

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

November 14, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Brian J. Whiston, Chairman  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Co-President  
Dr. Richard Zeile, Co-President  
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary  
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer  
Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate  
Dr. Pamela Pugh  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

Also Present: Mr. Luke Wilcox, 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Absent: Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Whiston said he is recommending that Approval of Criteria for Section 62c(1) Designated Secondary Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant be added to the agenda. He said it is listed on the agenda as item B2 and repeated as Item J.

**Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as amended.**

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

**Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Ramos-Montigny, Snyder, Ulbrich**  
**Absent: Weiser, Zeile**  
**Absent During Vote: Pugh**

**The motion carried.**

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Whiston asked that new employees be introduced.

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Ms. Ruth Oda from the Office of Special Education, and Ms. Amanda Latham from the Office Great Start – Child Development and Care.

Ms. LaWanna Shelton, Special Assistant, Educator, Student and School Supports, introduced Mr. Dan Membiela working in the Office of Professional Preparation Services; Ms. Michelle Imbrunone working in the Office of Educator Talent; and Ms. Sheri Riggle working in the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation.

Mr. Whiston invited the audience members to introduce themselves. He said audience members should complete public participation forms if they wish to offer comments during the public participation portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Weiser and Dr. Zeile arrived at 9:35 a.m.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:36 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

V. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

VI. PRESENTATION ON TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Chris Janzer, Assistant Director, Educational Assessment and Accountability, presented Transparency Dashboard Updates.

Mr. Whiston said the presentation covers several updates related to work on the Every Student Succeeds Act Transparency Dashboard, including a general status update. He said there will be monthly updates on the Transparency Dashboard.

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

Mr. Janzer said the deadline for parental input regarding the Transparency Dashboard has been extended until November 26. He said the live launch is expected to be during the January 9, 2018 State Board of Education meeting.

Board member comments included the need for a concise introductory paragraph, interchanging comparison schools, drilling down to information under the front page, the challenge of obtaining a diverse group of respondents, popular approach may not provide the most beneficial information, suggestions for entities serving populations most in need, communication explaining why the dashboard is being used, survey is mobile, testing data included on dashboard, and the need for availability in multiple languages.

VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

Mr. McMillin asked if there have been significant additions to the criteria beyond state and federal requirements. Ms. Patty Cantu, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education, explained the additions.

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 10:13 a.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING**

IX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

C. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 10, 2017

**Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 10, 2017.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

X. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Zeile said he presented on Board Basics during the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Annual Leadership Conference.

Dr. Zeile said he has spoken with constituents who appreciate the Partnership Model.

Dr. Ulbrich said she also attended the MASB Annual Leadership Conference. She said she participated in a podcast with the Chair of MASB, and she will share it when it is available.

Dr. Ulbrich said legislation is pending regarding guns in schools, and she believes it should be a topic of conversation during the State and Federal Legislative Update later in the meeting.

## XI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### Reports

- D. Human Resources Report
- E. Report on Changes to the Monroe Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services, Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services, and Saginaw Intermediate School District County Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services.

### Grants

- F. Report on Grant Awards
  - 1. 2016-2017 Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agencies, and Local Communities - Amendment; \$331,563
  - 2. 2017-2018 Project AWARE to Advance Wellness and Resilience in Education - Initial; \$1,371,000
  - 3. 2017-2018 Promoting Adolescent Health in Michigan Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance - Initial; \$30,000
  - 4. 2017-2018 Section 61b Planning Grants for Career and Technical Education Early/Middle College Programs - Initial; \$500,000
  - 5. 2017-2018 Section 65, Pre-College Engineering K-12 Educational Program - Initial; \$340,000
  - 6. 2017-2018 State Personnel Development Grant Under the IDEA - Initial; \$1,386,000
  - 7. 2017-2018 IDEA, Part B Grant Funded Initiatives - Initial; \$20,475,000
  - 8. 2017-2018 Office of Special Education (OSE) Adolescent Literacy Model Demonstration Projects - Initial; \$400,000
  - 9. 2017-2018 Section 54b Statewide Implementation of Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative Pilot - Initial; \$1,600,000
  - 10. 2017-2018 Section 55 Conductive Education Evaluation Project - Initial; \$150,000

11. 2017-2018 Mandated Activities Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Initial; Continuation; \$1,665,609
12. 2017-2018 Section 32p(4) Home Visitation Grants - Initial; \$2,498,273
13. 2017-2018 Project SEARCH - Initial; \$100,000
14. 2017-2018 ISD Collaboration Grant - Initial; \$180,000
15. 2017-2018 ISD Collaboration Grant - Initial; \$634,700
16. 2017-2018 Title I Statewide System of Support, Technical Assistance Grant - Continuation; \$12,015,168
17. 2017-2018 Michigan 10 Cents a Meal Support of Local Produce in School Meals – Initial; \$337,000
18. 2017-2018 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Programs - Initial; \$3,186,143
19. 2017-2018 Great Start Readiness Program Evaluation Grant - Initial; \$300,000

Mr. Whiston shared an update on Michigan’s Every Student Succeeds Act Plan; Parent Survey on Transparency Dashboard; and two new superintendent meetings attended by approximately 80 superintendents. He congratulated Ms. Ramos-Montigny, who was elected Central Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). He thanked Dr. Zeile who represented Michigan as the voting delegate at the NASBE annual conference and business meeting, during the first week of November.

XII. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Luke Wilcox, 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided his report.

Mr. Wilcox shared information on his visits and conferences during the past month. He also shared his thoughts on what makes good professional development for teachers. He said professional development should be teacher-led, have some element of choice, and be specific.

XIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Whiston asked Mr. Ackley, Director of Public and Governmental Affairs, to provide an update on State and Federal Legislative issues.

Mr. Ackley shared and update on pending legislation.

Mr. Ackley said the Board’s Legislative Committee met on November 2, 2017.

Mrs. Eileen Weiser, Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee, summarized the discussion regarding safe drinking water in schools, which occurred during the committee meeting. She reviewed the Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance, which was adopted by the State Board of Education on September 12, 2017.

Discussion followed.

Dr. Pugh said she will propose a presentation by the Environmental Protection Agency, and she will discuss it with the agenda planning committee.

Dr. Ulbrich said she would like the Board to address Senate Bills 584-586 regarding guns in schools.

Discussion followed.

Discussion resumed later in the meeting.

#### XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:14 a.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

#### XV. PRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP DISTRICTS

Dr. Paula Daniels, Interim Director, Office of Partnership Districts, presented on Partnership Districts.

Mr. Whiston said the presentation covers several updates related to Partnership District work including newly identified districts. He said there will be continued work to develop Partnership Agreements and provide technical assistance.

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

Board member comments included consistency of effort during transition of the School Reform Office, outcomes determined by local school districts, parental support, opportunities for anonymous participation, broadening survey outreach to diverse partners, description of partners determined by local schools, demonstration of effectiveness measured against partnership agreement, local freedom and meaningful involvement of parent and community partners, sharing information, and representation of teachers and subgroups.

#### XVI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:03 p.m.

## REGULAR MEETING

### XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Linda Cypret-Kilbourne, representing Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media from Marshall, Michigan, provided comments and written information on Senate Bill 487 regarding school mascots.
2. Brenda Amman from Lansing, Michigan, provided comments on Michigan Virtual University.
3. Linda Brundage, no city provided, representing Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, shared comments and written information on guns in schools.

### XVIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Criteria for Section 61c(7) Career and Technical Education Innovation and Equipment Competitive Grant, \$5,000,000; and
- J. Approval of Criteria for Section 61c(1) Designated Secondary Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant, \$7,000,000.

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

- I. Approve the Criteria for Section 61c(7) Career and Technical Education Innovation and Equipment Competitive Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 31, 2017; and**
- J. Approve the Criteria for Section 61c(1) Designated Secondary Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 31, 2017.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### XIX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Weiser said she will be attending the Education Commission of the States meeting on November 28, 2017.

Mrs. Weiser said on November 17, 2017, the National Assessment Governing Board is holding a webcast on current trends in national assessment.

Mrs. Weiser said she has been meeting with entities that endorse gubernatorial candidates asking them to raise education as a priority.

Mr. McMillan said he met with ten local superintendents. He said they appreciated the transparency dashboard, and he is trying to raise awareness through social media. He said he also met with people to discuss special education.

Motions on Senate Bills 584-586 Regarding Guns in Schools

Dr. Ulbrich said there was discussion earlier in the meeting regarding Senate Bills 584-586 regarding guns in schools. She said the Statement on Weapons in Schools was adopted by the State Board of Education on October 13, 2015. She said she is suggesting the Board reaffirm its commitment.

**Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, that the State Board of Education add to the agenda Discussion/Action on a statement on Senate Bills 584-586 regarding guns in schools.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Fecteau – Aye  
McMillin – Abstain  
Pugh – Aye  
Ramos-Montigny – Aye  
Snyder – Abstain  
Ulbrich – Aye  
Weiser – Absent During Vote  
Zeile – Abstain**

**The motion failed.**

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education Legislative Committee draft a statement on Senate Bills 584-586 regarding guns in schools.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Fecteau – Aye  
McMillin – Abstain  
Pugh – Aye  
Ramos-Montigny – Aye  
Snyder – Abstain  
Ulbrich – Aye  
Weiser – Absent During Vote  
Zeile – Abstain**

**The motion failed.**

Dr. Pugh said she appreciates the speaker coming to share comments regarding Native American mascots during public participation. She said it is important to bring all community perspectives together to handle issues sensitively.



Ms. Fecteau said local control is good, but at times oversight is needed. She said rights of minorities can be ignored, and working with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights is wise.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she is interested in issuing a statement from individual Board members on Senate Bills 584-586 regarding guns in schools.

XX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:32 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XXI. COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Mr. Whiston said at the October 10, 2017 State Board of Education Meeting, there were presentations of three local examples related to how districts and schools are personalizing learning through competency-based education in the state of Michigan.

Mr. Whiston said Board members requested further discussion. He said representatives of Kenowa Hills Public Schools, Fraser Public Schools, Oakland Schools and Dexter Community Schools will be presenting their competency-based education programs.

Mr. Whiston said sessions will be in breakout rooms and repeated four times allowing the opportunity for Board members and the public to participate in all sessions.

Following the breakout sessions, Mr. Whiston thanked the presenters for attending the Board meeting to share examples of competency-based education in their districts.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 3:25 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Whiston said Board members may contact him or the Co-Presidents with suggestions for future agenda topics.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, January 9, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, February 13, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting at **WAYNE RESA**
- D. **Wednesday**, March 14, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau  
Secretary