

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Genesee Intermediate School District
Erwin L. Davis Education Center
Room 101
2413 West Maple Avenue
Flint, Michigan 48507-3493

May 9, 2005
2:00 p.m.

Present: 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
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio

Absent: Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes, Interim Superintendent, Chairman

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairman of the Board, did not attend the meeting. In his absence, Mrs. Kathleen Straus, Board President, chaired the meeting, and called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

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

The motion carried.

III. WELCOME FROM GENESEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Thomas Svitkovich, Superintendent of Genesee Intermediate School District, introduced members of the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education. Board President, Mr. Paul Newman, welcomed State Board of Education members to the Erwin L. Davis Education Center.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education convene in a closed session in order to review applications of individuals for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction who have requested confidentiality, as provided in Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

**Austin – Aye
Bauer – Aye
Curtin – Aye
Danhof – Aye
McGuire – Aye
Straus – Aye
Turner – Absent
Weiser – Aye**

The motion carried.

The Board met in closed session from 2:33 p.m. until 2:55 p.m. at which time the Board reconvened in open session.

V. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The Board members reviewed the applications and responses to questions provided by non-confidential candidates, and narrowed the field of non-confidential candidates to Mr. Michael Flanagan and Mr. Thomas Jandris, for purposes of discussion.

Mr. Turner arrived at 2:58 p.m.

The Board met in open session from 2:55 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at which time the Board reconvened in closed session.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education reconvene in a closed session in order to review applications of individuals for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction who have requested confidentiality, as provided in Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

**Austin – Aye
Bauer – Aye
Curtin – Aye
Danhof – Aye
McGuire – Aye
Straus – Aye
Turner – Aye
Weiser – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board met in closed session from 3:00 p.m. until 5:32 p.m. at which time the Board reconvened in open session.

VII. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (OPEN SESSION)

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the Board reconvene in an open session in order to review applications of individuals for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction who have not requested confidentiality, as provided in Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

**Austin – Aye
Bauer – Aye
Curtin – Aye
Danhof – Aye
McGuire – Aye
Straus – Aye
Turner – Aye
Weiser – Aye**

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 5:33 p.m. and reconvened in an open session at 5:45 p.m.

IX. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (OPEN SESSION)

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education invite Mr. Michael Flanagan (candidate number 4) to interview during a public meeting of the Board.

Mr. Turner said Mr. Flanagan has a very strong level of esteem and respect statewide from a wide variety of educators. Mr. Turner said Mr. Flanagan sees the need to focus on improving achievement in high priority schools, and he has experience with diversity in K-12 education. Mr. Turner said Mr. Flanagan is the nominee of Governor Granholm, and she has indicated a strong desire to work with the Board to achieve its mission and goals.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education invite Dr. Thomas Jandris (candidate number 9) to interview during a public meeting of the Board.

Mrs. Weiser said Dr. Jandris has extensive experience in K-12 education, teaching, teaching administration, working with Legislatures and Governors, and national and state policy making.

Mrs. Danhof said Dr. Jandris also has experience leading organizations through organizational change both locally and nationally.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Austin said during the closed session confidential candidate numbers 18, 20, and 26 rose to the level of experience and effectiveness to warrant interviews.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education invite candidate number 18 to interview during a public meeting of the Board.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education invite candidate number 20 to interview during a public meeting of the Board.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion failed.

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education invite candidate number 26 to interview during a public meeting of the Board.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion failed.

Mrs. Straus said these three candidates will be invited to be interviewed: Mr. Michael Flanagan, candidate number 4; Dr. Thomas Jandris, candidate number 9; and confidential candidate number 18.

There was discussion regarding the list and presentation of interview questions. Mrs. Curtin suggested that Board members submit available meeting dates and questions for consideration to the President. Mrs. Straus said the list of all questions suggested by Board members will be compiled and distributed to all Board members.

Mrs. Hamilton said Department staff submitted 114 questions, and Mr. Turner said Board members should be provided with a copy so the questions can be considered for inclusion in the final list of interview questions. Mrs. Hamilton said the Board will also be provided the 15 questions used during the interviews for the previous superintendent selection.

After discussion, Mrs. Straus said she anticipates that all three interviews will be held on the same day, using approximately 15 interview questions.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There were no individuals who wished to offer comments.

XI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. May 10, 2005 – Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, Flint
- B. June 14, 2005 – Holt Public Schools, Holt
- C. July 12, 2005 – Site to be Determined
- D. August 9, 2005 – East Lansing Public Schools, East Lansing

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary