

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

May 22, 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
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mr. Michael Flanagan, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Absent: Mr. John C. Austin
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser

Also Present: Mrs. Susan Gutierrez, Michigan Teacher of the Year

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m..

II. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year
- B. Presentation on Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and Michigan School Support Person of the Year Program
- C. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Adoption of Resolutions Honoring 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year (Susan Gutierrez); 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year (William Cecil); and 2002-2003 Michigan Support Staff Person of the Year – added to agenda
- B. Presentation of The Arc Detroit’s Public Policy Person of the Year Award – added to agenda
- C. 2003-2004 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment – added to agenda
- D. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment – added to agenda

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

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

The motion carried.

IV. COMMENTS BY MR. DAVID HOLLISTER, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY SERVICES

Mr. Watkins welcomed Mr. David Hollister, Director, Department of Consumer and Industry Services, who addressed the members of the Board.

Mr. Hollister said he is pleased to be at the State Board of Education meeting and extend an offer to be an active and engaged partner with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education in public education, lifelong learning, and economic growth strategies. He said Governor Granholm has asked him to replicate the model he used to revitalize the City of Lansing, which began with a school improvement strategy that was implemented while he was Mayor of Lansing. Mr. Hollister said education is a key component of economic growth.

Mr. Hollister said the Governor is also interested in replicating the HOPE (Helping Other People Excel) Scholarship Program guaranteeing a college education for at risk students, if they stay in school and graduate from high school. He said this program would be called Great Lakes Scholars.

Mrs. Straus congratulated Mr. Hollister on his success as Mayor of Lansing, and said the Board is eager to collaborate to integrate communities and schools and

improve education, with the focus being on chronically underperforming schools and students.

Mrs. Gire said there are many opportunities in schools that are pre-career oriented, and she invited Mr. Hollister to visit them. Mrs. Gire gave Mr. Hollister a copy of "Leading Change."

Dr. Moyer joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m..

V. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS HONORING 2002-2003 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR; 2003-04 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR; AND 2002-2003 MICHIGAN SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 22, 2003, honoring the 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year (Susan Gutierrez).

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

The motion carried.

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 16, 2003, honoring the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year (William Cecil).

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

The motion carried.

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 16, 2003, honoring the 2002-2003 Michigan School Support Person of the Year (Jacquelyn McGuire).

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

The motion carried.

The resolution honoring the 2002-03 Michigan Teacher of the Year (Susan Gutierrez) is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring the 2003-04 Michigan Teacher of the Year (William Cecil) is attached as Exhibit B.

The resolution honoring the 2002-2003 Michigan Support Person of the Year (Jacquelyn McGuire) is attached as Exhibit C.

VI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2003

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2003.

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

The motion carried.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Moment of Silence in Memory of Dorothy Beardmore and Barbara Dumouchelle

Mrs. Straus led Board members and guests in a moment of silence in memory of two former Board members: Dorothy Beardmore who passed away on May 2, 2003, and Barbara Dumouchelle who passed away on May 18, 2003. Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Beardmore and Mrs. Dumouchelle were long-standing, very active members of the Board.

B. Update on Imlay City Community Schools Issues

Mrs. Straus asked Ms. Elaine Madigan, Assistant Superintendent, Government Services and Customer Satisfaction, to update Board members on the status of concerns about bullying expressed by parents at the April 24, 2003, State Board of Education meeting.

Ms. Madigan said Mr. Watkins sent a letter to the Superintendent of Imlay City Community Schools dated April 30, 2003, and on May 19, 2003, the Department received a response from Imlay City Community Schools. Ms. Madigan said the response contained many pages of documentation. Mr. Watkins said staff will review the information and provide a written report to the Board at the June Board meeting.

C. Visit to Davison Elementary School in Detroit

Mrs. Straus shared letters she received from 3rd grade students from Davison Elementary School in Detroit thanking her for reading to them. Mrs. Straus said she and other Board members were invited to read to students during March in celebration of Reading Month.

D. Letters of Praise for Superintendent Watkins

Mrs. Straus read a letter from Mr. Michael DeVault, Superintendent, Macomb Intermediate School District; and a letter from Mr. Dan DeGrow, Superintendent, St. Clair Intermediate School District, and superintendents of school districts in St. Clair county, praising Mr. Watkins for his leadership as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

VIII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of Farmington Public Schools, 15th Annual Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network and National School Boards Association Award

Mrs. Straus said Farmington Public Schools received the 15th Annual Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network and National School Boards Association Award. She said this is one of only two awards given in the nation for outstanding support of high-quality arts education including visual arts, music, theater, and dance. Mrs. Straus said Farmington Public Schools has done an excellent job developing collaborative partnerships with the cultural resources available in the community.

