said let’s embrace it; let’s move forward on it at 90 miles per hour to say we are not going to leave any child behind.

Governor Granholm said she has established a Children’s Action Network within the Family Independence Agency that will bring together all of the various state agencies that impact children and education to open the lines of communication and be a wrap-around effort involving children who are in need of support. She said that Mr. Watkins is a member of the Network. She said when schools and communities are in need, we need to ask what we can offer. She said we need to focus our resources to insist that those schools succeed. Governor Granholm said she is very committed to making that happen in a concrete way. She said Michigan will have a coordinated, statewide response to ensure that schools succeed in breathing life into the spirit of the No Child Left Behind Act. Governor Granholm said she wants to create a revolution in education together with state government, school administrators, associations, the faith community, and the health community.

Mrs. Straus said the Board has waited a long time for this day, and the Board is looking forward to working in partnership with the Governor. Mrs. Straus said Michigan has been a leader and does some things right, but we know we have to do other things better. Mrs. Straus said the Board intends to implement the No Child Left Behind Act, but wants to do so with flexibility to ensure that we do the best job that we possibly can. Governor Granholm praised the Board for working with the federal government in establishing accountability and criteria required by the No Child Left Behind Act. She said Michigan will be used as a model for other states on how to measure.

Mrs. Straus said that early childhood education is among the five strategic initiatives that were established by the Board in 2002. Governor Granholm said her education summit in September will focus on more than preaching to the choir. She said the summit will “hone-in” on sending the message to parents that they are the primary educators of their children. She said she will also be working with hospitals to help parents leave the hospital after the birth of their child, understanding that parents are the primary educator of a child and the child’s education begins at age zero. Governor Granholm said reading to children is critical, and there are partners in the medical, day care, and faith communities.

Mrs. Gire said she and Dr. Moyer co-chaired the Board’s task force on Integrating Communities and Schools, and they are anxious to share their resources with the Governor and the Children’s Action Network. Governor Granholm assured Mrs. Gire that they will be included.

Mr. Austin thanked the Governor for her courageous leadership, and said he is excited that the Board is working on the same page as the Governor. He said he believes that Michigan can make No Child Left Behind work, with coordination of resources.

Dr. Moyer thanked the Governor for her comments, and for working together and collaborating in the essence of our democratic mission.

Mrs. Weiser thanked the Governor and Mr. Flanagan for their leadership during a difficult budget process, and she said she is looking forward to meeting with the Governor.

Governor Granholm praised Mr. Michael Flanagan, the Governor’s Education Policy Advisor, for his work with the education community. Governor Granholm said Michael Flanagan is the kind of person we should all aspire to be. She said he is someone who has really put so much of his heart and soul into the future of education. She said he is results oriented and a creative thinker, and she wants to thank him publicly.

Mrs. Curtin said she is delighted that the Governor shares the same vision as the Board of lifting up the students and families together. Mrs. Curtin said she looks forward to working with the Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy task force, continuing the work begun by Mrs. Sharon Wise, former Board member and task force chair.

Mrs. Bauer said she agrees with the Governor that Michigan is a leader in education. She said this was demonstrated by Michigan’s mandatory special education act that was a model for federal legislation. Mrs. Bauer said Michigan’s special education act speaks of appropriate educational instruction to achieve maximum educational potential for children birth to age 26, and those

concepts need to be kept in mind for all children as the No Child Left Behind Act is implemented. Mrs. Bauer said federal budget reductions to such areas as school lunch, health and nutrition, and after school programs will greatly affect the community. Governor Granholm said the National Governor's Association agreed to lobby Congress for adequate funding of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Mr. Watkins thanked the Governor for attending the Board meeting.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed at 9:30 and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Mrs. McGuire joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

V. INTRODUCTION OF PAUL HUXLEY, EXECUTIVE ON LOAN

Mr. Watkins introduced Mr. Paul Huxley, Chief Financial Officer, Strategic Staffing Solutions, who is working with the Michigan Department of Education as a member of the Governor's Executive on Loan Program.

Mr. Watkins said Mr. Huxley is part of the Governor's initiative to bring new ideas from the private sector, and the Department is pleased to work with him. Mr. Huxley said he is very supportive of the Governor's initiatives including partnership between the public and private sectors. Mr. Huxley said he has been working with the Department for one month, and he said he is awed by the dedication the employees have to the mission of the Department. He said he sees his challenge as trying to help remove barriers that prevent employees from doing all the things that they would like to be able to do to help teachers teach and children learn.

