

## **MINUTES**

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

February 12, 2019  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Ms. Sheila A. Alles, 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. Judith Pritchett  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny (via telephone, unable to vote)  
Ms. Nikki Snyder  
Mr. Josh Neyhart, representing Governor Gretchen Whitmer, ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Laura Chang, 2018-2019 Michigan Teacher of the Year

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Alles called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

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

**Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that the State Board of Education add to the agenda, following the State and Federal Legislative Update, a resolution to give President Casandra Ulbrich authority to work with the Attorney General's office on the letter grade statute.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pritchett, Pugh, Snyder  
Absent: Tilley, Ulbrich**

**The motion carried.**

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, 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.

**Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pritchett, Pugh, Snyder**  
**Absent: Tilley, Ulbrich**

**The motion carried.**

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

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

Ms. Alles asked that new employees be introduced.

Mr. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Finance and Operations, introduced Mr. Scott Martin from the Office of Health and Nutrition Services.

Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Ms. Cindy Keller from the Office of Special Education.

Dr. Bill Pearson, State School Reform Officer and Director of the Office of Partnership Districts, introduced Ms. Kim Davis from the Office of Partnership Districts.

Ms. Alles invited the audience members to introduce themselves.

Ms. Alles asked audience members to 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 9:55 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

V. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Alles called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

VI. PRESENTATION ON PERKINS V TRANSITION YEAR

Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions; Dr. Brian Pyles, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education; and Ms. Marcia Black-Watson, Division Administrator, Talent and Economic Development Department of Michigan; presented on the Perkins V Transition Year.

Ms. Alles said the presentation is on the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, as amended. She said the purpose of Perkins V is to develop the academic knowledge, technical and employability skills of secondary education students and postsecondary education students who elect to enroll in career and technical education programs. She said the transition year of 2019-2020 provides the State with adequate time to fully develop the Perkins V State Plan. She said Board approval will be requested at a future meeting.

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

Board member comments included schools meeting demands of industry, need for broad liberal arts education, meaningful lives and careers for students, combination of federal labor and education departments, preparing students of color for careers, opportunities for high poverty and special education students, encouraging of modifications of programs for special education students, growing existing talent development programs, budgeting to reach goals, paid internships, student debt and lack of health care, preparing students for financial responsibility, education and training career clusters, long-term livable wage and job retention, follow-up data after five years, and a generation motivated by social responsibility and passion.

#### VII. PRESENTATION ON PARENT DASHBOARD FOR SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY PHASE II UPDATES

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student and School Supports; and Mr. Chris Janzer, Assistant Director, Education Assessment and Accountability; presented on Parent Dashboard for School Transparency Phase II Updates.

Ms. Alles said the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency went live in January 2018 as a way to share information about schools that was easy for parents to understand. She said since the launch last year, the team at the Michigan Department of Education and the Center for Educational Performance and Information have been working on additions and improvements to the site, based on the policy approved by the State Board in 2017.

Information was shared via a [PowerPoint presentation](#), and demonstration of the portal.

Board member comments included information on the dashboard empowering parents of students struggling with literacy skills, appropriate accountability reports, update on student suspension data, data analysis by subgroup in the future, and reporting inaccuracies in data.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL DISCIPLINE LAW

Ms. Peri Stone-Palmquist, Executive Director, The Student Advocacy Center; Mr. Charles Hobbs, Senior Staff Attorney, Street Democracy; and Ms. Kristin Totten, Education Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan; presented on Implementation of School Discipline Law.

Ms. Alles introduced the presenters who shared information via a PowerPoint presentation and document titled, *Update on "Rethink Discipline" Implementation*.

Board member comments included access to data on arrest ratios for females and males by ethnicity, presentation by Flint Community Schools Superintendent Derrick Lopez on whole child, more police incident calls when schools are closed and consolidated, goal of reducing violence and bringing safety and stability to schools, students coming to school with trauma related to assault, penalties or incentives, systemic issue, educating parents, revisit Model Code of Student Conduct and Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education, and effects of rolling back civil rights protections.

IX. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

Mr. McMillin said he will delay his questions regarding criteria for grant programs until later in the meeting.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 12:25 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XI. VOTE TO CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that the State Board of Education meet in closed session under §8(h), MCL 15.268 of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under §13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act; specifically, information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege; as well as to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation as specified in §8(h), MCL 15.268 of the Open Meetings Act.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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| <b>Fecteau</b>        | <b>Aye</b>                           |
| <b>McMillin</b>       | <b>Aye</b>                           |
| <b>Pritchett</b>      | <b>Aye</b>                           |
| <b>Pugh</b>           | <b>Aye</b>                           |
| <b>Ramos-Montigny</b> | <b>via telephone, unable to vote</b> |
| <b>Snyder</b>         | <b>Aye</b>                           |
| <b>Tilley</b>         | <b>Aye</b>                           |
| <b>Ulbrich</b>        | <b>Aye</b>                           |

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 12:26 p.m. at which time the Board met in closed session until 1:40 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 1:45 p.m.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Ruben Martinez from East Lansing, Michigan, representing MI ALMA, provided comments and written information regarding Latino student pathways to college.
2. Susan Coronado from Lansing, Michigan; and Michael Obuchi from Kentwood, Michigan; representing MI ALMA, provided comments on Exito Educativo educational programming for Latinos.
3. Megan Schrauben from Lansing, Michigan, representing MiSTEM Network; and Chris Velasquez from Midland, Michigan, representing MiSTEM Advisory Council; provided comments and written information on the MiSTEM Council Report and the MiSTEM Network.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XIV. UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIP DISTRICTS

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Dr. Bill Pearson, State School Reform Officer and Director of the Office of Partnership Districts; and Mr. Dan LaDue, Supervisor, Office of Partnership Districts; presented the Update from the Office of Partnership Districts.

Ms. Alles said the presentation includes updates on the Review of Goal Attainment process, the Focused Assistance and Support Team (FAST) move to the Cadillac Place in Detroit, and Benton Harbor Area Schools' Cooperative Agreement.

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

Board member comments included definition of off track, standardization of rubric used and how it fits the meeting, were adjustments needed, revising goals leading to the community saying things have gotten better, and measuring parent satisfaction via a third party.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:20 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### XVI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 8, 2019

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 8, 2019.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pritchett, Pugh, Snyder, Tilley, Ulbrich**

**The motion carried.**

### XVII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Ulbrich said she had the opportunity to do interviews with WPHN in Port Huron, Michigan Radio and Michigan Advance.

Dr. Ulbrich said on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day she and Dr. Pritchett attended a presentation and dinner at Dakota High School, Chippewa Valley Schools, in Macomb. She said on January 26, they spoke to school board members at a Finance and Law Seminar on the role and philosophy of the State Board of Education.

### XVIII. REPORT OF THE INTERIM STATE SUPERINTENDENT

#### Reports

G. Human Resources Report

H. Report on Cosponsorship

#### Grants

I. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2017-2018 Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, Local Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Youth – Amendment; \$6,509,700 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
2. 2018-2019 Section 25h – Jobs for Michigan Grads – Initial; \$100,000 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
3. 2018-2019 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program Identification and Recruitment Centers – Initial; \$490,000 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
4. 2018-2019 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Programs – Amendment; \$3,787,711 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)

5. 2017-2018 Application for School Bus Driver Safety Education Program – Amendment; \$2,025,000 (Financial Management – Ann Richmond)

Ms. Alles shared a verbal report on the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators conference, snow days, introductory meetings with legislators, and a transition plan for the next State Superintendent.

XIX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Laura Chang, 2018-2019 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Chang presented a mid-year update on the work she has done as Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Robyne Muray, Region 6 Teacher of the Year, a teacher of English, Language Arts and History in Eastern High School in Lansing, Michigan, presented on Region 6 activities.

XX. DISCUSSION ON STATE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Dr. Casandra Ulbrich, President of the Board, provided an update on the State Superintendent Search.

Dr. Ulbrich said State Board of Education members will be asked to submit available dates for Special Meetings to review applications and conduct interviews for the State Superintendent.

The presentation continued later in the meeting.

XXI. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Mr. Ackley said there have been organizational meetings in the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate to name the members and establish rules for the committee.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny, Chairperson, State Board of Education Legislative Committee, said the Committee met on Tuesday, January 29. She said members are Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Snyder and Ms. Tilley.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny distributed a written report, which she reviewed.

Ms. Fecteau asked for an update on the budget.

Ms. Tilley, NASBE Delegate, said she and Dr. Pritchett will be attending the NASBE new member training on June 13-14, 2019.

XXII. RESOLUTION TO GIVE PRESIDENT AUTHORITY TO WORK WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON THE LETTER GRADE STATUTE

This item was added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education designate President Casandra Ulbrich to discuss Subsection 1280g of 2018 Public Act 601, pertaining to the statewide system of public school accountability measurement, also known as A-F, with the Michigan Department of Attorney General; authorize President Casandra Ulbrich to request on behalf of the Board an Attorney General opinion on the legality of 1280g as needed; and to give direction to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction on how to proceed consistent with the pendency of any requested opinion on behalf of the Board.**

Mr. McMillin said he trusts Dr. Ulbrich to have conversations with the Attorney General's office. He said this is an area of agreement among members of the State Board of Education.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pritchett, Pugh, Snyder, Tilley, Ulbrich**

**The motion carried.**

XXIII. DISCUSSION ON STATE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH (continued)

Dr. Ulbrich welcomed Mr. Michael Collins, Regional Search Associate, Ray & Associates, Inc. Mr. Collins joined the meeting via telephone. He provided an update on the State Superintendent Search.

XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA

L. Approval of Criteria for Grants in the Supplemental School Aid Act.

M. Approval of Criteria for Section 99s(6) – MiSTEM Network Regional Support for the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

**Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Dr. Pritchett, that the State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

**L. approve the Criteria for Grants in the Supplemental School Aid Act, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2019; and**



**M. approve the Criteria for Section 99s(6) – MiSTEM Network Regions Support for the Michigan Merit Curriculum, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 29, 2019.**

Mr. McMillin asked if grants for specific entities were narrowed by the legislature. Mr. Guerrant said that is correct.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Fecteau, Pritchett, Pugh, Tilley, Ulbrich**  
**Nays: McMillin, Snyder**

**The motion carried.**

XXV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Ulbrich said she would like the Board to have presentations on school funding and school finance including how schools are funded, how funding has evolved, and a review of the latest school funding studies.

Ms. Fecteau said she would like to see innovative ways to restructure and what has been successful in other states.

Mr. McMillin said school discipline should be addressed, and he would like to see the Model Code of Student Conduct presented again.

Dr. Pugh said she would like the Board’s Legislative Committee to discuss the recommendations that were presented during the Presentation on Implementation of School Discipline Law. She said she would like presentations from Kalamazoo Public Schools and Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Ms. Snyder said the Model Code of Student Conduct should be aligned to newly enacted laws.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny asked if people providing public comment receive a response. Board members and staff said they frequently follow up with people making public comment.

Ms. Tilley introduced her father, Carl Yerger, who was attending the meeting.

Dr. Pritchett said she participated in her first meeting of the NASBE Early Learning Workforce, and was impressed with the depth of the discussion. She said she will also participate in her first meeting of the Career Readiness Cross Sector Team on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

XXVI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Ms. Alles asked Board members if there are additional agenda topics they would like to be considered for future meeting agendas. Ms. Alles thanked Board members and staff for a productive meeting.

XXVII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, March 12, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, April 9, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 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](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe)).

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau  
Secretary