

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

March 12, 2013
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President (via telephone)
Mr. Daniel Varner, Secretary (via telephone)
Dr. Richard Zeile, Treasurer
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, NASBE Delegate
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

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

Absent: Mr. Greg Tedder, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

A. Information on Michigan Public Libraries Data Digest 2012 Edition

III. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Michigan Department of Education Working Organizational Structure
- B. Michigan Department of Education Office Descriptions

IV. 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 Mrs. Weiser, 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, Straus, Varner, Weiser
Absent: Ulbrich, Zeile**

The motion carried.

V. 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.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Dr. Zeile joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Mr. Flanagan said the Introduction of Michigan Department of Education Program Directors was presented during the January 14, 2013, orientation session for Michelle Fecteau and Lupe Ramos-Montigny as they began their terms of office as State Board of Education members. He said the presentation is now being presented to the full Board.

Deputy Superintendents Susan Broman, Sally Vaughn and Carol Wolenberg led the introductions.

Office Directors introduced themselves and shared brief summaries of their roles and responsibilities.

Mr. Austin thanked staff for their hard work. He said Board members appreciate the monumental work that staff does with vigor and courage.

IX. PRESENTATION ON THE REVISED MICHIGAN STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Mr. Rajah Smart, Education Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented the Revised Standards for the Preparation of Central Office Administrators.

Mr. Flanagan said the requirement for administrator certification was eliminated in 1993, and was reinstated in 2005, as a voluntary certification. He said in 2009, Public Act 205 changed the voluntary certification to required certification for anyone hired as an administrator on or after January 4, 2010. He said this included superintendents, principals, assistant principals or any other administrator whose primary responsibility is administering instructional programs. He said all administrators are required to complete continuing education credits every five years to renew their certificates or to remain in their position as an administrator.

Dr. Vaughn said educator preparation institutions and education associations will use these standards to develop and/or revise programs to prepare future central office administrators. She said staff from the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Professional Preparation Services, will review preparation programs and approve those that meet the standards.

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

Board member discussion included a grid of values to help schools evaluate, publicizing the standards, delivery of standards as a credential or ongoing education, educational organizations that are eligible to apply to offer programs, oversight and access to data.

Following a period of public comment, the standards will be presented to the Board for approval in May.

X. PRESENTATION ON THE REVISED MICHIGAN STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Mr. Rajah Smart, Education Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented the Revised Standards for the Preparation of School Principals.

Dr. Vaughn said the standards for school principals have similarities to the standards for central office administrators that were discussed in the previous presentation.

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

Board member discussion included the importance of input from teacher and principal organizations, special education references to be included in an appendix, importance of qualified administrators who have the knowledge to evaluate teachers, the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness that is studying teacher and administrator evaluations, and the importance of diversity and programs with different strengths.

Following a period of public comment, the standards will be presented to the Board for approval in May.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda.

XII. APPROVAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR PREKINDERGARTEN

APPROVAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR INFANT AND TODDLER PROGRAMS

APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME STANDARDS OF QUALITY

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Great Start; and Dr. Lindy Buch, Director, Early Childhood Education and Family Services; combined the following three items into one presentation: (1) Approval of Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten; (2) Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Infant and Toddler Programs; and (3) Michigan Out of School Time Standards of Quality.

Ms. Broman said each of the three standards documents was previously presented to the Board and there has been a period of public comment. Dr. Buch said minor edits have been made to the documents, and the Board is being asked to approve each set of standards.

Dr. Buch reviewed the revisions that were made to each document based on suggestions received during the period of public comment.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Michigan Out-of-School Time (MOST) Standards of Quality, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 25, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the revisions to the Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 25, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the revisions to the Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Infant and Toddler Programs, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 25, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COSPONSORSHIP

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; and Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Director, School Support Services; presented Approval of State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Cosponsorship.

Mr. Flanagan said the Board is being asked to support the cosponsorship of the School Nutrition Association of Michigan 2013 Annual Conference, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 4, 2013.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education support the cosponsorship of the School Nutrition Association of Michigan 2013 Annual Conference, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 4, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XIV. APPROVAL OF THREE AT-LARGE NOMINATIONS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Eleanor White, Director, Special Education; presented Approval of Three At-Large Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Mr. Flanagan said three At-Large seats are unfilled on the Special Education Advisory Committee, and the Board is being asked to approve the nominations.