Mrs. Straus congratulated school board members Mr. Frank L. Reid and Ms. Priscilla L. Brouillette, and Mr. Paul Barber, Director of Fine Arts, who were in attendance at the State Board meeting. Mr. Watkins noted that Mr. Michael Flanagan is a former Superintendent of Farmington Public Schools. Mr. Reid said Mr. Barber is retiring after 37 years of service to education.

B. Presentation of The Arc of Detroit Public Policy Person of the Year Award

Mrs. Bauer said she had the pleasure of representing Mr. Watkins at the 52nd Annual Dinner of The Arc of Detroit. Mrs. Bauer presented Mr. Watkins with The Arc of Detroit Public Policy Person of the Year Award that she accepted on his behalf on May 23, 2003. Mrs. Bauer said The Arc is honoring Mr. Watkins for being a strong advocate for quality inclusive education for all students.

IX. PRESENTATION BY MS. SUSAN GUTIERREZ, 2002-03 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND INTRODUCTION OF RUNNERS-UP; INTRODUCTION OF 2003-2004 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND RUNNERS-UP; AND INTRODUCTION OF 2002-2003 MICHIGAN SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR AND RUNNERS-UP

Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognition, presented the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and Michigan Support Staff Person of the Year Program.

2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Ms. Shane introduced Ms. Susan Gutierrez, 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year from Forest Hills School District in Grand Rapids. Ms. Gutierrez urged the audience to ask themselves how their work impacts students and their ability to learn. She gave each person a small toy in the likeness of a child as a reminder to always keep children in mind. Ms. Gutierrez said her work has focused on three themes: (1) to provide professional development opportunities to teachers and student teachers, (2) work to improve the performance of underperforming schools, and (3) to help community organizations learn how their work may complement their local school. Ms. Gutierrez reviewed her year as the 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year, which included 81 presentations, and extensive travel, including NASA International Space Camp, and a visit with President Bush and the First Lady.

Ms. Gutierrez introduced Ms. Maureen Pabst and Ms. Molly Krauss, members of the Forest Hills School Board, and thanked them for their support. Mrs. Straus presented a plaque to Ms. Pabst and Ms. Krauss honoring Forest Hills Central Middle School, where Ms. Gutierrez teaches.

Ms. Gutierrez issued the following challenges: (1) All K-12 teachers must first think of themselves as literacy teachers; (2) help schools focus on the leading indicators, in particular curriculum alignment, and school culture and climate; (3) ensure all teachers opportunities for quality professional development; and (4) get the data to teachers.

Ms. Gutierrez was presented with a sculpture, pin, letter from the Governor, and a resolution from the State Board of Education.

The following state level finalists for the 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year were recognized with lapel pins and certificates: (1) Ms. Mary Kline, social studies teacher from Walled Lake Community High School; (2) Mr. Michael Phillips, visual arts instructor from Detroit High School of Commerce and Business Administration; and (3) Mr. Dan Shine, sixth grade teacher from

Bursley Elementary School in Jenison. Ms. Kathi Rubin, language arts teacher from McPherson Middle School in Howell, was also a finalist; however she was unable to attend the Board meeting.

2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Ms. Shane introduced Mr. William Cecil, the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year, from Waverly Intermediate School in Lansing.

Ms. Shane shared a video of the May 12, 2003, surprise notification of Mr. Cecil as the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Cecil said it is important to get people to believe that they can achieve and then create an environment where they can achieve. Mr. Cecil said he is anxious to work with the educational community, State Board, and Department to lead teachers and educators to a place of hope where they believe they can achieve, and are successful in achieving.

Mr. Cecil was presented with a sculpture, lapel pin, letter from the Governor, and a resolution from the State Board of Education. Mrs. Straus welcomed Mr. Cecil to the Board table as the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Straus presented a plaque for Waverly East Intermediate School to Superintendent Thomas Pillar, Deputy Superintendent Dan Pappas, and School Board members Mr. John Broughton, Ms. Mary Ann Martin, and Mr. Ron Evans.

