

MINUTES

MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Meeting as Allowed by Public Act 254 of 2020 and
Ingham County Board of Commissioners Resolution #21-219

May 11, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Michael F. Rice, Chairperson
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, President
Dr. Pamela Pugh, Vice President
Ms. Tiffany Tilley, Secretary
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer
Dr. Judith Pritchett, NASBE Delegate, SBE Legislative Committee
Ms. Ellen Cogen Lipton, SBE Legislative Committee Chairperson
Ms. Nikki Snyder, SBE Legislative Committee
Mr. Jason Strayhorn, SBE Legislative Committee
Ms. Patricia Readinger, representing Governor Gretchen Whitmer, ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Owen Bondono, 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Rice called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Dr. Rice said due to the COVID-19 national emergency and in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020 and Ingham County Board of Commissioners Resolution #21-219, the State Board of Education Regular and Committee of the Whole meeting is being convened with remote access technology.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Mr. Strayhorn, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Aye
McMillin – Aye
Pritchett – Aye
Pugh – Aye
Snyder – Aye
Strayhorn – Aye
Tilley – Absent
Ulbrich – Aye**

The motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Rice asked that the members of the State Board of Education be introduced. Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:34 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

V. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Rice called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

VI. EDUCATIONAL UPDATES RELATED TO COVID-19

Dr. Rice shared information on a variety of policy issues affecting pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public education during the pandemic. He said the number of COVID-19 cases has been declining during the past three weeks, following eight weeks of increasing cases. He said as of May 10, 2021, 55% of individuals 16 years or older had received at least one dose of the vaccine.

Dr. Rice spoke of using non-recurring funds to develop gifts that keep giving, and he provided examples.

Ms. Tilley joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

VII. PRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP DISTRICTS

Ms. Gloria Chapman, Interim Director, Office of Partnership Districts, presented on Partnership Districts.

Dr. Rice said the presentation focuses on efforts to support Partnership Districts during the pandemic.

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

Board member comments included supports provided through Regional Assistance Grants, assignment of partnership agreement liaisons, infrastructure needs, examples of literacy efforts and tutorial services in after school programs in partnership districts, partnership agreements establishing and reviewing goals for the district, and the importance of partnerships focusing on the needs of children.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON TOP 10 STRATEGIC EDUCATION PLAN – GOAL TO EXPAND SECONDARY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Ms. Sheila Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Brian Pyles, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education; Ms. Teri Rink, Director, Office of Special Education; and Mr. Victor Bugni, Special Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent of the Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports; presented on the Top 10 Strategic Education Plan – Goal to Expand Secondary Learning Opportunities for All Students.

Dr. Rice said the monthly presentation on the Top 10 Strategic Education Plan will highlight the goal to expand secondary learning opportunities for all students and include data associated with the goal. He said it is an informational presentation that does not require board action.

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

Board member comments included attainment of data for 2020-2021, acceptance of advanced placement courses by colleges, inequity in advanced placement participation, early colleges are a great opportunity, fall statewide survey of career and technical education graduates, dropout cohort representation in the survey, barriers for envisioning early middle college programs, dual enrollment opportunities available out of state, the decline in participation of African American students in career and technical education programs, and offering a welcoming atmosphere.

IX. REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The agenda was reordered to maximize the use of time.

Mr. Owen Bondono, the 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented his report. Mr. Bondono, is an English language arts teacher at the Oak Park Freshman Institute in Oak Park.

Mr. Bondono introduced Ms. Liz Honeysett, Region 7 Teacher of the Year, from Portage Public Schools Community District. Ms. Honeysett is an art and technology teacher at Portage Central High School.

Mr. Bondono and Ms. Honeysett shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting mentoring, advocacy, and support for students who are facing challenges. Ms. Honeysett said her goal for students is self-sufficiency, student choice, student voice, autonomy, and leadership. She said teaching is the most important job in the world.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:21 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Ms. Chelsee Wade, East Lansing, Michigan, provided comments and written information on a slavery assignment in East Lansing Public Schools.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:28 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XIII. PRESENTATION BY EASTERSEALS MICHIGAN

Mr. Brent Wirth, President and Chief Executive Officer, Easterseals Michigan; Ms. Jennifer Thayer, Program Manager, Easterseals Michigan; Ms. Uriel Stephens, Director of Family Services, Easterseals Michigan; Ms. Heather Wiley, Special Services Supervisor, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools; and Ms. Susan Benson, Program Director of Community Programs and Special Populations, Oakland Schools; presented on Easterseals Michigan.

Dr. Rice said the presentation from Easterseals Michigan focuses on the work that is being done in schools throughout Michigan to provide mental health services to students who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and other mental health issues due to the pandemic.

Information was shared via PowerPoint presentation.

Board member comments included relationships among partner organizations, successful partnership programs during the pandemic, mental health protocols in schools, prioritizing parental role, funding for mental health, and secondary trauma and mental health of teachers.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 2:27 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2021

Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Dr. Pritchett, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2021.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Lipton – Aye
McMillin – Aye
Pritchett – Aye
Pugh – Aye
Snyder – Aye
Strayhorn – Aye
Tilley – Aye
Ulbrich – Aye

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Ulbrich said she will forego the Report of the President. She said legislative action on accountability related to assessment is still pending.

XVII. REPORT OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

F. Human Resources Report

G. Report on Co-sponsorships

H. Report on Teacher Certification Revocation Decision

Grants

G. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2020-2021 Growing MI Educators- Precollegiate Planning Grant (Proud Future Michigan Educators) – Initial; \$860,000 (Educator Excellence - Leah Breen)
2. 2020-2021 Michigan Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant – Initial; \$3,040,000 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
3. 2020-2021 Section 104(16) – Distance Learning Study – Initial; \$150,000 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
4. 2020-2021 Section 31n(9) – Initial; \$1,000,000 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
5. 2020-2021 Team Nutrition 21 – School Meal Recipe Development – Initial; \$5,100 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
6. 2020-2021 Title IV – Student Support and Academic Enrichment – Initial; \$84,820 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)

7. 2020-2021 E-Rate Enhancement Special Construction Matching Fund – Initial; \$50,258 (Systems, Evaluation, and Technology - David Judd)
8. 2020-2021 Mandated Activities Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Amendment; Continuation; \$1,645,614 (Early Childhood Development & Family Education – Noel Kelty)
9. 2020-2021 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program – Initial; \$50,000 (Career and Technical Education – Brian Pyles)

Dr. Rice said he will forego the Report of the State Superintendent.

XVIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs; Ms. Ellen Lipton, Chairperson, State Board of Education Legislative Committee; and Dr. Judith Pritchett, Delegate, National Association of State Boards of Education; provided the State and Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Ackley provided an update on legislation and funding.

Ms. Lipton, Chairperson, State Board of Education Legislative Committee, said the committee did not meet during the past month due to scheduling conflicts. She asked board members to send potential agenda topics to Dr. Rice and copy Mr. Ackley. Ms. Lipton invited board members who provided testimony to the legislature to report, and no one reported.

Dr. Pritchett, Delegate to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), said she and Dr. Ulbrich, as members of the NASBE Public Education Positions Committee, continue to work on four policy statements to be voted upon during the annual conference in October.

XIX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Pugh said she, Ms. Lipton, and Ms. Tilley had the opportunity to speak with the Benton Harbor community via Zoom.

Dr. Pugh shared statistics related to low vaccination rates among underrepresented populations.

Dr. Pugh said it is all hands on deck for solutions to alleviate the teacher shortage and provide safe learning environments.

XX. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday May 18, 2021 Work Session at 9:30 a.m.
- B. Tuesday June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- C. Tuesday August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

XXI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Dr. Rice asked Board members if there were additional agenda topics they would like to be considered for future meeting agendas. He said they may contact Mrs. Schneider or himself to offer topics.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned a 2:50 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available on Michigan's State Board of Education website (www.michigan.gov/sbe).

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Tilley
Secretary