Dr. White said information is included in the Board item that shows ethnic and racial diversity as well as geographical representation across the state.

Dr. White said the Special Education Advisory Committee is advisory to the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve three at-large nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the terms specified, as listed in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 25, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said Dr. Deborah Ball, Chair of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness, will present at a future State Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Austin and Board members discussed the series of educational forums that the Board is convening across the state including additional sites and dates. He said the forums have been successful and broad representation and diverse perspectives are encouraged.

Mr. Austin said the Board's Legislative Committee has been discussing support for the Michigan Merit Curriculum and Common Core State Standards, and that statement and an online learning statement will be discussed during the afternoon portion of the meeting.

Mr. Austin said Educational Achievement Authority legislation is pending and there are differing opinions among Board members.

Mr. Austin said he is eager to find ways to support and reshape ideas about expanded choice and creating new schools. He said he is supportive of quality innovation in a public school context that makes it richer and more effective and doesn't drain resources from existing schools.

XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Report

- F. Human Resources Report
- G. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Sanilac Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- H. Report on Property Transfer Decisions
- I. Report on Teacher Certification Revocation Decision

Grants

- J. Report on Grant Awards
 - 2013-2014 Competitive Grant for the Support to the *Early On* Field Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – Initial

- 2013-2014 Qualitative Compliance Information Grant Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – Initial
- 2012-2013 Regional Assistance to High Priority Schools – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant – Initial
- 2012-2013 Principal/Assistance Principal Training for Conducting Educator Evaluation – Initial
- 2011-2012 Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition Program – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan said he wrote a letter to the *Detroit News* in support of the Common Core State Standards.

Mr. Flanagan said teacher evaluations should be used for improvement and not punishment, and the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness is working to develop a fair evaluation system for teachers and administrators.

XVII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- D. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

- E. Approval of Minutes of Closed Session of February 12, 2013

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of Closed Session of February 12, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XVIII. 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 Ottawa Hills Extended Learning Plan. She said the Extended Learning Plan addresses the need to improve basic skills across all tested subjects.

XIX. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education convene in closed session at the request of Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, as provided in Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XX. RECESS

The Board recessed at 12:12 p.m. at which time the Board met in closed session until 1:55 p.m.

Dr. Ulbrich joined the meeting at 12:15 p.m. via telephone. Mr. Varner maintained his participation via telephone.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:05 p.m. in the Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room.

XXI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. Dale Rogers, Pinckney, Michigan. Mr. Rogers, representing the Network of Michigan Educators, shared verbal comments and written information regarding flipped instruction.
- B. Ms. Angela Wilson, Okemos, Michigan. Ms. Wilson, Chair, Okemos Parent Council Legislative Committee, provided verbal comments regarding expanding community forums to other areas including Lansing.

XXII. ACTION ON CONTRACT EXTENSION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Mr. Austin said the Board met in closed session earlier in the day as provided in Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Austin said the State Board of Education appreciates the leadership of Mr. Flanagan in working with the Board to align and advance major education priorities. He said the Board appreciates Mr. Flanagan's leadership in managing of the Michigan Department of Education with diminished resources, but not diminished impact. He said Mr. Flanagan engages constructively and effectively with all constituencies that are involved in education.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve the Ninth Addendum to the Agreement between the Board and Michael P. Flanagan which extends the agreement between the Superintendent and the Board to July 1, 2015.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Flanagan said he appreciates the support, and it is a pleasure to work at the Michigan Department of Education.

XXIII. 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 Ms. Kristine Davidson, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation; and Mr. Joseph Baynesan, Office of Career and Technical Education.

Ms. Carol Wolenberg introduced Mr. Javier Sanchez from the Office of Financial Management.

Ms. Susan Broman introduced Mr. Joseph Diaz from the Office of Great Start/Child Development and Care.

XXIV. 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 Education Achievement Authority legislation that is pending in the House of Representatives. He said the House Education Appropriations Committee is discussing the budget. He said there is legislation pending in the Senate to alter the Michigan Merit Curriculum including the removal of requirements for Algebra II and World Languages.

Dr. Ulbrich, Chair of the Board’s Legislative Committee, said a Statement Reaffirming the Michigan Merit Curriculum is being proposed as a result of discussion at the March 4 Legislative Committee meeting. She said there has been subsequent discussion about including the Common Core State Standards in the statement.

Dr. Ulbrich read the draft Statement Reaffirming the Michigan Merit Curriculum and Common Core State Standards.

Following discussion and proposed amendments, a motion was made.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement Reaffirming the Michigan Merit Curriculum and Common Core State Standards, as amended by discussion.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The State Board of Education Statement Reaffirming the Michigan Merit Curriculum and Common Core State Standards is attached as Exhibit A.

Dr. Ulbrich read the draft Statement on Online Learning that was developed as a result of discussion during the Board’s Legislative Committee meeting.

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement Regarding Online Learning.

Following discussion and proposed amendments, a motion was made.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The State Board of Education Statement Regarding Online Learning is attached as Exhibit B.

Mr. Austin said the Board does not have a shared position regarding pending Education Achievement Authority legislation, and there are varying opinions. He invited Board members to share their individual perspectives later in the meeting.

XXV. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEGISLATIVE REPORT

APPROVAL OF STRICT DISCIPLINE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; combined the following two items into one presentation: (1) Approval of School Improvement Legislative Report, and (2) Approval of Strict Discipline Report to the Legislature.

Ms. Forward said the State Board of Education is required to submit both reports to the Legislature by April 1.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve (1) the Report to the Legislature on School Improvement Plans, and (2) the Report of the Legislature on Strict Discipline Academies, and direct staff to forward the report to the Legislature, as described in the memorandum dated March 4, 2013, from Casandra E. Ulbrich, Chair, State Board of Education Legislative Committee.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

In response to a question from Mrs. Straus, an explanation of the inclusion of Catherine Ferguson Academy as a strict discipline academy was provided by Mr. Mark Eitrem, Supervisor, Public School Academy Unit.

XXVI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

State Board of Education members shared individual perspectives on pending legislation regarding the Education Achievement Authority. There was no consensus, and no action was taken.

XXVII. 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.

XXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at www.michigan.gov/sbe.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Varner
Secretary

State Board of Education Statement Reaffirming Michigan Merit Curriculum and Common Core State Standards

The State Board of Education and the Department of Education agree with the Governor and the Legislature that our children and the State's public education system hold the keys for Michigan's future.

We recognize in these changing times that students are most likely to succeed if they are well-prepared for lifelong learning and necessary career changes as opportunities arise. None of this will happen for our students without consistency, stability, and rigor for our educational system.

The Michigan Merit Curriculum allows students to build skills and competencies in a variety of contexts, including rigorous career-technical programs. It is essential to retain world language instruction that we encourage be taught in elementary and middle school. As for modifying the requirement for Algebra II, the Legislature has previously allowed modifications. No more are needed now.

The results of the Michigan Merit Curriculum are evident in continuous improvement in student outcomes. This year, the statewide graduation rates increased by 1.9% and students continue to show improvement on the Michigan Merit Examination, with overall composite scores for Michigan high school juniors on the ACT college-entrance exam increasing four years in a row. Recently released fall 2012 MEAP results show student gains for reading, mathematics and writing in all grades and most demographic groups.

The Common Core State Standards create consistent, clear expectations in reading, writing, speaking, listening, language and mathematics. They are robust and relevant to the real world, creating realistic and practical expectations that reflect the knowledge and skills needed to enter credit-bearing entry courses for two- and four-year college programs or the workforce.

As such, the State Board of Education re-affirms its belief in the rigorous standards defined in the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the Common Core State Standards. Michigan is headed in the right direction. Now is not the time to turn back the clock on Michigan's strong curriculum.

Approved March 12, 2013

State Board of Education Statement Online Learning

In 2006, Michigan became the first state to require all students have an online course or learning experience as part of the state's graduation requirements. The State Board of Education continues to support quality digital and online educational opportunities for Michigan's students in order to reach educational goals.

In the last two years, Michigan has expanded the role of online education and may continue to do so this year. The State Board of Education would like to re-affirm its commitment to providing online education opportunities focused on best practices.

Strong online education programs include:

- A "blended" approach, combining traditional methods of instruction by highly qualified teachers, supplemented with access to technology.
- Opportunities for individual instruction and group collaboration.
- Utilization of multiple channels of communication, including online, telephone, social media, instant messaging, etc.
- A student to teacher ratio that allows for relationship-building.

The State Board of Education respectfully requests that legislation expanding online education be informed by best practices and allow for innovation, while meeting individual needs with clear expectation of delivering college and career ready skills and standards.

Approved March 12, 2013