

## **MINUTES**

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lenawee Intermediate School District TECH Center  
1372 North Main Street  
Adrian, Michigan

October 9, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Ms. Sheila A. Alles, Chairperson  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Co-President  
Dr. Richard Zeile, Co-President  
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary  
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny, NASBE Delegate  
Dr. Pamela Pugh (via telephone)  
Ms. Nikki Snyder  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser  
Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, 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 9:38 a.m. She thanked Superintendent Mark Haag, board members, staff and students of Lenawee Intermediate School District for hosting the State Board of Education meeting.

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

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, 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. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – SHEILA A. ALLES

Ms. Alles asked for a moment of silence to remember, in a special way, those whose lives were dramatically impacted on September 11, 2001, and all those who rushed to offer assistance as our country came together through tremendous acts of heroism.

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. 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.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:42 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Alles called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

Ms. Fecteau joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

VII. PRESENTATION BY LENAWEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ms. Alles repeated her thanks to Superintendent Mark Haag and the staff of Lenawee Intermediate School District for hosting the State Board of Education meeting.

Ms. Alles said the State Board of Education is happy to be in Lenawee County to see the great things that are happening in this Transformation Zone. She said the presentation includes highlights of the work with Career and Technical Education, Project Search, Summer Literacy Pop-Ups, and other programs offered by the Lenawee Intermediate School District, which align to the Top 10 in 10 goals.

Presenters included Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions, Michigan Department of Education; Ms. Mindy Westra, State Transformation Assistant Administrator, Michigan Department of Education; Ms. Liz Newell, State Transformation Assistant Administrator, Michigan Department of

Education; Mr. Mark Haag, Superintendent, Lenawee Intermediate School District; Mr. Jim Cracraft, Superintendent, Clinton Community Schools; Ms. Jennifer Ellis, Principal, Clinton Elementary School; Mr. Steve Head, Superintendent, Onsted Community Schools; Ms. Alaina Ellison, Principal, Onsted Middle School; Mr. Brian Jones, Curriculum Consultant, Lenawee Intermediate School District; Dr. Kyle Griffith, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction & General Services, Lenawee Intermediate School District; Ms. Jenny Heath, TECH Center Principal, Lenawee Intermediate School District; Mr. Kortney Thumme, Instructor, Automotive Collision Repair & Finish, Lenawee Intermediate School District; Mr. Kurt Kominek, Project SEARCH Coordinator, Lenawee Intermediate School District; Ms. Jody Howard, Director of Special Education, Lenawee Intermediate School District; Ms. Amanda Morris, Literacy Coach, Lenawee Intermediate School District; Dr. Julie Yaroch, President of ProMedica Bixby and Herrick Hospitals; Mr. Grant Lewis, former intern, Lenawee Intermediate School District; and Ms. Mellissa Wilson, Wayne RESA.

The presenters shared information via PowerPoint presentations, videos, and staff and student presentations.

Dr. Pugh ended her telephone connection at 10:53 a.m., and rejoined later in the meeting.

Board member comments included whether Lenawee Intermediate School District works with Saginaw Intermediate School District; impact on morale; inclusion of teacher, parents and students in development of the system; acquiring resources; and cost per student.

#### VIII. PRESENTATION ON EDUCATOR EVALUATION UPDATE

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student and School Supports; and Ms. Rebekah Emmerling, Manager of Educator Evaluation Unit, Office of Educator Excellence; presented the Educator Evaluation Update.

Ms. Alles said the presentation serves as a review of current educator evaluation legislation and provides an overview of the Department's supports to districts in the implementation of legislation. She said current proposed legislative changes are also presentation.

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

Board member comments included evaluation component comprised of 20% student growth and 20% state growth, evaluations used for growth of teachers, need for a meaningful appeals process, suggested mandate of evaluation giving local districts the power to determine evaluation, high student turnover rates in Detroit, due process subject to arbitration, and evaluation implementation concerns.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING**

X. VOTE TO REORDER AGENDA

**Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that in the interest of time, the agenda be reordered moving the Update from the Office of Partnership Districts to the Regular Meeting following Public Participation.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Ms. Sherry A. Wells, Ferndale, Michigan, representing the Committee to Elect Sherry A. Wells, Green Party of Michigan, provided comments on Benton Harbor, special education and democracy.

Dr. Pugh rejoined the meeting via telephone at 1:08 p.m.

2. Mr. Ken Tokarz, Adrian, Michigan, provided comments on the current state funding allowance.

XIII. PRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT MODEL

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student, and School Supports; Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Interim School Reform Officer; and Dr. LaWanna Shelton, Interim Assistant Director of the Partnership District Office; presented on the Partnership District Model.

Ms. Alles said the Partnership Model is built to improve student achievement by identifying schools, which are in need of additional support and drawing up a partnership agreement with the school and community partners to generate a plan for success. She said these schools are called Partnership Districts.

Ms. Alles said the Office of Partnership Districts is providing updates regarding State School Aid Act Section 388.1622(p) amendments to Partnership Agreements, Section 388,1621(h) funds available to districts, and retooling of the Liaison role, as well as updates on Benton Harbor's Cooperative Agreement.

Information was shared via a handout titled *Maximizing Your Partnership Agreement Liaison (PAL)*, and a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Board member comments included ensuring a consistent framework and priorities with checks and balances and oversight of the process, all 22 districts submitted amendments on time, avoidance of restriction of supports in districts, liaison role consistency in how staff functions as a pivot to the team, distribution of funds, sustainability, and rethinking how things are done.

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

Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 11, 2018

**Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 11, 2018.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### XV. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Zeile said he attended three of the last four public meetings on the proposed Social Studies Standards. He said the three sessions were held in Detroit, Gaylord and Mt. Pleasant.

Dr. Zeile said he represented the Board at the Mapping Food Insecurity Conference at Wayne County Community College on September 27.

Dr. Zeile said he and his colleagues toured Detroit Public Schools Community District on September 26, 2018. He said he wrote a letter to Superintendent Nikolai Vitti stating that he was very impressed with the amount of positive change during the past year. He said Deputy Superintendents Iranetta Wright and Alycia Meriweather were the primary guides of the tour, which inspired confidence. He said students were on task in clean, orderly buildings.

Dr. Ulbrich said she would forego her report.

XVI. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

E. Human Resources Report

Grants

F. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2017-2018 IDEA, Part B Grand Funded Initiatives - Amendment; \$21,681,279 (Special Education – Teri Chapman)
2. 2017-2018 State Personnel Development Grant Under the IDEA - Amendment; \$2,079,000 (Special Education – Teri Chapman)
3. 2015-2016 Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants - Amendment; Continuation; \$4,797,642 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
4. 2016-2017 Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants - Amendment; Continuation; \$29,468,228 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
5. 2018-2019 Section 41 Bilingual Grant - Initial; \$6,000,000 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
6. 2018-2019 Title III, Immigrant Student Grant - Initial; \$1,843,421 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
7. 2018-2019 Section 32p Grants - Initial; \$1,100,000 (Early Childhood Development & Family Education – Renee DeMars-Johnson)
8. 2018-2019 Section 32p Grants - Initial; \$10,900,000 (Early Childhood Development & Family Education – Renee DeMars-Johnson)
9. 2018-2019 Application for School Bus Driver Safety Education Program - Initial; \$2,025,000 (Financial Management – Ann Dennis)
10. 2018-2019 Application for School Bus Inspection Program - Initial; \$1,729,900 (Financial Management – Ann Dennis)
11. 2018-2019 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) - Initial; \$4,041,151 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
12. 2017-2018 Section 99k - Cybersecurity Competition Event Grants - Amendment; \$428,200 (Systems, Evaluation, and Technology – David Judd)

13. 2017-2018 Title IV, Effective Use of Technology Grant - Initial; \$80,000 (Systems, Evaluation, and Technology – David Judd)

14. 2018-2019 Section 61a(4), Culinary Arts Program - Initial; \$100,000 (Career and Technical Education – Brian Pyles)

15. 2017-2018 LSTA Collaborative Library Services Grant Program - Amendment; \$221,330 (Library of Michigan – Randy Riley)

Ms. Alles shared a PowerPoint presentation of her September visit to Taiwan to sign the memorandum of understanding for the Teacher Exchange Program and tour schools.

Dr. Pugh ended her telephone connection at 2:10 p.m.

XVII. 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. Bobbiesue Adams, Region 8 Teacher of the Year, who teaches mathematics and physical science at Fowlerville Junior High School, presented with Ms. Chang. They shared a presentation on the Multi-Tiered System of Supports team approach in a kindergarten through fifth grade setting.

XVIII. DISCUSSION ON STATE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Dr. Casandra Ulbrich and Dr. Richard Zeile, Co-Presidents, led the Discussion on the State Superintendent Search.

Dr. Ulbrich said the request for proposals for a search firm to assist in the search for the next State Superintendent was issued and proposals were received by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget. She said on November 1 there will be a Special Meeting of the State Board of Education to review the proposals. She said after the search firm is selected, it will take approximately one week to enter into an agreement.

XIX. APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 CAMP TUHSMEHETA (CAMP T) SPENDING PLAN

Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions; and Ms. Roxanne Balfour, Low Incidence Outreach, Special Education; presented Approval of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Camp Tuhsmeheeta (Camp T) Spending Plan.

Ms. Alles said the Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund Committee met on September 24, 2018. She said members Ms. Michelle Fecteau and

Ms. Nikki Snyder reviewed the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Spending Plan for Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

Ms. Fecteau said Ms. Collette Bauman, Supervisor, Low Incidence Outreach, retired after 16 years of dedicated service.

Ms. Fecteau said she has visited Camp Tuhsmeheeta, and it is a great resource providing wonderful opportunities in a nature setting. She encouraged Board members to visit Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

The 2018 Camp Tuhsmeheeta Annual Report was distributed.

Dr. Pugh rejoined the meeting via telephone at 2:43 p.m.

**Ms. Fecteau moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 spending plan for Camp Tuhsmeheeta, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 25, 2018.**

Discussion followed.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XX. 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 reported on educator evaluation legislation and public innovation districts legislation.

Mr. Ackley said the State Board of Education Legislative Committee met on September 27, 2018.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said the National Association of State Boards of Education will hold its annual conference October 17-20. She said Ms. Alles, Dr. Zeile and she will attend. She said the late State Superintendent Brian Whiston will receive the Policy Leader of the Year Award, and Mrs. Beth Whiston will be there to accept the award.

Mrs. Weiser said there is no report on the Education Commission of the States this month.



XXI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Ms. Fecteau said she was on the tour of Detroit Public Schools Community District that Dr. Zeile mentioned earlier in the meeting. She said every school has a dean of culture and climate, attendance officers, and art or music. She said physical education teachers were hired and there is a wholistic approach. She said she was impressed with the district's response to ensuring safe drinking water in school.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny thanked Lenawee Intermediate School District staff, students and board members for their hospitality. She said she was very impressed with their programs, and the Superintendent and community should be very proud.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she visited Godfrey-Lee Public Schools where Kevin Polston serves as the Superintendent. She said Top 10 in 10 is catching on in the district that is comprised of 90% Latino students.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny thanked the Teachers of the Year for presenting great things in the world of education. She also thanked the staff of the Michigan Department of Education for their presentations and daily work.

Mr. McMillin said it was a great visit to Detroit Public Schools Community District. He said schools are reintroducing arts and music. He said it is a wonderful team effort with pride and the desire to do great work for children.

Mr. McMillin said he and Ms. Fecteau, by invitation, were invited to speak at a rally hosted by Marcie Lipsitt outside the Capitol on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. He said the topic was special needs and areas for improvement.

Mr. McMillin said there have been communications from a group concerned about respecting privacy rights of students and parents related to immunizations.

Dr. Pugh apologized for joining the meeting by telephone. She said she is preparing for Children's Environmental Health Day in Flint on October 11, 2018. Dr. Pugh said Elon Musk and the Elon Musk Foundation have made a sizable donation to Flint schools for ultraviolet water filtration systems.

Dr. Pugh said as the Social Studies Standards are being developed and public comments reviewed, she wants to be sure all voices are represented.

XXII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Ms. Alles said Board members may contact the Co-Presidents and Interim State Superintendent with suggestions for future agenda topics.

Ms. Alles thanked Lenawee Intermediate School District for hosting the State Board of Education Meeting.

XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Thursday, November 1, 2018 (10:00 a.m.) Special Meeting
- B. Tuesday, November 13, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, December 11, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 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