MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fisher Elementary School
10000 Crosley
Redford, Michigan

May 11, 2004
8:30 a.m.

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

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

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Mr. Watkins gave Miss Chanel Chapman, 5th grade student at Fisher Elementary School, the honorary appointment of Acting Superintendent of the Day.

II. WELCOME FROM SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT


Redford Township Supervisor, Mr. Kevin F. Kelley, thanked the Board for holding their meeting in Redford Township. He said the problems faced in society can only be addressed by education and the educational process, and he commended the Board for its work.
Mr. Brian Galdes, Principal of Fisher Elementary School, said he is proud to host the State Board meeting, and invited those present to tour the school and speak to the students.

Those in attendance watched Mr. Jeremy Decker, Physical Education teacher, and Student Council members do a live broadcast of the daily morning news program for the school.

Mr. Turner arrived at 9:05 a.m.

III. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

A. Revised Report on Consent Agenda

B. Approval of Statement Regarding Community Youth Worker

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

A. Presentation on 2003-04 Elementary and Middle School Statewide MEAP Results – added to agenda

B. Presentation on Proposed Changes to Education YES! for 2004 School Report Cards – added to agenda

C. 2003-2004 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment – added to agenda

D. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment – added to agenda

E. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships – added to agenda

F. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services – added to agenda

G. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Jackson County Intermediate School District Plan for Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services – added to agenda

H. Report on Property Transfers – added to agenda

I. Report on Teacher Certification Revocation – added to agenda

J. Approval of Proposed Changes to Education YES! for 2004 School Report Cards – added to agenda
K. Approval of Statement Regarding Community Youth Worker – added to agenda

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

The motion carried unanimously.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:10 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole to order at 9:11 a.m.

VII. 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.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on CCSSO/MGT of America, Inc., Diagnostic Report of Michigan Department of Education

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

• Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Director of Organizational Development
• Dr. Linda Recio, MGT of America, Inc.
• Dr. Lois Adams-Rogers, Council of Chief State School Officers

B. Presentation on 2003-04 Elementary and Middle School Statewide MEAP Results

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

• Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
• Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment
The following individual offered comments:

- Dr. William Weber, Superintendent, South Redford School District

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

Mr. Watkins introduced Mr. Roy Novara, 5th grade teacher at Fisher Elementary School, and his students, who joined the Board meeting to watch democracy in action.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

C. Presentation on Proposed Changes to Education YES! for 2004 School Report Cards

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment
- Mr. Paul Bielawski, Manager of Educational Accountability

The following individuals offered comments:

- Dr. Michael Couchman, Superintendent, Pinckney School District
- Dr. Michael Pressley, Teacher Education Professor, Michigan State University

By consensus, the Board agreed to further discuss this item at a subsequent meeting after staff has had the opportunity to answer questions posed by the Board during discussion.

D. Report on the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) Plan for Grade 12 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment
- Mrs. Eileen Weiser, National Assessment Governing Board Member

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole to reconvene the Regular meeting at 12:00 p.m.
REGULAR MEETING

XII. PRESENTATION ON NUTRITION SUMMIT AND USDA/MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NUTRITION PARTNERSHIP

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; and Mr. Ollice Holden, Region V Director, United States Department of Agriculture; discussed Presentation on Nutrition Summit and USDA/Michigan Department of Education Nutrition Partnership.

Ms. Wolenberg said the Michigan Department of Education is partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture to provide summer meals for low-income children when school is out.

Ms. Wolenberg said she and Mr. Holden attended the USDA Summit: Closing the Summer Nutrition Gap for Detroit’s Children earlier in the day at Focus: HOPE’s Conference Center in Detroit.

Mr. Holden said USDA’s Summer Food Service Program is targeted to low-income communities where 50% or more children are eligible for free or reduced price school meals. He said it reimburses sponsors for serving free breakfasts, lunches and snacks to children up to age 19 when school meals aren’t available.