The following state level finalists for the 2003-2004 Michigan Teacher of the Year were recognized with lapel pins and certificates: (1) Ms. Amy Hodgson, biology and chemistry teacher from Fowlerville High School; (2) Ms. Janine Kopera, third grade teacher from Mead Elementary in the Melvindale Northern Allen Park District; and (3) Mr. Robert Stephenson, third grade teacher from Wardcliff Elementary School in Okemos. Ms. Carole Turner, English/language arts teacher from Phelps Middle School in Ishpeming, was also a finalist; however she was unable to attend the Board meeting.

2002-2003 Michigan School Support Staff Person of the Year

Ms. Shane introduced Ms. Jackie McGuire, 2002-2003 School Support Staff Person of the Year, a secretary at Fisher Elementary School in South Redford School District in Redford.

Ms. Shane said Ms. McGuire is the first recipient of the new annual award for School Support Staff Person of the Year. Ms. Shane said the Department received nominations of: secretaries, custodians, cooks, instructional aides and paraprofessionals, librarians, media assistants, transportation assistants, and computer technicians.

Ms. Shane shared a video of the May 8, 2003, surprise notification of Ms. McGuire as the 2002-2003 Michigan School Support Staff Person of the Year.

Ms. McGuire said she is fortunate to work with the dedicated staff and students of Fisher Elementary School, and she finds every day rewarding.

Ms. McGuire was presented with a sculpture, lapel pin, letter from the Governor, and a resolution from the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Straus presented Superintendent William Weber and Principal Brian Galdes with a plaque honoring Fisher Elementary School. Mr. Watkins suggested that a State Board of Education be held at Fisher Elementary School.

The following state level finalists for the 2002-2003 Michigan School Support Staff Person of the Year were recognized with lapel pins and certificates: (1) Ms. Ann Howard, cook at Leslie High School; (2) Mr. Gil Lance, instructional aide at Taft Elementary School in Wyandotte; (3) Ms. Betty Shank, librarian and HOSTS coordinator at Perrine Elementary School in Tekonsha; and (3) Mr. Dennis Stellard, custodian at KEC-Oakleigh Elementary in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Ms. Shane thanked the Michigan Federation of Teachers and Related School Personnel, the Michigan Education Association for their support of the Teacher of the Year and the School Support Staff Person of the Year programs. Ms. Shane also thanked the Detroit Association of Educational Office Employees, and the International Union of Operating Engineers for their support of the School Support Staff Person of the Year program. Mr. John VanDyken, Michigan Education Association, was presented with a lapel pin in appreciation of his efforts in the development of the Michigan School Support Staff Person of the Year program.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed from 11:00 a.m. until 11:25 a.m..

XI. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S ACTION NETWORK AND PRINCIPALS' ACADEMY

Ms. Sue Carnell, Director, Office of School Excellence, said the Children's Action Network is composed of representatives from the Office of the Governor; Family Independence Agency; Michigan Departments of Education, Community Health, Consumer and Industry Services, Career Development, Corrections, and Information Technology; History, Arts and Libraries; and the Michigan Community Service Commission. Ms. Carnell said Ms. Nanette Bowler, Director of the Family Independence Agency, is the chairperson.

Ms. Carnell said the Children's Action Network has a goal of developing a community action plan that serves communities that contain schools that did not make adequate yearly progress. She said the objective is providing a unified and holistic delivery system of services to at-risk and multi-system families in a school-based setting by leveraging partnerships between agencies, businesses, faith-based organizations, and communities.

Ms. Carnell said the focus of the Principals' Academy held on May 16-17, 2003, was to provide support and focus efforts toward the highest priority schools, and to provide tools to take the school improvement plan and turn it into action. Ms. Carnell said four key areas were addressed: instructional leadership, resources, decisions based on data, and school improvement strategies. Ms. Carnell said the Principals' Academy received positive evaluations. Mr. Watkins said the principals said they felt supported and challenged, as a result of the Principals' Academy.

Ms. Carnell said each building principal received a list of resources within a two-mile radius of the school building, which was provided by the Department of Information Technology. A fact sheet and listing of day care providers was also given to the principals.

Mr. Flanagan said the Governor believes that schools and educators need to collaborate with communities to educate children. Mr. Flanagan said there are many factors in a child's life that affect their educational experience.

Dr. Moyer complimented the people who planned the Principals' Academy and were responsible for successfully accomplishing the goal of making an extraordinary and meaningful impact.

Mrs. Straus said she joined Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. Gire, and Dr. Moyer at the opening of the Principals' Academy. Mrs. Straus said she believed the principals felt energized, and Governor Granholm said she understands the challenges schools face, and ideas will be implemented to help schools and students succeed.

In response to Mrs. McGuire's question, Ms. Carnell said some documents from the Principals' Academy will be placed on the Department's website.

Mrs. Gire asked if there will be opportunities to have teams of principals, teachers, and the community interact. Ms. Carnell said that idea is under consideration based on comments included in the evaluation.

In response to Mrs. Gire's question, Mr. Watkins said the teachers unions have been, and will continue to be, involved in this program.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

XII. APPROVAL OF THE COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES AS A TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Acting Director; and Dr. Catherine Smith, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services, presented Approval of the College for Creative Studies as a Teacher Preparation Institution.

Dr. Smith said in the spring of 2002, the College for Creative Studies submitted an application to the Michigan Department of Education for initial approval as a teacher preparation institution. Dr. Smith said Department staff examined the application materials and found the necessary resources and support. Dr. Smith said Marygrove College is the mentoring institution and Spring Arbor University, is involved through art faculty and Dr. David Hamilton, Dean of Teacher Education.

Mr. Watkins introduced Dr. Esther Kramer, Associate Dean, College for Creative Studies; and Dr. Edward Blews, Jr., President, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan.

Dr. Smith distributed a revised number 9 of the chart titled “Application for Preliminary Approval, College for Creative Studies, Detroit, Michigan.”

Mrs. Straus said she was President of the College for Creative Studies until her retirement in 1991, and she has had no official connection with the College since that time.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education grant preliminary approval to the College for Creative Studies for the purpose of developing initial teacher preparation programs, as discussed in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated May 7, 2003, and including revised number 9.

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

The motion carried.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m..

XIV. PRESENTATION REGARDING MICHIGAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Mrs. Bauer introduced Mr. Gerry Mutty, recently retired Director of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns; Ms. Margaret Heiser, Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns; Mr. Mark Eagle, Junior, Holt Public Schools; and Ms. Heather Leyrer, Forum alumna and program assistant from Portland.

Mr. Mutty said June 22-26, 2003, is the fourth Michigan Youth Leadership Forum, and 34 students will participate. He said this program was developed in California in 1992 and is currently in 30 states. Mr. Mutty said the leadership and career development forum includes a strong mentoring component.

Mr. Mark Eagle shared his experience of attending the 2002 Michigan Youth Leadership Forum. Mr. Eagle said he learned more about disability rights and history, using leadership skills effectively in the community, and advocating for legislation. Mr. Eagle said he plans to become an attorney.

Ms. Heather Leyrer attended the Michigan Youth Leadership Forum in 2001 as a participant, and returned in 2002 as a program assistant. Ms. Leyrer said the Forum has helped her to become a confident speaker, an effective advocate, and a successful college student.

Ms. Gutierrez encouraged Mr. Eagle and Ms. Leyrer to consider a career in teaching.

In response to Dr. Moyer's question about collaboration with other groups, Mr. Mutty said students are encouraged to collaborate with all organizations, not exclusively those that have a focus on disabilities.

Mr. Watkins encouraged Mr. Eagle to meet Mr. Richard Bernstein, an attorney who is an advocate for people with disabilities and has recently been elected as a member of the Wayne State Board of Regents.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments regarding charter schools and accountability, and distributed written information.

Mr. Watkins thanked Ms. Wood for the persistence and energy that she has demonstrated during her frequent presentations to the Board. Mr. Watkins said an outside consultant has been hired to review the issues brought forth by Ms. Wood. Mr. Watkins said Ms. Wood will also be

contracted to work with the consultant to hold the Board, authorizers, and schools accountable so that all students may attend a school with high, rigorous academic standards.

XVI. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION

Ms. Elaine Madigan, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Government Services and Customer Satisfaction, presented the Update on Educational Legislation.

Ms. Madigan said data presented at the Revenue Consensus Conference on May 13, 2003, indicated state tax revenues lower than originally expected, which affects the State School Aid budget.

Ms. Madigan reviewed pending education legislation.

Mrs. Gire suggested that future updates on education legislation include a reference to bills that the Board has taken action on.

Mr. Watkins suggested, and the Board agreed, that President Straus appoint a subcommittee to work with staff to make recommendations on pending legislation. State Board members identified the following bills for review by the subcommittee:

House Bill 4048 regarding Certification Exception
House Bill 4227 regarding School Aid Proration
House Bill 4693 regarding Educational Flexibility and Empowerment
Senate Bill 157 regarding Detroit Reform Board
Senate Bill 393 regarding Charter Schools
House Bill 4025 regarding Drug Use Model Policy

This was an update only and no action was required.

