

## **Minutes**

### MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT

James B. Henry Center for Executive Development  
Michigan State University  
Quad Room  
3535 Forest Road  
Lansing, Michigan

May 22, 2019  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Ms. Sheila A. Alles, Chairperson  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, President (via telephone, unable to vote)  
Dr. Pamela Pugh, Vice President (via telephone during morning,  
unable to vote)  
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary  
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny, NASBE Delegate  
Dr. Judy Pritchett  
Ms. Nikki Snyder  
Ms. Tiffany Tilley

Absent: Mr. Josh Neyhart, representing Governor Gretchen Whitmer, ex officio

Staff Present: Mr. Mr. Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations  
Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student &  
School Supports  
Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and  
Student Transitions  
Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs  
Mr. Mark Howe, Chief of Staff, Chief Deputy Superintendent's Office  
Ms. Alisande Shrewsbury, Special Assistant, Superintendent's Office  
Ms. Kelly Siciliano Carter, Director, Strategic Planning and Implementation  
Ms. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive  
Ms. Jennifer Cook, Administrative Assistant

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sheila Alles, Chairperson and Interim State Superintendent called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.**

The vote was taken on the motion to approve the agenda and order of priority.

Ms. Fecteau requested, and Mr. McMillin agreed, to amend the agenda to include an update from the Interim State Superintendent as Item G.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

**Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pritchett, Ramos-Montigny, Tilley**  
**Absent: Snyder**

**The motion carried.**

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

Ms. Alles invited Board members, staff and guests to introduce themselves, and they did so.

IV. TOP 10 IN 10 CHECK IN

A. INTRODUCTION

Ms. Sheila Alles, Interim State Superintendent, reviewed meeting materials, and shared information on the Top 10 in 10 via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

B. THREE PRIORITIES

- LITERACY  
Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports, shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

- WHOLE CHILD  
Mr. Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations, shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

- PRENATAL THROUGH AGE 8 (P-8)  
Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

- COMMUNICATION OF PRIORITIES  
Ms. Alles, Interim State Superintendent, share information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 11:42 a.m.

C. EXAMPLES

- MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS  
Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations, shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

Ms. Nikki Snyder arrived at 12:05 p.m.

VI. WORKING LUNCH

C. EXAMPLES (continued)

- MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS (MTSS)  
Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports, shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

Dr. Pamela Pugh arrived at 1:00 p.m.

- MICHIGAN INTEGRATED CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS (MICIP)  
Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports, shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

D. EQUITABLE EDUCATION

Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:12 p.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS

E. PROCESS TO ONBOARD STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Sheila Alles, Interim State Superintendent, shared a list of items she will review with Dr. Michael Rice, when he begins serving as State Superintendent.

Discussion followed.

F. PROCESS TO ESTABLISH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2019-2020 GOALS

Dr. Casandra Ulbrich, President, State Board of Education, asked Board members to begin consideration of measurable goals related to the evaluation of the State Superintendent.

Discussion followed.

G. UPDATE FROM INTERIM STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Sheila Alles, Interim State Superintendent, shared updates.

Discussion followed.

**Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that no plan for the future of Benton Harbor Area Schools be presented to the Benton Harbor School Board before the Benton Harbor School Board has had the opportunity to be a meaningful partner in the development of the plan and that the Interim State Superintendent delivers the statement to the Governor on behalf of the State Board of Education.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Fecteau, Pritchett, Pugh, Ramos-Montigny, Snyder, Tilley  
Abstain: McMillin**

**The motion carried.**

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny said she would like third grade reading information for parents translated to Spanish. She suggested a future presentation on educating English Language Learners.

Dr. Pamela Pugh suggested that Xavier DeGroat present on autism at a future meeting.

Ms. Tiffany Tilley said would like to see research on the impact of emergency management.

Ms. Michelle Fecteau thanked Board members and Michigan Department of Education staff for a productive meeting.

Mr. Tom McMillin said he would like to have further discussion on the definition of student achievement.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There were no members of the public who wished to offer public comment.

XI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, June 11, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, August 13, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, September 10, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau  
Secretary