

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wayne RESA Education Center
Boyd Arthurs Auditorium
33500 Van Born Road
Wayne, Michigan

February 13, 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
Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate
Dr. Pamela Pugh
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

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

Absent: Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He thanked Superintendent Randy Liepa and the board and staff of Wayne RESA for hosting the State Board of Education meeting.

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.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

Absent: Fecteau

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.

Mr. Whiston introduced Dr. Dedrick Martin, State School Reform Officer and Director of the Office of Partnership Districts.

Mr. Whiston said Ms. Shulawn Doxie, is serving as the Interim Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions.

Ms. Fecteau arrived at 9:32 a.m.

Mr. Whiston 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.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:34 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

V. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

VI. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN WAYNE COUNTY SUPPORTING TOP 10 IN 10

Mr. Whiston said the State Board of Education is happy to be in Wayne County to see firsthand what districts are doing to help Michigan become a Top 10 education state within 10 years.

Mr. Whiston said Dr. Randy Liepa, Superintendent, Wayne RESA, has organized a presentation highlighting approaches that have made a difference in student success.

Dr. Liepa introduced Dr. Paul Salah, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Wayne RESA; and Ms. Donna McDowell, Workforce Development Project Consultant, Wayne RESA. The presenters shared information via a PowerPoint presentation of initiatives aligned to Top 10 in 10 goals.

The following documents were distributed: (1) *Wayne RESA Professional Development Course Descriptions 2017-2018*; (2) *Measuring Student Growth: A Practical Guide to Educator Evaluation*; (3) *Third Grade Reading Legislation Guide*; (4) *Wayne County RESA Educational Services DPSCD Partnership Service Summary Report*; and (5) *Hamtramck Public Schools K-5 Literacy Assessment Plan 2017-2018*.

There were no Board member comments.

VII. PRESENTATION OF THE JANUARY 2018 ADEQUACY STUDY RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Whiston said a committee of nearly 300 educators, business leaders and others spent the past 14 months studying education funding in Michigan.

Mr. Whiston said the School Finance Research Collaborative set out to answer a specific question: How much does it cost to educate each child? He said Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, in partnership with Picus, Odden, and Associates, was hired by the School Finance Research Collaborative to examine the resources needed for students, teachers, schools, and districts to meet Michigan academic standards.

He said the report titled *Costing Out the Resources Needed to Meet Michigan's Standards and Requirements* was released in January, and Mr. Justin Silverstein, Co-CEO of Augenblick, Palaich and Associates; and Dr. Lawrence Picus, Principal Partner of Picus, Odden, and Associates; are presenting the results.

Mr. Silverstein and Dr. Picus provided an overview of the study via a PowerPoint presentation. Copies of the study were distributed.

Board member comments included clarification on poverty and special education numbers and costs in large and small schools, transportation costs, transportation related to school closures, weighting of risk factors, professional judgment, labor market analysis, teacher salaries, class size ratios for preschool, correlation of student outcomes in states increasing funding, local control states, number of hours used in calculation of preschool costs, and parental options for preschool participation.

VIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no questions from Board members.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Andrew Brodie, Superintendent, Flat Rock Community Schools, shared comments on positive aspects of Flat Rock Community Schools and the surrounding area.
2. Julie Dye from Jackson, Michigan shared comments on House Joint Resolution M.

3. Linda Cypret-Kilbourne, representing Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media from Marshall, Michigan provided comments and written information regarding school mascots and thanks to the Board for their work.
4. Yvonne Moore from Romulus, Michigan shared comments on school mascots.
5. Jen O'Connor from Riverview, Michigan shared comments regarding students with special needs.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XII. PRESENTATION ON PARENT DASHBOARD FOR SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports, presented on Parent Dashboard for School Transparency Workgroup Recommendations.

Mr. Whiston said the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Parent Transparency Dashboard Workgroups were charged with developing and providing recommendations to Michigan Department of Education leadership and the State Board of Education to inform the selection of Transparency Dashboard metrics that provide information on teacher engagement, English Learners, and services for students with disabilities within a school.

Mr. Whiston said the presentation covers recommendations from three Dashboard Workgroups: Students With Disabilities, English Learners, and Educator Workforce.

Dr. Keesler said Ms. Fecteau served on the Students With Disabilities Workgroup; Ms. Ramos-Montigny served on the English Learners Workgroup; Mrs. Weiser served on the Educator Workforce Workgroup; and Mr. McMillin is serving on the Culture and Climate Workgroup.

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

Board member comments included Career Pathway documentation, teacher leadership role pathway, integrating information into dashboard as items are added, parent satisfaction, education environment, peer to peer programs, making comparisons more accessible, data for subpopulations and district dashboards.

XIII. PRESENTATION ON THE PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT MODEL UPDATE

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

Mr. Whiston said the presentation covers updates related to Partnership Districts including agreements being signed and resources provided.

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

Board member comments included Partnership Model viewed as supportive; broad focus including recess, arts, and broad curriculum; measures of success set by individual districts; driver's license as a motivator for students, pro-partnership model giving districts feedback to move forward, and positive energy in Partnership Districts.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

REGULAR MEETING

XV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

F. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 9, 2018

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 9, 2018.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Ulbrich said she is a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education Governmental Affairs Committee, which met on February 12, 2018. She said the Trump Administration submitted the President's fiscal year 2019 budget request to Congress. She provided a summary and said she will send the overview to State Board of Education members.

Dr. Zeile said Governor has proposed an historic rise in per pupil funding in his Executive Budget.

Dr. Zeile said he announced that he will seek re-election to the State Board of Education during a dinner on February 11, 2018. He said he appreciates the work of the Board.

XVII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Human Resources Report

H. Report on Approved Changes to the Allegan Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services.

Grants

I. Report on Grant Awards

1. [2017-2018 Section 35a\(4\) Intermediate School District Early Literacy Coaches - Initial; \\$4,500,000](#)
2. [2017-2018 Section 401 - Flint Early Childhood Education Partnership - Initial; \\$3,800,200](#)
3. [2016-2017 Application for School Bus Driver Safety Education Program - Amendment; \\$1,625,000](#)
4. [2017-2018 Promoting Adolescent Health in Michigan Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance - Amendment; \\$65,000](#)
5. [2016-2017 Great Start Parent Coalitions Trusted Advisors Grants - Amendment; \\$2,289,031](#)
6. [2017-2018 Section 61c\(1\) Designated Secondary CTE Equipment Grant - Initial; Continuation; \\$6,999,975](#)
7. [2017-2018 Mathematics and Science Centers - Initial; \\$2,549,298](#)
8. [2017-2018 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program \(FFVP\) - Initial; \\$3,700,700](#)
9. [2017-2018 Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants - Initial; \\$2,503,200](#)
10. [2016-2017 Title III, English Language Acquisition Program - Amendment; \\$9,395,026](#)
11. [2016-2017 Title III, Immigrant Student Grant - Amendment; \\$1,658,149](#)
12. [2017-2018 Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \\$457,679,562](#)

13. [2017-2018 Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \\$457,680,607](#)
14. [2017-2018 Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction - Amendment; \\$74,295,114](#)
15. [2017-2018 Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction - Amendment; \\$74,296,057](#)
16. [2017-2018 Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant - Initial; \\$11,707,859](#)

Mr. Whiston said Neal Cronkite, a 5th grade math and science teacher at Washington Woods Middle School in Holt, received the Milken Educator Award, which is a national award given by the Milken Family Foundation. He said Mr. Cronkite was presented with an unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize at a surprise assembly on February 2, 2018, which Mr. McMillin attended.

XVIII. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. Wilcox used a PowerPoint presentation to share information on Educators Rising, an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for students interested in a career in education.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said Grand Rapids Public Schools and Ferris State University have a partnership project preparing Grand Rapids Public Schools students to become teachers and return to district to teach.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny shared the *Grand Valley State University College of Education Colleagues* magazine featuring alumni Luke Wilcox and Tracy Horodyski. Ms. Ramos-Montigny said highlighting the Michigan Teacher of the Year is promoting the profession and caliber of teachers and teacher mentors.

Ms. Fecteau said there is a school in South Bronx that awarded education scholarships to parents who volunteered in schools. She said after they became teachers, the school would hire them and they would continue to teach in the school for many years.

XIX. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Whiston 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 February 1, 2018. He provided an update on pending legislation. He said Governor Snyder introduced his Executive Budget.

Mr. Ackley said the House Education Reform Committee Chair introduced House Bill 5526, an A-F accountability system for schools. He said the Michigan Department of Education submitted a card in opposition on behalf of the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Weiser said she doesn't believe that the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency allows the legislature to see where a school could do better and assign resources. She said legislation requires an A-F grading system for Detroit schools. She said the Board should consider a presentation on the A-F accountability system by Doug Green, School Improvement Consultant, Ottawa Intermediate School District.

Mrs. Eileen Weiser, Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee, said the Board's Legislative Committee reviewed the teacher retention/recruitment bill package.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny asked for an update on legislation involving weapons in schools.

Discussion followed regarding accountability systems for schools.

Ms. Fecteau asked for information on education savings accounts

Ms. Ramos-Montigny, Central Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) said she and Dr. Zeile will attend the NASBE annual Legislative Conference on March 4-6, 2018. She said she and Dr. Zeile will attend the conference.

XX. CONSENT AGENDA

- K. Approval of Criteria for Flint Backpack Program, \$684,950
- L. Approval of Criteria for Section 21h, Partnership District Grant, \$6,000,000
- M. Approval of Resolution Honoring Southeast Michigan Council of Governments on its 50th Anniversary

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- K. Approve the Criteria for the Flint Backpack Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 30, 2018;**

- L. Approve the Criteria for Section 21h: Partnership District Grant, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 30, 2018; and**
- M. Adopt the resolution honoring the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments on its 50th anniversary, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 30, 2018.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution honoring Southeast Michigan Council of Governments 50th Anniversary is attached as Exhibit A.

XXI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Ms. Ramos-Montigny thanked the staff and board of Wayne RESA for hosting the meeting.

Mr. McMillin said he attended the presentation of the Milken Award to Mr. Neil Cronkite on February 2. He said he also attended Dr. Keesler’s presentation to the House Education Reform Committee regarding the Michigan Parent Dashboard for School Transparency. He said Dr. Keesler did a great job.

Mrs. Weiser said many organizations have plans for education reform. She said the next steps are how to bring the plans together and determine what it might mean for schools and families.

Dr. Pugh said the Board gets energy from Wayne RESA’s energy and the way local districts are empowered and supported.

Dr. Pugh said more education is needed regarding Native American and indigenous cultures.

XXII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Whiston said Board members may contact him or the Co-Presidents with suggestions for future agenda topics.

Mr. Whiston thanked Wayne RESA for hosting the State Board of Education meeting.

XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Wednesday, March 14, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, April 10, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, May 8, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- D. Tuesday, May 22, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) State Board of Education Retreat

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 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 of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 50th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, SEMCOG, is a voluntary council of governments for Southeast Michigan, spanning Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG has grown from 59 charter members to more than 170 members, including cities, villages, townships, intermediate school districts, community colleges and all seven counties; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG helps develop and promote regional solutions in infrastructure, transportation, traffic flow, business growth, workforce education, entrepreneurship, and regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG partnered with the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) to assemble in 2017 an Education Reform Task Force whose report *Providing Quality Education for All Students* offered strong recommendations to inform the actions needed to provide every child access to an aligned, high-quality education from early childhood through post-secondary attainment to prepare academic, career, and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG was formed in 1968 and therefore celebrates its 50th anniversary this year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its heartfelt congratulations to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, or SEMCOG, as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2018. May your next 50 years bring even more successes as you strive to: improve educational outcomes; diversify the regional economy, and bolster local communities; improve transportation and infrastructure; and enhance parks and recreation amenities, while collaborating on emerging issues such as an aging population and the integration of autonomous vehicles.

Adopted February 13, 2018