Mrs. Bauer asked what form Mr. Huxley's recommendations will take. Mr. Huxley said his recommendations will be forwarded to Governor Granholm, Superintendent Watkins, and the State Board of Education.

Dr. Moyer thanked Mr. Huxley for volunteering his time and expertise to maximize the resources to the benefit of students.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:58 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VII. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:58 a.m..

VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Discussion with Public School Academy Authorizers

The following individuals participated in the discussion:

- Mr. Ronald Schneider, Director of Charter School Program, Saginaw Valley State University
- Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, Director of Charter Schools, Ferris State University
- Mr. James Goenner, Executive Director, Charter Schools Office, Central Michigan University
- Mr. Ed Richardson, Special Assistant, Charter School Office, Grand Valley State University

B. Presentation on Center for Educational Performance and Information

The following individual participated in the presentation:

- Mr. Andrew Henry, Director, Center for Educational Performance and Information

IX. **RECESS**

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m. in a Regular Meeting for purposes of public participation.

REGULAR MEETING

X. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

- #### A.
- Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments and distributed written information regarding oversight of charter schools by public school academy authorizers.
- #### B.
- Mr. James Farrar, 431 Greentree Lane, Milan 48160. Mr. Farrar shared comments on the use of Native American mascots and logos.

- C. Ms. Linda Cypret-Kilbourne, 23225 H Drive North, Marshall, Michigan 49068. Ms. Cypret-Kilbourne shared comments and provided videotapes, newspaper clippings, and written information on educational discrimination of Native Americans through use of symbols, mascots, logos, and nicknames used in Michigan public schools.
- D. Ms. Sue Lepper, 204 John, Union City, Michigan 49094. Ms. Lepper offered comments on Native American nicknames, logos, and mascots in Michigan public schools.

Mrs. Straus said that a subcommittee of the Board has been established to make recommendations to the Board on this issue. She said she will serve on the subcommittee with Mr. Austin and Mrs. McGuire.

Mrs. Curtin ended her telephone connection at 1:40 p.m.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed from the Regular Meeting to the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 1:47 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- C. Discussion Regarding No Child Left Behind Unsafe School Choice Policy

The following individuals participated in the discussion:

- Dr. Donald Weatherspoon, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Safe Schools
- Mr. Jim Ward, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Law
- Mr. Jim Ballard, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals
- Ms. Nancy Stanley, Associate Executive Director, Michigan Association of School Administrators

- D. Discussion Regarding Educator Quality as Related to the No Child Left Behind Act

The following individuals participated in the discussion:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent
- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Acting Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

E. Discussion Regarding State School Aid Act

The following individual participated in the discussion:

- Ms. Elaine Madigan, Assistant Superintendent

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. and the Board reconvened the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XIV. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 27, 2003
- B. Approval of State Board of Education Minutes of Meeting of February 27, 2003
- C. Report on Consent Agenda
- D. 2002-2003 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program - Amendment
- E. 2002-2003 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program - Initial
- F. 2001-2002 Michigan Virtual High School - Continuation
- G. 2002-2003 Learning Without Limits (LWL) - Amendment

XV. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Memorandum dated March 17, 2003, from Nannette Bowler; Janet Olszewski; Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.; and Pam Posthumus regarding the FY 02 Report on the Zero to Three Secondary Prevention Programs
- B. Memorandum dated March 27, 2003, from Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., to the State Board of Education regarding Information on Out-of-State Travel Costs

XVI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on Requests for Consolidation and Annexation of Certain School Districts – added to agenda
- B. 2002-2203 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants -Amendment – added to agenda
- C. 2002-2003 Title III Immigrant Grant Program - Initial – added to agenda
- D. 2002-2003 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement - Initial – added to agenda
- E. 2002-2003 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program - Amendment – added to agenda
- F. 2002-2003 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program - Initial – added to agenda
- G. 2002-2003 Michigan Virtual High School - Continuation – added to agenda
- H. 2002-2003 Learning Without Limits (LWL) – Amendment – added to agenda
- I. Adoption of No Child Left Behind Unsafe School Choice Policy – removed from Regular Meeting agenda

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

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

The motion carried.

XVII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 27, 2003

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 27, 2003.

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

The motion carried.

- B. Approval of State Board of Education Minutes of Meeting of February 27, 2003

Mrs. Gire moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education Minutes of Meeting of February 27, 2003.

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

The motion carried.

XVIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Retirements of Sue Anderson, Kate McAuliffe, and Dot VanLooy

Mrs. Straus said that three key employees of the Department of Education are retiring on March 31, 2003: Sue Anderson, Kate McAuliffe, and Dot VanLooy. Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Gire, and Dr. Moyer attended their retirement celebration on March 25, 2003. She thanked them for their many years of service and commitment to the Department.