XVII. UPDATE ON NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND AND EDUCATION YES!

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent, presented Update on No Child Left Behind and *Education YES!*.

Dr. Hughes said that after the submission of the Accountability Workbook on May 1, 2003, approved April 24, 2003, by the State Board, staff of the United States Department of Education phoned to request further clarification of certain items, including the language on high school testing and adequate yearly progress. Dr. Hughes said clarifying language was written and included in his memorandum to the State Superintendent dated May 21, 2003.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the revised language of Section 10.1 of the Accountability Workbook, as specified in the memorandum from Dr. Hughes to the State Superintendent dated May 21, 2003.

In response to Mrs. Gire's question, Dr. Hughes said this is the only issue pending for approval of the Accountability Workbook. Dr. Hughes said all of the Board's actions from the April 24, 2003, meeting were accepted by the United States Department of Education.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Dr. Hughes said the grant criteria were approved for Community Service Projects to Michigan school districts in the amount of \$1,275,000 million.

Dr. Hughes said the Safe School Choice Policy was approved. A list of persistently dangerous schools is due to the United States Department of Education on July 1, 2003.

Dr. Hughes said there has been no official notification of approval of the Consolidated State Application for No Child Left Behind.

Dr. Hughes said Michigan has submitted to the United States Department of Education the format for the State report card containing the required elements of the No Child Left Behind Act. Mr. Watkins said that pending the receipt and verification of the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) data, school districts will be notified and asked to verify data, and report cards will be issued using accurate data.

Mrs. Bauer said the Department should work on a communications plan explaining the interpretation and verification process to the public. Mr. Watkins said the Department's Communications Office is currently working on the plan.

Mrs. Gire suggested that future contractors be assessed penalties for delivering data later than agreed upon. Mrs. Gire also suggested developing future MEAP tests that can be administered electronically and interpreted by State department staff. Mr. Watkins said the Departments are working on a memorandum of understanding, as well as interpretations that are easily understood by teachers and parents. Mr. Watkins said Mr. Jay Rising, State Treasurer; and Ms. Marilyn Roberts, Director, Office of Educational Assessment; have been working closely with Department of Education staff to release accurate data.

Dr. Hughes said parts of the *Education YES!* report card have been shared with schools, including the 11 school performance indicators and 128 elements of the indicators that the schools filled out in January. Dr. Hughes thanked Mr. David Buell of Kent Intermediate School District, and Abante Corporation in Grand Rapids who offered to post the information on the website for school districts to view their district's data.

Dr. Hughes said Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Administrator, Organizational Development and No Child Left Behind, has been working with committees involving over 250 people to develop a strategic plan for implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act. Mr. Watkins anticipates the Board will host a series of community forums across the state to gather community input. Mr. Watkins said the plan will be submitted to the Board for approval, and then forwarded to the United States Department of Education.

Dr. Hughes said MI-Plan is a common format for the development of a school improvement plan that is web-based and will be available on July 1, 2003, for school districts to begin using. The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators has offered to be the primary agent to train Michigan educators. A task force convened for this purpose is headed by Ms. Gail Green, Assistant Superintendent, Macomb Intermediate School District; Mr. Michael DeVault, Superintendent, Macomb Intermediate School District; and Ms. Carol Klenow, Assistant Superintendent, Student Performance, Oakland Schools.

In response to Dr. Moyer's question, Mr. Watkins said the *Education YES!* report card will be 67% MEAP results, and 33% school performance indicators.

In response to Mrs. Curtin's question, Dr. Hughes said the WorkKeys tests will be the primary vehicle for the assessment of paraprofessionals as highly qualified, as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. Mr. Watkins said a communications plan is being developed for this topic.

Mr. Michael DeVault, Superintendent, Macomb Intermediate School District, said classes for paraprofessionals are being offered by Macomb Intermediate School District and the classes are full.

Mr. Jim Sandy, Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence and The Education Alliance, said the report cards should be released now, rather than waiting for the 2003 MEAP data. Dr. Hughes said there are new math and science MEAP tests that will be part of the 2003 data, and it could be confusing for districts to receive 2002 data and then receive new 2003 data two months later.

This was an update only and no action was required.

XVIII. ELECTION OF 2004 NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. McGuire presented Election of 2004 National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board of Directors.

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the following individuals be supported for the 2004 National Association of State Boards of Education Board of Directors: Mr. Robert Lazard of Indiana for President, Mr. Gary Waters of Nevada for President-elect, Mr. Keith Johnson of Louisiana for Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Herbert Moyer of Michigan for Central Area Director.