Mr. Holden said previously the Chicago regional office administered the program for the state of Michigan. He made a symbolic presentation to the Board by adding the Michigan flag to the cluster of state flags administering the program.

Mr. Watkins said he is pleased that the Department is administering this statewide program in partnership with community groups and faith-based organizations to provide nutritional meals for children.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 12:12 p.m. for lunch with Fisher Elementary School students and reconvened the Regular meeting at 1:15 p.m.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Rick, Loren, Evan, and Katherine Parker, 45068 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The Parker family shared comments on a successful inclusive educational experience.
B. Ms. Ruth Zweifler, 1706 South University, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Ms. Zweifler, representing the Student Advocacy Center, provided comments on zero tolerance.

C. Mr. Mike Bugenski, 950 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108. Mr. Bugenski, representing North Central Association, delivered comments regarding plans for the administration of the 2005-2006 Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.


F. Mr. Mike Lorenz, 1244 Crestwood, Toledo, Ohio 43612. Mr. Lorenz shared comments on preparation standards for music teachers.


XV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 1:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

XVI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

F. Presentation on the 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, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment

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

Mr. Watkins introduced Mrs. Jackie McGuire, Secretary at Fisher Elementary School, who was honored as the 2002-2003 Michigan School Support Person of the Year at the May 22, 2003, State Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Straus
congratulated Mrs. McGuire as being honored as the first Michigan School Support Person of the Year.

XVIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

G. Presentation of Performance Standards (Cut Scores) for MI-Access Interim Phase 2 BRIGANCE Assessments

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment
- Dr. Peggy Dutcher, Office of Educational Assessment

The following individual offered comments:

- Mr. Mike Beck, President, Beck Evaluation & Testing Associates

H. Presentation on Proposed Amendments to Michigan’s NCLB Accountability Workbook

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

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

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

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

REGULAR MEETING

XX. PRESENTATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY WAYNE COUNTY RESA TO ASSIST HIGH PRIORITY SCHOOLS

Dr. Marlene Davis, Superintendent, Wayne RESA, presented information on Services Provided by Wayne County RESA to Assist High Priority Schools.

Mr. Watkins said he invited Dr. Davis to share how Wayne RESA successfully meets the charge of the Board’s strategic goal to “attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students.”
Dr. Davis said the mission of Wayne RESA is how to target effective service so that school districts would be high performing. She said Wayne RESA staff has been working in high priority schools with the leadership and staff.

Dr. Davis said high priority school personnel care deeply, and once they are shown what works in raising achievement, they can be highly successful. She said Wayne RESA collaboration with high priority schools over the past three years has resulted in many schools being removed from the list of high priority schools.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

XXI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 13, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXII. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Thank You to Fisher Elementary School

Mrs. Straus thanked Principal Galdes for hosting the Board meeting. She commended Fisher Elementary School leadership, faculty, and students. She said Fisher Elementary School is a model of integrating schools and communities.

B. Intermediate School District Subcommittee

Mrs. Straus said the Intermediate School District Subcommittee met at Wayne RESA on May 10, 2004. She said the following people were in attendance: Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. Straus, Mrs. Wolenberg, and Mr. Morris. Mrs. Straus said the Subcommittee discussed several issues including the school code’s definition of intermediate school district and advancing Board recommendations to the Legislature. She said the recommendations will be presented to the Board at the June 8, 2004, meeting. Mrs. Straus said Wayne RESA is in alignment with the Board in focusing on high priority schools.
C. Michigan School Support Person of the Year Announced

Mrs. Straus said she and Mr. Watkins presented Ms. Elizabeth Wilson of Saugatuck with the 2003-2004 Michigan School Support Staff Person of the Year Award on April 14, 2004.

D. Michigan Teacher of the Year Announced

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Curtin, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Cecil, were at Hillside Middle School in Northville on May 10, 2004, as Ms. Heidi L. Capraro was named 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

E. Bay-Arenac Community High School

Mrs. Straus said she and Ms. Pam Wong, Chief of Staff, visited Bay-Arenac Community High School. Mrs. Straus said Mr. Ryan Donlan is the Superintendent of the school that helps alternative education students succeed. Mrs. Straus said Mr. Donlan has been successful in creating an atmosphere of trust and respect among students and staff.

F. Title IX Coordinators’ Workshop

Mrs. Straus said she attended the April 16, 2004, Title IX Coordinators’ Workshop in Lansing. She said it was an excellent workshop, and she is glad the Department is demonstrating commitment to Title IX.

G. Blue Ribbon School Ceremonies

Mrs. Straus said Board members continued to attend Blue Ribbon School ceremonies during the past month. She said she attended ceremonies at Warren Mott High School on April 19, 2004; Detroit High School for the Fine & Performing Arts on April 21, 2004; and Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights on April 26, 2004.

H. House Appropriation Subcommittee Testimony

Mrs. Straus thanked Mr. Austin and Mrs. Curtin for testifying on the Board’s behalf, on May 5, 2004, at the House Appropriation Subcommittee regarding the budget. She said she has received positive feedback regarding their testimony.

I. Mr. Watkins’ Third Anniversary as State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mrs. Straus congratulated Mr. Watkins on his third anniversary as Superintendent of Public Instruction on April 30, 2004.
XXIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers

H. Human Resources Report

Grants

I. 2003-2004 Continuation/Implementation Grant Application for Charter School Grant Program – Continuation

J. 2002-2003 Title I Accountability/School Improvement/Restructuring – Amendment

U. 2003-2004 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment

V. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment

Approvals

W. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

X. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Y. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Jackson County Intermediate School District Plan for Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Z. Report on Property Transfers

AA. Report on Teacher Certification Revocation

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

Mr. Watkins said Michigan’s Reading First Coordinator, Ms. Faith Stevens, participated in a national panel discussion hosted by President George W. Bush on May 12, 2004 in Washington, D.C.
XXIV. APPROVAL OF LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY AS A TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION

Dr. Flora Jenkins; Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented Approval of Lake Superior State University as a Teacher Preparation Institution.

Dr. Jenkins said in September 1998, the State Board of Education appointed a Committee of Scholars to review the application from Lake Superior State University for approval as a teacher preparation institution. She said the Committee of Scholars has examined the application materials, conducted an on-site visit, and prepared recommendations regarding approval. She said in April 1999, the State Board granted a three-year probationary approval.

Dr. Smith said due to multiple shifts in administration and faculty at the institution, the Committee of Scholars delayed the recommendation for final approval, and the State Board is now asked to grant final approval to Lake Superior State University for the professional education unit.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Lake Superior State University professional education unit (initial level) for five years, with the next review in academic year 2008-2009, as discussed in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated April 26, 2004.

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

The motion carried.

XXV. APPROVAL OF THE STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF MUSIC EDUCATION TEACHERS

Dr. Flora Jenkins; Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Dr. Bonnie Rockafellow, Education Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Ms. Ana Cardona, Fine Arts Consultant, Office of School Improvement; and Mr. Michael Gielnik, Executive Director, Center for Creative Learning and Teaching; presented Approval of the Standards for the Preparation of Music Education Teachers.

Dr. Rockafellow said the Board is being asked to approve standards for the preparation of Music Education teachers. She said that during the last two years, a referent group reflecting the interests of public and independent teacher
preparation institutions and K-12 teachers worked on the development of standards for the preparation of Music Education teachers. She said this will create a new comprehensive group endorsement in Music Education that aligns with the K-12 content standards in the Michigan Curriculum Framework, as well as standards from the National Association of Schools of Music. Dr. Rockafellow said that an additional new endorsement will be developed in the future to address the need for elementary music generalists.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the Music Education (JQ) standards for the preparation of music education teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated April 26, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXVI. REPORT ON STATUS OF LEGISLATION

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed, and no action was taken.

XXVII. CONSENT AGENDA

P. Approval of the Plans for the 2005-2006 MEAP in Compliance with No Child Left Behind – This item was moved to the Committee of the Whole Agenda and removed from the consent agenda.

Q. Approval of Performance Standards (Cut Scores) for MI-Access Interim Phase 2 BRIGANCE Assessments

R. Appointment of a Replacement Member for the Committee of Scholars Previously Appointed to Review the Baker College Application for Approval as a Teacher Preparation Institution

BB. Approval of Proposed Changes to Education YES! for 2004 School Report Cards

CC. Approval of Statement Regarding Community Youth Worker

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

P. (this item was removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed during the Committee of the Whole);
Q. approve the performance standard cut scores recommended by the MI-Access Technical Advisory Committee, based on the recommendations of the standard setting panels, for MI-Access Interim Phase 2 BRIGANCE assessments, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated May 7, 2004;

R. approve the appointment of Dr. Steven Barbus as a replacement member of the Committee of Scholars to review the Baker College application for approval as a Michigan teacher preparation institution, as discussed in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated April 26, 2004;

BB. (this item was moved to discussion at the May 18, 2004, Special Meeting); and

CC. approve the Statement Regarding Community Youth Worker, as attached to Marianne Yared McGuire’s memorandum dated May 7, 2004, including the amended date change to read report the findings to the State Board of Education by the September 2004 State Board of Education meeting.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXVIII. PRESENTATION ON THE PLANS FOR THE 2005-2006 MEAP IN COMPLIANCE WITH NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment; and Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, School Improvement; presented Plans for the 2005-2006 MEAP in Compliance with No Child Left Behind.

Dr. Hughes said he had a telephone conversation during the Board meeting with officials from the United States Department of Education with regard to questions asked during the Committee of the Whole meeting. He said the issues discussed include content for testing, and margin of error.

Mr. Turner said it is important to get the written responses from the United States Department of Education including statutory citation of the legislation.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

There was much discussion regarding content to be tested, and time of testing.
Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, 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 April 26, 2004, including the move of testing from winter to the fall, and the return of results prior to winter holiday.

Dr. Moyer withdrew his motion, Mrs. Bauer her second.

By consensus, the Board agreed to further discuss this item at a subsequent meeting after staff has had the opportunity to answer questions posed by the Board during discussion.

Mr. Turner and Mrs. Weiser left the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

XXIX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Welcome to Commissioner Philip Cavanagh – Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus

Mrs. Straus welcomed Wayne County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh, who represents Redford Township.

B. Mr. Watkins’ Anniversary as State Superintendent – Dr. Herbert S. Moyer

Dr. Moyer congratulated Mr. Watkins on his third anniversary as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

C. National Association of State Boards of Education – Dr. Herbert S. Moyer

Dr. Moyer said the National Association of State Boards of Education is facing fiscal hardship, and he asked if Michigan’s dues were up to date. Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, confirmed that Michigan’s dues are up to date.

D. Paradigm Shift – Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer

Mrs. Bauer thanked Dr. William Weber and Dr. Marlene Davis for the comments they provided during the meeting regarding outcome-oriented, results-focused education. Mrs. Bauer said that is a major paradigm shift, and she commends them for their comments and work in the field of education.
XXX. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education convene a special meeting on May 18, 2004, to discuss “Presentation on Proposed Changes to Education YES! for 2004 School Report Cards,” and “Presentation of the Plans for the 2005-2006 MEAP in Compliance with No Child Left Behind.”

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

The motion carried.

XXXI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. May 18, 2004 (Site to be determined)
B. May 18-19, 2004 (CogniScope/Strategic Planning Event at Brandywine Creek in Covert, Michigan)
C. June 8, 2004
D. July 13, 2004
E. August 10, 2004

XXXII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary