

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

February 12, 2013  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Mr. John C. Austin, President  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President  
Mr. Daniel Varner, Secretary  
Dr. Richard Zeile, Treasurer  
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, NASBE Delegate  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser  
Mr. Greg Tedder, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Also Present: Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon, 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

A. Information on 2011-2012 Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Austin requested that an item titled Consider Going Into Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation be added to the agenda as part of the Regular meeting.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Ulbrich, Zeile**  
**Absent During Vote: Straus**  
**Absent: Varner, Weiser**

**The motion carried.**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education and the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan showed a video clip of his grandson, and introduced his son and granddaughter who were attending the meeting.

Mr. Flanagan provided an update on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores that were released on February 11, 2013.

Mr. Varner and Mrs. Weiser joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:59 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; Mr. Greg Dionne, Supervisor, Curriculum and Instruction; presented Next Generation Science Standards.

Dr. Vaughn said the presentation is an overview of the Next Generation Science Standards. She said Michigan is a lead state working with other states to develop the Next Generation Science Standards and a plan for adoption and implementation. She said the Standards support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning and science literacy.

Information was shared through a [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

Board member discussion included clarification of student performance expectations and curricula; collaboration of stakeholders to address the dynamic teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM); teacher shortage areas; phase in process for introducing standards; teacher resources; integration with language arts; the evolving field of science careers; and developmental appropriateness of the standards.

In April staff will return to the Board for approval of a period of public review. The standards will be presented to the Board for approval in May.

IX. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY AUTHORIZER PERFORMANCE METRICS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; Dr. Joseph Martineau, Executive Director, Assessment and Accountability; and Mr. Mark Eitrem, Supervisor, Public School Academy Unit; presented on Public School Academy Authorizer Performance Metrics.

Mr. Flanagan said the Presentation on Public School Academy Authorizer Performance Metrics is a comparison of the performance of the large charter school authorizers in Michigan using the same business rules as the state's Top to Bottom school list.

Mr. Austin said additional school choice and expansion opportunities are emerging. He said the State Board of Education is responsible for standards, guidance and supports for schools. He said just as every local school board is responsible for the performance of its local schools, authorizers are responsible for the performance of their portfolio of public school academies. He said authorizers that are ensuring quality and high performance should be applauded, and those that could be doing a better job should be encouraged to do so.

Information was shared through a [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

Board member discussion included studying Beating the Odds Schools for best practices; acceleration of best practices study for use by schools facing the prospect of an emergency financial manager; inclusion of special education students in public school academies; state policy encouraging effective authorizers to expand their portfolios and discouraging ineffective authorizers; allowing for innovation with a front-end filter for quality; ability to compare data on the degree of poverty and special education services; self-selection for participation; and career and technical education programs for special needs students.

Discussion continued later in the meeting.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 11:22 a.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XI. CONSIDER GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with S.S. v State of Michigan et al, Wayne County Court #12-009231-CZ.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Austin – Aye  
Fecteau – Aye  
Ramos-Montigny – Aye  
Straus – Aye  
Ulbrich – Aye  
Varner – Aye  
Weiser – Aye  
Zeile – Aye**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tedder left the meeting at 11:23 p.m.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:23 a.m. at which time the Board met in closed session until 12:37 p.m. and then recessed for lunch. The Board reconvened in open session at 1:17 p.m.

XIII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan asked Deputy Superintendents to introduce newly hired Department employees to the State Board of Education.

Dr. Sally Vaughn introduced Mr. Matt Ayotte from the Bureau of Assessment and Accountability.

Ms. Carol Wolenberg introduced Ms. Hannah Brookhart from the Library of Michigan.

Ms. Susan Broman introduced Ms. Laurie Nickson from the Office of Great Start.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Mary T. Wood, Warren, Michigan. Ms. Wood provided verbal comments and written information on the Education Achievement Authority Board of Trustees.
- B. Mr. Harrison Blackmond, Southfield, Michigan. Mr. Blackmond, State Director, Democrats for Education Reform – Michigan, shared verbal comments regarding the Public School Academy Authorizer Performance Metrics.
- C. Mr. Dan Quisenberry, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Quisenberry, President, Michigan Association of Public School Academies, provided verbal comments regarding the Public School Academy Authorizer Performance Metrics.

XV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:40 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XVI. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY AUTHORIZER PERFORMANCE METRICS

Board member discussion continued from the morning portion of the Committee of the Whole. Discussion included comparison of entities similar to authorizers such as intermediate school districts; obtaining data from management companies; restructuring how public education is administered; and effective delivery systems and governance for public education.

Dr. Ulbrich proposed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the authorizers, and the Legislature, and there was Board consensus.

XVII. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no Board member comments regarding grant criteria.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

## REGULAR MEETING

### XIX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- D. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 15, 2013

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 15, 2013.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### XX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said legislation is emerging to modify the Michigan Merit Curriculum. He encouraged the Board to work together to advocate for rigorous expectations that translate into better outcomes.

Mr. Austin said the Governor's Executive Budget included funding for the expansion of early childhood education. He congratulated the broad group of stakeholders that has been working toward this goal of increased early childhood opportunities.

Mr. Austin provided an update on the upcoming State Board of Education forums and discussion followed regarding additional locations for forums.

### XXI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### Report

- E. Human Resources Report

#### Grants

- F. Report on Grant Awards
- 2012-2013 Child Care and Development Block Grant – Initial
  - 2012-2013 Child Care and Development Block Grant – Amendment
  - 2010-2011 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment

- 2011-2012 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Grant Program (Title II, Part B) – Initial
- 2012-2013 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Amendment, Continuation
- 2012-2013 State School Aid Act Section 99(7) Math and Science Centers STEM Support – Initial
- 2012-2013 Section 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grants – Initial
- 2012-2013 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program Identification and Recruitment Centers – Continuation
- 2012-2013 Title III – English Language Acquisition Program – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan gave a verbal report including clustering visits to Reward Schools with Board forums; sympathies to former Board member Nancy Danhof whose father passed away; and increased early childhood funding.

#### XXII. REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon, 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year. She provided a verbal update to her written report including a PowerPoint presentation on the National Teacher of the Year Conference that she attended.

Mr. Flanagan introduced, Ms. Matinga Ragatz, 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year, who was attending the Board meeting.

Mr. Varner left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

#### XXIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, presented the State and Federal Legislative Update. He provided an update on Michigan Senate and House of Representatives sessions.

Dr. Ulbrich, Chair of the Board’s Legislative Committee, provided an update on the January 30 Committee meeting.

Following discussion regarding pending legislation to alter the Michigan Merit Curriculum, a motion was made.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education adopt the following statement: To ensure effective preparation of Michigan’s young people for careers and entrepreneurial opportunities of today and tomorrow,**

**the State Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to the Michigan Merit Curriculum including world language, rigorous mathematics, arts education and opportunity for rigorous career and technical education programs.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile**

**Absent: Varner**

**The motion carried.**

The Board's Legislative Committee will discuss an expanded statement at its next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the Board's action on November 20, 2012, to oppose Senate Bill 620, as written regarding the Parent Trigger Bill. There was consensus that the Board reconsider this legislation if it is reintroduced during the current session.

Dr. Ulbrich said the Board's Legislative Committee is recommending to the Agenda Planning Committee that the House Appropriations Subcommittees on School Aid and MDE Budgets convene at an upcoming Board meeting.

XXIV. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND REPLACEMENT OF ONE ORGANIZATIONAL SEAT

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Eleanor White, Director, Special Education; presented Approval of Special Education Advisory Committee Nominations and Replacement of One Organizational Seat.

Mr. Flanagan said each year the Board is asked to approve nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee membership. Mr. Flanagan said approval is being sought for nine organizational nominations, three at-large members, three alternates and one organizational seat replacement.

Ms. Fecteau said she has two people to nominate as at-large members. Mrs. Straus said she has one person to nominate. Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she is interested in ensuring ethnic and geographic diversity on the Board's Special Education Advisory Committee. Mrs. Straus said she will hold her nomination for a future submission, since there are enough nominees.

Following discussion, Mr. Flanagan said nominations for three at-large members including biographical information will be presented to the Board for consideration in March.

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve nine organizational nominees, three alternates and one organizational seat replacement, as listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 22, 2013.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile**  
**Absent: Varner**

**The motion carried.**

XXV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COSPONSORSHIPS

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Great Start; and Dr. Lindy Buch, Director, Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Education and Family Services; presented Approval of State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Cosponsorships.

Mr. Flanagan said the Board is being asked to support the cosponsorship of several early childhood conferences and events.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education support the consponsorship of the conferences and events described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 4, 2013.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile**  
**Absent: Varner**

**The motion carried.**

XXVI. CONSENT AGENDA

J. Approval of Criteria for Formula Distribution of Federal Funds Awarded to Michigan Through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

- K. Approval of Criteria for Early Learning Enhancement Grant
- L. Approval of Criteria for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant

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

- J. approve the Criteria for Formula Distribution of Federal Funds Awarded to Michigan Through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 22, 2013;**
- K. approve the Criteria for Early Learning Enhancement Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 22, 2013; and**
- L. approve the Criteria for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 22, 2013.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile**  
**Absent: Varner**

**The motion carried.**

**XXVII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

Mrs. Straus said there was an article in the *Detroit Free Press* on February 11, 2013, regarding teachers in the Van Buren Intermediate School District who supported a deaf student by helping her raise money for college. Mrs. Straus said that is one example of the many great things teachers do every day.

Mr. Austin said he received a thank you letter from the Chairperson of the Connecticut State Board of Education for the condolences sent during the Sandy Hook school tragedy.

**XXVIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mr. Austin, Dr. Ulbrich, and Mr. Varner with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXIX. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, March 12, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, April 9, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, May 14, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (9:30 a.m.) State Board Retreat

XXX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at [www.michigan.gov/sbe](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe).

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Varner  
Secretary