

Minutes

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION

Virtual Meeting as Allowed by
Executive Directive 2020-2 and Executive Order 2020-75

May 20, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Michael F. Rice, Chairperson
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, President
Dr. Pamela Pugh, Vice President
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer
Ms. Tiffany Tilley, NASBE Delegate
Dr. Judy Pritchett, SBE Legislative Committee Co-Chairperson
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny, SBE Legislative Committee Chairperson
Ms. Nikki Snyder, SBE Legislative Committee Member
Ms. Brandy Johnson, representing Governor Gretchen Whitmer, ex officio

Staff Present: Ms. Sheila Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Mr. Kyle Guerrant, 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
Dr. Sue Carnell, Chief of Staff
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
Mr. Mike Flaminio, Department Specialist
Ms. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive
Ms. Karen Carefoot, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Michael F. Rice, Chairperson and State Superintendent called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

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

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Fecteau – Aye
McMillin – Aye
Pritchett – Aye
Pugh – Aye
Ramos-Montigny – Aye
Snyder – Aye
Tilley – Absent
Ulbrich – Aye**

The motion carried.

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

Dr. Rice asked Ms. Schneider to introduce the members of the Board, and she did so.

IV. DIGITAL DIVIDE – COMPUTERS AND CONNECTIVITY

Dr. Rice introduced Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Operations, and Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student & School Supports, and they shared information on the Digital Divide via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

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

Discussion followed.

V. NEXT YEAR

Dr. Rice shared information on planning for next year during the COVID-19 emergency via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

VI. STRATEGIC EDUCATION PLAN

Dr. Rice introduced Ms. Sheila Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent, and Ms. Kelly Siciliano Carter, Director of Strategic Planning and Implementation, and they shared information on the Strategic Education Plan via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Discussion followed.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. McMillin shared his thoughts supporting the decision that the full court of appeals will rehear Gary B. et al. v. Gretchen Whitmer et al., as announced on May 19, 2020.

Ms. Snyder said definitions of each goal and strategy of the Strategic Education Plan should be shared.

Dr. Pamela Pugh said the people of mid-Michigan who are experiencing the current flood emergency are in her thoughts and prayers.

Dr. Pamela Pugh asked if there is any information on Avondale Academy, which is considering becoming a virtual school. She said it may be a local issue.

Ms. Fecteau said improving special education needs to be a focus of the Strategic Education Plan.

Ms. Fecteau shared her thoughts in opposition to the decision that the full court of appeals will rehear Gary B. et al v. Gretchen Whitmer et. al, as announced on May 19, 2020.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

IX. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, June 9, 2020 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, August 11, 2020 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary