

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

April 10, 2018
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 (via telephone)
Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate
Dr. Pamela Pugh
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Eileen Weiser
Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

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

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Zeile called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Dr. Zeile said he will be chairing the morning portion of the meeting in the absence of State Superintendent Brian Whiston.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

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

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: McMillin, Pugh, Ramos-Montigny, Snyder, Ulbrich, Weiser,
Zeile**

Absent: Fecteau

The motion carried.

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

1. Information on Special Education Advisory Committee Members-At-Large

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

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

Ms. Fecteau arrived at 9:36 a.m.

Dr. Zeile asked for the introduction of new employees.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Operations, introduced Ms. Kari Day from the Office of Health and Nutrition Services.

Ms. Shulawn Doxie, Interim Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Dr. Bryan Pyles, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education.

Ms. Sheila Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent, introduced Mr. Scott Blakeney, Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Implementation.

Ms. Alles said Ms. Linda Forward is serving as the Senior Executive Policy Advisor; and Dr. Paula Daniels is the Director of School, Student and District Supports.

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

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:39 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Zeile called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

VII. PRESENTATION OF THE MICHIGAN 2017-2018 MILKEN AWARD WINNER

Dr. Zeile said in February, Chief Deputy Superintendent Sheila Alles and State Board of Education Treasurer Tom McMillin helped announce the Michigan 2017-2018 Milken Educator. He said Neal Cronkite, a 5th grade math and science teacher at Washington Woods Middle School in Holt Public Schools, is the recipient of this year's award.

Dr. Zeile congratulated Mr. Cronkite and invited Ms. Leah Breen, Director of the Office of Educator Excellence, to the table to introduce Neal Cronkite and share additional information.

Ms. Breen introduced Mr. Neal Cronkite and his guests: Jenny Cronkite, Neal's wife; Mr. Walt Sutterlin, Principal, Washington Woods Middle School; and Dr. David Hornak, Superintendent, Holt Public Schools.

A video presentation of the announcement was shown, and a *Milken Educator Awards* booklet was distributed.

Dr. Zeile and Dr. Ulbrich presented the Milken award to Mr. Cronkite.

Mr. Cronkite thanked the Board and shared comments.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON CAREER READINESS INITIATIVE/MARSHALL PLAN FOR TALENT

Ms. Wendy Larvick, Chief of Staff, State Superintendent's Office; and Mr. Tyler Sawher, Senior Strategy Advisor for Education and Career Connections, Executive Office, presented on the Career Readiness Initiative/Marshall Plan for Talent.

Dr. Zeile said the Marshall Plan calls for investing \$100 million in innovative programs to revolutionize Michigan's talent and education system. He said it will support schools that want to transform education through programs like competency-based certification, world-class curricula and classroom equipment, scholarships and stipends, and support for career navigators and teachers. He said the funding will complement the more than \$225 million in funding dedicated to ongoing talent development efforts in Michigan.

Dr. Zeile said this aligns with the goals and strategies to make Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years, and the Michigan Pathways Alliance launched last summer. He said the Board and Department will continue to work hand-in-hand with the Governor to provide opportunity to all Michigan students.

Information was shared via a PowerPoint presentation.

Board member comments included the Board's role in the Marshall Plan, competency-based and project based learning, mastery learning, teacher student relationships, oversight structures, sustained funding from businesses, stackable credentials, grade levels involved, diversion of focus from other subjects, low participation rates of students of color, removing barriers, parental support and perception, first do no harm – ensuring fundamental change/reform leads to advancement, role of community colleges, parental preference for mastery learning, and apprenticeship programs sponsored by labor unions.

IX. PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL SAFETY

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Michigan Department of Education; Captain Chris Kelenske, Michigan State Police; Ms. Nancy Becker Bennett, Grants and Community Services Division, Michigan State Police; Superintendent Tom Livezey, Oakridge Public Schools; Sheriff Mike Poulin, Muskegon County; Chief of Police Jon Gale, Norton Shores; Superintendent John Severson, Muskegon Intermediate School District; presented on School Safety.

Dr. Zeile said the comprehensive presentation on school safety includes information on procedures, partnerships, facilities and relationships. He said school safety is a group effort, as represented by the team assembled to share information.

The presentation team shared information and written materials from Oakridge Public Schools and Muskegon Area Intermediate School District as well as state, county and local law enforcement.

Board member comments included new construction codes for security upgrades, disappearance of child's innocence related to emergency preparedness efforts, funding for infrastructure and training, prevention resources, state contracts for emergency notification/preparedness, reportable incidences of assaults on school property, school to prison pipeline, school resource officers, restraint and seclusion, guidelines for school resource officers surrounding people with mental health concerns, foundation grant and funding for health and safety, cultural sensitivity, integration of resources, Partnership Districts, and relevance to Top 10 in 10.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:03 p.m., at which time Co-President Casandra Ulbrich chaired the afternoon portion of the meeting

Mr. Whiston joined the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Linda L. Cypret-Kilbourne, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, from Marshall, Michigan, provided an update on mascots.
2. Ivy Bell, Sabrina Floros, and Kelly Oosterink, Ferris State University students, provided comments and written information on a policy proposal for human trafficking prevention education in Michigan high schools.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XIII. PRESENTATION ON STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION AND PRACTICE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports; Ms. Leah Breen, Director, Educator Excellence; and Mr. Alex Clark, Consultant, Education Excellence; presented Standards for the Preparation and Practice of School Psychologists.

Dr. Ulbrich said the Standards for the Preparation and Practice of School Psychologists were created using national standards for school psychologists. She said they support the Top 10 in 10 Strategic Goal 3 to develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce. She said this set of standards will replace the roles and competencies previously identified in administrative rules and will guide the preparation and practice of school psychologists. She said there will be a period of public comment and a request for approval at the June State Board of Education meeting.

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

Board member comments included ratio of school psychologists to students, scope of school psychology, role of school psychologists, and number of Michigan schools with school psychologists.

XIV. PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports; Ms. Leah Breen, Director, Educator Excellence; and Ms. Krista Ried, Supervisor, Education Excellence; presented School Counselor Professional Development Standards.

Dr. Ulbrich said in response to an amendment to MCL 380.1233, and in collaboration with the Office of Talent and Economic Development (TED), the Michigan Department of Education recently convened stakeholders to draft professional development standards for the renewal of school counselor credentials. She said professional learning must include at least 25 hours focused on college preparation and selection and at least 25 hours with a focus on career planning including 5 clock hours of military career options. She said there will be a period of public comment and a request for approval at the June State Board of Education meeting.

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

Board member comments included professional learning for school counselors, the need for both career and school (social) counselors, professional learning as part of the 150 hours to renew certification, deadline for certification is 2020, and targeted communications to teachers regarding the change.

XV. PRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT MODEL UPDATE

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports; and Dr. Dedrick Martin, School Reform Officer and Director of the Office of Partnership Districts, presented Partnership District Model Updates.

Dr. Ulbrich said the presentation is a monthly update on the Partnership District Model.

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

Board member comments included public transparency of partnership agreements, tracking progress on student performance, learning from the partnership process, don't rush to closure – growth is sometimes slow, no child should be in a failing school environment, adult problems affecting children, adjusting plans, helping districts think outside of the box, amount of time being spent in schools assisting partnership districts, and the effects of testing.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Sawher left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XVII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

G. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 14, 2018

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 14, 2018.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

H. Approval of Minutes of Closed Session of March 14, 2018

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Closed Session of March 14, 2018.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Zeile said there has been passionate call for improvement in Michigan education. He said the focus has sometimes been the decline of Michigan's National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores during the past ten years, which has coincided with facts that are not often mentioned. He said during that time kindergarten entry dates were inconsistent across states, and Michigan kindergarteners were five percent younger translating to a developmental lag. He said Michigan also lost population during the past ten years, and many families leaving the state were following jobs. He said solutions must identify the sources of the problems. He said Board members are paying close attention to the proposals and the analyses being put forth.

Dr. Ulbrich said she would forgo her report.

XIX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- I. Human Resources Report
- J. Report on Approved Changes to the Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency County Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- K. Report on Grant Awards
 - 1. 2016-2017 Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program – Amendment; \$2,165,777
 - 2. 2016-2017 Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program - Amendment; \$2,170,463
 - 3. 2017-2018 Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \$458,073,207
 - 4. 2017-2018 Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \$458,414,907

5. 2017-2018 Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction - Amendment; \$74,388,129
6. 2017-2018 Title III, Immigrant Student Grant - Amendment; \$1,893,555
7. 2017-2018 Van Andel Education Institute - Initial; \$150,000
8. 2017-2018 Great Start Parent Coalitions Trusted Advisors Grants - Initial; \$2,214,664
9. 2017-2018 Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge - Amendment; Continuation; \$5,836,973
10. 2017-2018 Section 31b - Balanced Calendar Instructional Program Grant - Competitive; \$1,250,000
11. 2017-2018 Flint Backpack Program - Initial; \$684,950
12. 2017-2018 Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agencies, and Local Communities - Amendment; \$1,247,914
13. 2017-2018 Evaluation for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program - Initial; Continuation; \$367,968
14. 2017-2018 Statewide Systems Collaboration for Technical Assistance Supports Grant for 21st CCLC - Initial; Continuation; \$150,000
15. 2017-2018 Training and Technical Assistance for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program - Initial; Continuation; \$607,025

Mr. Whiston provided a verbal report on the Shared Education Vision workgroup, the Partnership Model, and collaboration with the Office of Talent and Economic Development (TED).

XX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. Wilcox presented on teacher leadership. Mr. Wilcox said he, Mrs. Weiser, and Dr. Zeile attended the 2018 Michigan Prosperity Solutions Summit hosted by Bridge Magazine, which was held in Detroit on March 22.

XXI. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Mr. Ackley said the Board's Legislative Committee met on March 29, 2018. He said the Committee discussed the package of bills related to teacher preparation. He reported on the progress of the budget.

Mrs. Weiser said the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) is releasing the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) report card today.

Discussion followed regarding teacher preparation legislation and assuring safe water in Flint.

Ms. Snyder deferred the report on National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) to Ms. Ramos-Montigny. Ms. Ramos-Montigny said NASBE is requesting nominations for NASBE awards. She said Board members received the information from NASBE.

Ms. Fecteau moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, that the State Board of Education nominate Brian Whiston for the Policy Leader of the Year Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education nominate Earl Cureton for the Friend of Education Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion regarding nominations for the Distinguished Service Award, there was consensus that the Board would not submit a nomination for that category.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Ms. Fecteau said National Pay Equity Day is April 12.

Dr. Ulbrich said she will not be attending the State Board of Education meeting on May 8th.

Dr. Ulbrich suggested a presentation by The Henry Ford on the Michigan Invention Convention.

Mr. McMillin thanked his colleagues for their kindness during his recent illness. He said he is recovering well.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she would like to remain on the selection committee for the Michigan Teacher of the Year. She said if it is possible to have two State Board of Education members on the committee, she would join Ms. Fecteau. Mr. Whiston said he will discuss it with the Co-Presidents.

Dr. Zeile said he attended the 20th anniversary of the Dearborn Academy. He said it is a wonderful example of educational choice.

Dr. Pugh said she attended a FIRST Robotics competition, and she was very impressed.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny asked for assistance in addressing a testing question from a constituent.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Dr. Ulbrich said Board members may contact the Co-Presidents with suggestions for future agenda topics.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, May 8, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, May 22, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) State Board of Education Retreat
James B. Henry Center for Executive Development, Michigan State University
- C. Tuesday, June 12, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- D. Tuesday, August 14, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary