

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

January 9, 2018
9:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Co-President
Dr. Richard Zeile, Co-President
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer
Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate
Dr. Pamela Pugh
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Eileen Weiser
Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Absent: Mr. Brian J. Whiston, Chairman

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 9:37 a.m. He said the Co-Presidents of the State Board of Education will be chairing the meeting in the absence of Superintendent Brian Whiston. He said he will be chairing the morning session, and Dr. Ulbrich will chair the afternoon session.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Dr. Zeile said it is recommended that Item K – Approval of the Model Code of Student Conduct be removed from the agenda.

Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as amended.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny asked why Approval of the Model Code of Student Conduct is being removed from the agenda.

Dr. Zeile said the Model Code of Student Conduct is being removed at the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Kyle Guerrant.

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

1. Information on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Three-Year Cumulative Report for 2014-2017

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

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

Dr. Zeile asked for the introduction of new employees.

Ms. Broman, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Ms. Heather Shepherd working in Great Start, Child Development and Care.

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports, introduced Ms. Dawn Carmody working in the Office of Field Services; and Mr. Jeffrey McNeal working in the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Operations, introduced Mr. Mark Diebolt from the Office of Health and Nutrition Services, and Mr. Timothy Gleisner and Ms. Jennifer Sasota from the Library of Michigan.

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs (OPGA), introduced Mr. Stephen DeGrow from OPGA.

Ms. Wendy Larvick, Chief of Staff for the State Superintendent, introduced Ms. Terry Nugent, Equitable Services Ombudsman.

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

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:47 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 9:48 a.m.

VII. PRESENTATION BY EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

Ms. Sara Shelton, Director of State Relations, Education Commission of the States, presented on the Education Commission of the States.

Dr. Zeile said the presentation focuses on the resources available from the Education Commission of the States. He said Mrs. Eileen Weiser is a Commissioner.

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

Board member comments included student data privacy, parental rights in data collection, funding of the organization, role and selection of commissioners, number of employees in the organization, and state comparisons to Michigan in terms of cities with high concentrations of poverty.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT MODEL

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports; and Dr. Paula Daniels, Interim Director, Office of Partnership Districts; presented the Partnership District Model.

Dr. Zeile said the presentation is the monthly update, which covers several updates related to Partnership District work.

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

Board member comments included lack of available substitute teachers, teacher absenteeism, clearinghouse of consultant services offering support to remediate problems before compliance issues arise, teacher exit interviews, clarification of required testing, and innovative approaches.

IX. PRESENTATION ON SEAL OF BILITERACY

Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation; and Dr. LaWanna Shelton, Special Assistant for Educator, Student and School Supports; presented on the Seal of Biliteracy.

Dr. Zeile said the presentation will focus on the components of the Seal of Biliteracy program, ways that districts can choose to implement the program, the plans to communicate the program to districts, and ideas for future work.

Information was shared via a [PowerPoint presentation](#), and the distribution of Michigan Seal of Biliteracy documents.

Board member comments included states defining proficiency, eligibility for anyone doing the work to attain a seal of biliteracy, willingness of schools to provide the seal, showing proficiency in multiple ways, and the seal awarded by the Michigan Department of Education with the school district's assurance that work was completed.

X. PRESENTATION ON LAUNCH OF PARENT DASHBOARD FOR SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports; and Mr. Ted Billups, Dashboard Designer; presented the Launch of the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency.

Dr. Zeile said there have been monthly Board meeting updates on the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency. He said the Dashboard is a combined effort of the Michigan Department of Education and the Center for Educational Performance and Information, based on significant parent feedback on its planning and design. He said the Dashboard is being launched during the Board meeting, and staff will preview the site with us.

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

Board member comments included focus groups, praise for continuous improvement, points of pride to be added, alternate ways to provide information to people having difficulty with computer access or understanding the information, translation into multiple languages, data accountability, school district data, bipartisan effort, promoting the dashboard in Partnership Districts and disadvantaged communities, inclusion of data on the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress and third grade reading proficiency, and additional data available on the MI School Data website.

XI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no comments from Board members.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:22 p.m., and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Mrs. Weiser and Mr. Sawher left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Bob Wright from Milan, Michigan, provided comments on the Model Code of Student Conduct.
2. Linda Cypret Kilbourne, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, from Marshall, Michigan, provided comments and written information on racism in schools.
3. Susan Keil from Grand Rapids, Michigan provided comments on pre-Labor Day school start waivers.

XIV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- F. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 12, 2017

Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 12, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XV. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Ulbrich said it is great to have the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency available to the public. She suggested a presentation to the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- G. Human Resources Report
- H. Report on Approved Changes to the Jackson County Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- I. Report on the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

J. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2017-2018 Section 104d Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators - Initial; \$4,000,000
2. 2017-2018 Section 35a(5) Additional Instructional Time and Interventions - Amendment; \$20,847,330
3. 2017-2018 Section 61c(6) - Mechatronics Competitive Grant - Initial; Continuation; \$499,996
4. 2017-2018 ISD Collaboration Grant - Amendment; \$664,200
5. 2017-2018 Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants - Initial; \$4,929,167
6. 2017-2018 Section 99k - Cybersecurity Competition Event Grants - Initial; \$50,300
7. 2017-2018 Section 41 Bilingual Grant - Initial; \$6,000,000
8. 2017-2018 Title I, Part C Migrant Education Programs - Amendment; \$3,634,792

XVII. 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 on creating students ready for the 21st Century, and discussion followed.

XVIII. APPROVAL OF MODEL CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

This item was removed from the agenda.

XIX. 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 provided an update on current legislation. He said the Board's Legislative Committee met on December 21, 2017.

Ms. Fecteau asked about House Bill 4069, which would lower the threshold for substitute teaching from 90 to 60 semester hours of college credit.

Discussion followed.

Mr. McMillin asked for an update on the Michigan Merit Curriculum Subcommittee of the Senate Education Committee, which Mr. Ackley provided.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny asked for an update on legislation regarding concealed carry of weapons in schools, churches, and day care centers. Mr. Ackley said pending legislation is in the House Judiciary Committee.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny, Central Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), said NASBE is looking for members to serve on the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Public Education Positions Committee. There was Board consensus that Dr. Ulbrich will represent Michigan on the Governmental Affairs Committee. Ms. Snyder said she will consider serving on the Public Education Positions Committee, and she will seek more information to make her decision.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said the Literacy Center of Western Michigan is hosting a Literacy Summit at Grand Valley State University on January 25, 2018.

Dr. Pugh asked if there are further steps to be taken following the December presentation by the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Guerrant said it was a topic for discussion by Board members. Dr. Pugh said she will work on it, and ask Mr. Guerrant for assistance, if needed.

Ms. Fecteau asked for clarification regarding federal tax credits for private education.

XX. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Approval of Criteria for Section 67a, Web-based Career Preparation and Readiness Platform, \$1,000,000
- N. Approval of Criteria for Child Development and Care License-Exempt Provider Monitoring Grant, \$1,400,000
- O. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Susan Broman

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- M. Approve the Criteria for Section 67a – Web-based Career Preparation and Readiness Platform, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 2, 2018;**
- N. Approve the Criteria for Child Development and Care License-Exempt Provider Monitoring Grant, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 2, 2018; and**
- O. Adopt the Resolution Honoring Susan Broman, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 2, 2018.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The Resolution Honoring Susan Broman is attached as Exhibit A.

XXI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – DR. CASANDRA ULBRICH

Dr. Ulbrich said the Consent Agenda included the Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Susan Broman. She said Susan is the Deputy Superintendent of the P-20 System and Student Transitions. Dr. Ulbrich said Ms. Broman has been with the Michigan Department of Education since 2012, and she is retiring at the end of January. Dr. Ulbrich congratulated Ms. Broman and said she has served the citizens of Michigan very well.

Ms. Broman offered comments.

Dr. Ulbrich and Dr. Zeile presented the resolution to Ms. Broman.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Ms. Ramos-Montigny thanked Ms. Broman for her dedicated service as the Deputy Superintendent of the P-20 System and Student Transitions. She congratulated Ms. Broman on her retirement.

Mr. McMillin said he appreciates the hard work involved in the development of the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency. He said he is pleased with the outcome, and the ability to continue improvements.

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

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that the State Board of Education meeting be adjourned.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

Absent: Weiser

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 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

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION HONORING**

SUSAN BROMAN

LET IT BE KNOWN, Susan Broman has served Michigan's children as Deputy Superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education since 2012; and

WHEREAS, Susan earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology and her Master's Degree in Counseling and Personnel from Western Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of a distinguished career of service advancing early childhood outcomes and the improvement of academic outcomes for all students, Susan has decades of working collaboratively on early childhood issues at the local level in her Grand Rapids community as well as on many statewide efforts. Some of her past notable early childhood learning efforts include: Early Matters Initiative, the Ready to Succeed: Be Their Hero from Age Zero campaign and the First Steps Commission in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, Susan has always been a reliable, hardworking and caring individual who has fulfilled a variety of responsibilities with the Michigan Department of Education, including the most recent assignment of providing leadership to the Career and Technical Education and Special Education programs. During her first year with the department, Susan lead an extensive statewide process in the development of a comprehensive plan of action for advancing early learning and development from a whole-child approach called Great Start, Great Investment, Great Future. This plan became the driver of policy, funding, and accountability decisions for the Office of Great Start. She set the standard and exemplified for her leadership team by being a vocal champion for all children in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Her knowledge, leadership and guidance have truly made a difference for young children in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Susan wishes to spend more time traveling and enjoying the arts; and

WHEREAS, Susan has announced her departure from the Michigan Department of Education effective on January 26, 2018; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of departure of this honored and distinguished employee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education thanks Susan for her contributions and years of dedicated service; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education wishes Susan Broman a future full of laughter, happiness and good health with family and friends.