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

The motion carried.

XIX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- K. Report on Property Transfers
- L. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- M. Report to the Legislature on the Innovative Program Demonstration Grants (IPDG)
- N. Report to the Legislature on the Three-Phase Evaluation of All Students Achieve Program-Parent Involvement and Education (ASAP-PIE)
- O. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Copper Country and Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Special Education Plans
- P. Report on the Ionia and Newaygo Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- Q. Update on Public School Academies

Grants

- R. 2002-2003 Michigan Motorcycle Rider and Safety Education Program - Amendment
- S. 2002-2003 Continuation/Implementation Grant Application for Charter School Grant Program - Amendment

- T. 2002-2003 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program – Amendment
- U. 2003-04 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment
- V. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of “Superintendent’s Report to the State Board of Education” dated May, 2003.

- A. Detroit City-Wide Student Council

Mr. Watkins said that on May 21, 2003, the City-Wide Student Council representatives made a presentation to the Detroit School Board.
Mr. Watkins said he would like the City-Wide Student Council to present at a future State Board of Education meeting.

- B. Schulze Elementary School in Detroit

Mr. Watkins said the newly reconstructed Schulze Elementary School in Detroit is planting a tree in honor of Mrs. Straus on May 28, 2003.
Mr. Watkins said Mrs. Straus has a long-standing, supportive relationship with the school. Mrs. Straus said her children attended Schulze Elementary School.

- C. Thank you to Mrs. Sue Gutierrez and Welcome to Mr. William Cecil

Mr. Watkins thanked Mrs. Gutierrez and Mr. Cecil for representing teachers as Michigan Teachers of the Year. Ms. Gutierrez thanked the Board for welcoming the Teacher of the Year to the Board table, and said she has received many positive comments from teachers regarding the opportunity to provide input at the Board meeting through the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

XX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. School Health Policy Development Meeting – Mrs. Sharon Gire

Mrs. Gire invited Board members to participate in a School Health Policy Development meeting in the Board Room on May 29, 2003, with Mr. Jim Bogden of NASBE as a resource person. Mrs. Gire said topics will include HIV/STD and pregnancy prevention education, and comprehensive school health including Healthy Schools Network.

B. L'Anse Creuse Schools Celebrates Community Service – Mrs. Sharon Gire

Mrs Gire said she and Mrs. Straus attended a dinner at L'Anse Creuse Schools in celebration of the community service learning program. Mrs. Gire shared letters from veterans thanking students for Valentines they received. She said every student participates in community service, which is embraced by the community.

Mrs. Gire said she would like to invite the Governor to visit the community service learning program at L'Anse Creuse Schools. Mr. Watkins said that Mr. Dan Mulhern, first gentleman, has been appointed Chair of the Community Service Commission.

C. Personnel Development Collaborative – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she has been working with the Personnel Development Collaborative Grant Program through the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services. She said each intermediate school district was offered the opportunity to assemble a diverse team to develop a comprehensive personnel development action plan.

D. Visit to Washington Writers Academy in Kalamazoo – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin shared thank you notes from students at the Washington Writers Academy in Kalamazoo that she and Mrs. Bauer visited as part of the Blue Ribbon School celebration on April 30, 2003.

E. Visit to Edwardsburg School District – Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer said he and Mr. Watkins visited the Edwardsburg School District in honor of their Blue Ribbon School Celebration on April 25, 2003.

F. Principals' Academy – Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer praised the excellent work of Department staff for orchestrating a successful Principals' Academy on May 16-17, 2003.

G. Clear Lake Elementary School in Oxford – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer were impressed by their visit to Clear Lake Elementary School in Oxford on May 13, 2003, to celebrate their Blue Ribbon Award.

XXI. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REGARDING ACCOUNTABILITY WORKBOOK

Dr. Hughes said he just spoke to staff of the United States Department of Education (USDOE) via telephone who said that the Michigan Department of Education must use the student's first assessment score, whether the student first tested in the 10th or 11th grade, for purposes of calculating adequate yearly progress. Dr. Hughes said that in previous telephone conversations, the USDOE said the Department could use the student's best score in 10th or 11th grade.

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that President Straus work with Dr. Hughes and staff of the Department to resolve the assessment participation issue pending in the Accountability Workbook.

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

The motion carried.

XXII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Bauer requested a future Board presentation on inclusion.

XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. June 26, 2003
- B. July 24, 2003
- C. August 28, 2003
- D. September 25, 2003

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary