

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

December 12, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Co-President
Dr. Richard Zeile, Co-President
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer
Dr. Pamela Pugh
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Eileen Weiser (via telephone)
Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Absent: Mr. Brian J. Whiston, Chairman
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary
Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate

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

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Ulbrich called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m. She said the Co-Presidents of the State Board of Education will be chairing the meeting in the absence of Mr. Whiston. She said she will be chairing the morning session, and Dr. Zeile will chair the afternoon session.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, 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, Ulbrich, Weiser, Zeile
Absent: Fecteau, Snyder**

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.

Dr. Ulbrich asked Deputy Superintendents to introduce new employees.

Ms. Broman, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Ms. Dana Billings working in the Office of Special Education.

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports, introduced Ms. Shoua Vang working in the Office of Field Services; and Ms. Gina Garner working in the Office of Professional Preparation Services.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Operations, introduced Ms. Carri Fox from the Office of State Aid and School Finance.

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

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:02 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

V. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Ulbrich called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

VI. PRESENTATION ON TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD UPDATES

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports; and Mr. Chris Janzer, Assistant Director, Educational Assessment and Accountability; presented Transparency Dashboard Updates.

Dr. Ulbrich said the presentation covers several updates related to work on the Every Student Succeeds Act Transparency Dashboard, including a general status update. She said there will be monthly updates on the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency.

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

Board member comments included differentiation of support staff, tutorial videos on how to use the website, increasing response rates from some populations, continuous quality improvement, grandparent input, input from parents in partnership districts, opportunity for school to explain data, school points of pride, user metrics, and distribution to Hispanic-speaking radio stations and newspapers.

VII. PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTARY ON STATE OF TEACHER PREPARATION: RESEARCH AND STORIES FROM EARLY YEARS IN THE CLASSROOM

Ms. Leah Breen, Director, Professional Preparation Services, presented the *Documentary on State of Teacher Preparation: Research and Stories from Early Years in the Classroom*.

Dr. Ulbrich said the documentary follows three novice teachers in Metro Detroit as they face the challenges and triumphs of the education profession. She said their experiences draw parallels to current research on preparing and supporting new teachers including the importance of quality preparation, clinical experience and ongoing mentorship.

Dr. Ulbrich said the video also features veteran teachers, school leaders, researchers and leaders from teacher preparation programs and the Michigan Department of Education, who discuss evidence-based best practices for new teacher preparation and support, as well as ideas for continued improvement.

Dr. Ulbrich said the video was produced by Detroit Public Television in partnership with the Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest and its Midwest Alliance to improve Teacher Preparation.

Ms. Breen introduced the video and welcomed audience members, Mr. Rich Homberg, President and Chief Executive Officer, Detroit Public Television; and Ms. Jennifer Lewis, Wayne State University.

The video was shown.

Board member comments included teacher mentoring in partnership agreements, positive things happening in the classroom, class size, benefits of team teaching, varying degrees of mentoring in schools, and professional learning as a priority for 21st Century Education Commission.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Dr. Maryann Suero, Environmental Health Scientist, Children's Health Program Manager, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, presented on Environmental Impacts on Students in Schools.

Dr. Ulbrich said the presentation focuses on promoting children's environmental health in Michigan schools. She welcomed Dr. Suero who shared basic concepts regarding children's environmental health.

Dr. Suero distributed trifold on "Resources for Children's Environmental Health and Healthy Learning Environments" and "The Great Lakes Center for Children's Environmental Health," and a PowerPoint presentation was shown.

Board members comments included school siting, safe drinking water, State Board of Education Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance, establishing policy without burdening schools, wholistic approach, toxicity levels, hierarchy of environmental testing, likelihood of exposure, proactive rather than crisis management, and resource materials on website.

Mrs. Weiser ended her telephone connection at 12:06 p.m.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:06 p.m., and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:04 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

X. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MS. LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny introduced Dr. Alesia Flye, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Chief Academic Officer, Macomb Intermediate School District.

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Linda Brundage, representing the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, from East Lansing, Michigan, provided comments on weapons in schools.
2. Kim Jones, representing Concerned Citizens of Paw Paw from Paw Paw, Michigan, provided comments on the Paw Paw Redskin school logo.

XII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- E. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 14, 2017

Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 14, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:15 p.m., to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XIV. PRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP DISTRICTS UPDATE

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations; and Dr. Paula Daniels, Interim Director, Office of Partnership Districts; presented the Partnership Districts Update.

Dr. Zeile said the presentation covers several updates related to Partnership District work.

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

Board member comments included difference in scale, examples of external partners, testing of students, mindset to try new things, mentorships, teacher turnover, Parent Dashboard for School Transparency presented to parents in Partnership Districts, engaging innovation, and funding for Partnership Districts.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 1:50 p.m., and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVI. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Zeile said he continues to follow Dr. Nikolai Vitti's work as Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools Community District. He said he is impressed with Dr. Vitti's vision and leadership.

XVII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- F. Human Resources Report
- G. Report on Property Transfer
- H. Report on Approved Changes to the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- I. Report on the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- J. Report on Grant Awards
 - 1. 2017-2018 Section 35a(5) Additional Instructional Time and Interventions - Amendment; \$20,564,250

2. 2017-2018 Section 35a(5) Additional Instructional Time and Interventions - Initial; \$18,989,670
3. 2017-2018 Section 35a(6) The Michigan Education Corps Grant - Initial; \$2,500,000
4. 2017-2018 Project AWARE to Advance Wellness and Resilience in Education - Initial; \$316,498
5. 2017-2018 Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agencies, & Local Communities - Initial; \$1,247,914
6. 2017-2018 Teen Health Centers - Initial; \$6,057,300
7. 2017-2018 Vision/Hearing Screening - Initial; \$5,150,000
8. 2017-2018 Section 61a(5) - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Counselor Competitive Grant - Initial; \$1,000,000
9. 2017-2018 Section 61a(6) - CTE Education Counselors Designated Grant - Initial; \$160,000
10. 2017-2018 Section 61s(4), Culinary Arts Program - Initial; \$79,000
11. 2017-2018 IDEA, Part B Grant Funded Initiatives - Amendment; \$21,175,000
12. 2017-2018 Allocation of Title I School Improvement Funds to Support Regional Assistance to Priority and Focus Schools - Initial; \$12,504,825
13. 2017-2018 ISD Collaboration Grant - Amendment; \$310,000
14. 2016-2017 Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants: Section 11s(3)- Nutritional Services-Supplemental - Initial; \$382,500
15. 2017-2018 Flint Declaration of Emergency Section 401 - Summer Food Service Program Nutrition Grant - Amendment; \$1,099,183
16. 2017-2018 School Climate Transformation - Initial; \$313,000
17. 2017-2018 USDA Farm to School Grant - Initial; \$49,793
18. 2016-2017 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Regional Intermediate School District (ISD) Partnership Grant - Amendment; \$638,140

19. 2017-2018 ESSA Title IX, McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Grant - Initial; \$1,961,476
20. 2017-2018 Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \$457,672,910
21. 2017-2018 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Programs - Amendment; \$3,629,792
22. 2017-2018 Title I, Part C, Migrant Education Program Identification and Recruitment Centers - Initial; \$490,000
23. 2017-2018 Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, Local Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Youth - Initial; \$6,497,165
24. 2017-2018 Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction - Amendment; \$67,265,652
25. 2017-2018 Title III, English Language Acquisition - Amendment; \$9,353,185
26. 2017-2018 Title III, Immigrant Student Grant - Initial; \$1,666,076
27. 2017-2018 Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 Rural and Low-income Schools - Initial; \$2,228,050
28. 2017-2018 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Preschool Indicators Grant - Initial; Continuation; \$250,000

Dr. Zeile said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos approved Michigan's plan to implement the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). He thanked the hundreds of stakeholders who helped develop the plan, and Michigan Department of Education staff who worked tirelessly to compile the information.

Dr. Zeile congratulated Dr. Pamela Pugh, who was appointed to the Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee by Governor Rick Snyder. Dr. Zeile said Dr. Pugh's strong background in public health and environmental health will be a great asset to the committee.

XVIII. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. Wilcox shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding data points on student achievement levels.

XIX. APPROVAL OF MODEL CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations; and Ms. Aimee Alaniz, Supervisor, School Health and Safety Programs; presented Approval of Model Code of Student Conduct.

Dr. Zeile said the 2014 Model Code of Student Conduct has been updated to reflect recent changes in legislation that went into effect in August of 2017. He said a presentation to the Board occurred at the June 12, 2017 meeting, followed by a period for public comment. He said Board approval is being requested at today's meeting.

Mr. Guerrant summarized the revisions to the document.

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Model Code of Student Conduct, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 28, 2017.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Sawher left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the third bullet point, Collaborative For Social and Emotional Learning, <http://www.casel.org/guide/> on page iv of the preamble be removed from the document.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend.

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

The motion to amend failed.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion failed.

XX. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Mr. Ackley provided an update on current legislation. He said the Board's Legislative Committee met on November 30, 2017.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny provided an update of Board's Legislative Committee meeting. She said pending legislation regarding mascots was discussed, and the bills are not moving at this time.

Dr. Pugh asked, and it was unknown, if the Michigan Department of Civil Rights has a position on the mascot legislation.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said there was discussion regarding statements on weapons in schools. She said Dr. Pugh and she introduced a statement, and Ms. Snyder and Mrs. Weiser introduced a statement. She said each section of both statements was discussed and Mr. Ackley took a whip vote on each section. Mr. Ackley read the statements and results of the whip vote.

Dr. Zeile asked if the Board's Legislative Committee is making a recommendation, and no recommendation was made.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said legislation regarding weapons in schools has passed the Senate and is in the House Judiciary Committee. She and Mr. Ackley said there is no indication that the legislation will move this year.

XXI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Pugh wished her colleagues happy holidays, and thanked them for their good work.

XXII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

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

XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, January 9, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, February 9, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting at Wayne RESA
- C. Wednesday, March 14, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- D. Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ulbrich moved, Mr. McMillin seconded, that the State Board of Education meeting be adjourned.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 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