- B. Robotics Competition

Mrs. Straus said she and Ms. Pam Wong, Chief of Staff, attended the Robotics Competition at Eastern Michigan University on March 22, 2003. She said it is amazing to see the robots that are constructed by high school students, with the support of mentors largely from automobile manufacturers and suppliers, for the competition. Mrs. Straus said the competition is beneficial for mentors, as well as students.

C. Michigan School Testing Conference

Mrs. Straus said she and Mr. Watkins and several Department staff members attended and made presentations at the Michigan School Testing Conference in Ann Arbor on March 4, 2003. Mrs. Straus said people who write the assessments are committed to making the assessments a tool to help teachers teach and children learn.

D. NASBE Legislative Conference

Mrs. Straus reported she attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Legislative Conference on March 13-14, 2003 in Washington, D.C.. She said Mrs. Gire, Mrs. McGuire, and Dr. Moyer also attended, and they met with both Senators and seven members of Congress and their staffs.

E. Advanced Placement Scholars

Mrs. Straus said she attended a ceremony on March 21, 2003, to honor advanced placement scholars of several cultures. She said several of the scholars had been participants in the Michigan Department of Education's Summer Institutes, and they said it was a beneficial educational experience.

F. Wayne State University Honors Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

Mrs. Straus congratulated Mr. Watkins, who is being honored as the Alumnus of the Year by the Wayne State University School of Social Work today, March 27, 2003. Mrs. Straus said Mr. Greg Olzsta is accepting the award on behalf of Mr. Watkins, because he is chairing today's State Board of Education meeting.

XIX. ADOPTION OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY

This item was removed from the agenda.

XX. CONSENT AGENDA

K. Approval of Criteria for 2003-2004 Education for Homeless Children and Youths Grant

L. Adoption of Resolution on Days of Remembrance in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

M. Approval of October 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002 Report of State Board of Education Expenses

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

- K. approve the revised criteria for the 2003-2004 Education for Homeless Children and Youths Grants as distributed at the meeting;**
- L. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 12, 2003, on Days of Remembrance in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust; and**
- M. approve the October 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002 report of State Board of Education expenses, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated March 12, 2003, and authorize the State Board Executive to transmit the report the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies and the Department of Management and Budget, as required by the Department of Education Appropriations Act.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The resolution on Days of Remembrance in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, is attached as Exhibit A.

XXI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- N. Report on Human Resources
- O. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- P. Clarification of a Public School Academy with Multiple Sites (2003 OAG 7126)
- R. Report on Requests for Consolidation and Annexation of Certain School Districts

Grants

- Q. 2002-2003 State Discretionary Project, Part B – Initial
- S. 2002-2003 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Amendment
- T. 2002-2003 Title III Immigrant Grant Program – Initial

- U. 2002-2003 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement – Initial
- V. 2002-2003 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program – Amendment
- W. 2002-2003 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program – Initial
- X. 2001-2002 Michigan Virtual High School – Continuation
- Y. 2002-2003 Learning Without Limits (LWL) – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of “Superintendent’s Report” dated March 27, 2003.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Gire said she attended the NASBE Legislative Conference as well as the Healthy Schools Network Meeting on March 11-12, 2003 in Washington, D.C. She said Mrs. Dorothy Beardmore, former State Board of Education President, was one of the initiators of the Healthy Schools Network. She said the Centers for Disease Control funds 11 states, and she will share the information, upon request.

Mrs. Gire said she has made arrangements to visit Angus Elementary and Flynn Middle School on March 31, 2003. She said these are magnet schools in the Warren Consolidated School District that serve limited English proficient children. She invited Board members to join her as she speaks with teachers and learns the impact of the testing process.

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton said the Board members received invitations to attend upcoming Blue Ribbon Schools celebrations. Mrs. Hamilton reviewed the dates, and noted that many Board members will attend one or more of the celebrations.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that both a Regular and a Committee of the Whole meeting on April 17, 2003, be added to the Board meeting schedule for 2003.

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Watkins said the April 17, 2003, agenda will contain only items relating to No Child Left Behind legislation, in anticipation of the submission of Michigan's final plan that is due to the federal government on May 1, 2003.

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton asked Board members to be available the afternoon and evening of April 23, 2003, should additional time be needed to complete No Child Left Behind business.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. April 17, 2003
- B. April 24, 2003
- C. May 22, 2003
- D. June 26, 2003
- E. July 24, 2003

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary