

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

September 12, 2017
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
Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

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

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education agenda be amended to include the addition of the following agenda item: Statement on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.

Mr. McMillin said DACA is outside of the purview of the State Board of Education.

Dr. Zeile arrived at 9:33 a.m.

Mrs. Weiser said the education of every child is required by law. She said U.S. Congress should be urged to do comprehensive immigration reform.

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

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

The motion to amend carried.

Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education agenda be amended to include the addition of the following agenda item: Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance.

Mr. McMillin asked if there is a written statement.

Mrs. Weiser said there is no protocol for timely referral of discussion items from the Board's Legislative Committee to the full Board.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she agrees that items should be submitted in a timely fashion, but sometimes issues arise and time is of the essence.

Ms. Fecteau said the Board could add the agenda item, and table it if members are not prepared to vote.

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

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

The motion to amend carried.

Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education reorder the agenda, moving the State and Federal Legislative Update to the morning portion of the meeting, and approve the agenda and order of priority, as amended.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

1. Information on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report for 2016-2017

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

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

Mr. Whiston asked Deputy Superintendents to introduce new employees.

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports, introduced Ms. LaWanna Shelton, Special Assistant to Deputy Superintendent Keesler; Ms. Kelly Alvarez working in the Office of Field Services; Ms. Melaney Love working in the Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Mr. Mark Welton working in the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Operations, introduced Ms. Beth Burnett from the Library of Michigan.

Ms. Sheila Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent, introduced Ms. Liz Newell, State Transformation Assistant Administrator.

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.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:48 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

VII. SCHOOL YEAR KICK OFF

Mr. Whiston said Michigan Department of Education employees were asked to share photos of the first day of school.

A video presentation was shown.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON BOARD OF EDUCATION GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

Mr. Don Wotruba, Executive Director, Michigan Association of School Boards, presented the Board of Education Governance Standards.

Mr. Whiston said the Board of Education Governance Standards were developed by local school board members for use by local school board members. He said the document provides a shared framework for effective school district governance. Mr. Whiston said the State Board of Education is being asked to endorse the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Board of Education Governance Standards. He said it is on the consent agenda later in the meeting.

Mr. Wotruba distributed Board of Education Governance Standards and reviewed the document. He said there have never been board governance standards in Michigan, and they are recommended and not mandated.

Board member comments included appreciation of the opportunity to endorse voluntary standards, appreciation of valuable training sessions provided by MASB in the past, endorsement by other entities, clarification of voluntary training, class providers, training for State Board of Education members provided by the National Association of State Boards of Education, self-evaluation tool, and suggested addition of the role of by-laws.

Board action occurred later in the meeting.

IX. PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

Ms. Lois Arnold, President and CEO, Special Olympics; Ms. Val Suszko, Unified Champion School teacher at Washington Woods Middle School in Holt; Ms. Jordan Leonard, Ms. Julie Toomey, and Ms. Lilly Stiffler, students attending Washington Woods Middle School in Holt; provided the presentation on Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools.

Mr. Whiston said the Unified Champion Schools Program serves all grades and builds inclusion and acceptance in schools through youth leadership, unified sports and whole school anti-bullying respect rallies.

Ms. Arnold distributed informational folders, and a video presentation was shown. Presenters explained the program, highlighting examples from Washington Woods Middle School in Holt, Michigan.

X. 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.

Mr. Whiston said the presentation covers several updates related to work on the Every Student Succeeds Act Transparency Dashboard, including a general status update, methods in which to compare similar schools, and workgroups needed to develop later dashboard phases. He said there will be monthly updates on the Transparency Dashboard.

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

Board member comments included parental opinion on postsecondary options, gap year prior to college, communication with outside groups and those that are struggling, data burden, individual accountability, follow-up eight years following graduation, including incarceration rates and military service, social values and implied judgment in data, transparency and letting parents decide what is important to them, appreciation of parent focus groups, points of pride section on dashboard, interagency data sharing difficulty due to privacy concerns, and putting growth and proficiency data into context with similar schools.

XI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

Mr. McMillin asked if there have been significant additions to the criteria, and Mr. Guerrant said there have been no significant additions.

Ms. Snyder asked for clarification regarding which grants address reading literacy intervention including teacher training and evidence-based practices.

Ms. Fecteau asked for clarification regarding career and technical education programs adapted to include students with special needs.

Dr. Zeile said it is important to ensure that grant criteria support Michigan's plan to become a top 10 education state within 10 years.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 11:27 a.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XIII. 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 September 7, 2017, and he provided an update of the meeting.

Mrs. Eileen Weiser, Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee, said there were two statements discussed during the meeting. The draft Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance; and the draft Statement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program; were distributed.

Mrs. Weiser said Dr. Pugh and Ms. Ramos-Montigny are proposing the statements, and consider them to be of an urgent nature.

Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance

Dr. Pugh said it is important to put systems in place so that schools can monitor and maintain drinking water that is safe.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations, reviewed funding for schools to test for water safety.

Mrs. Weiser moved, supported by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance, as presented at its meeting of September 12, 2017.

Dr. Pugh reviewed the draft Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance.

Discussion followed.

There was Board consensus for Dr. Pugh and Mrs. Weiser to edit the statement, incorporating discussion, and present the edited version later in the meeting.

Statement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program

Mrs. Weiser moved, supported by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, as presented at its meeting of September 12, 2017.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Weiser moved, supported by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the Statement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, be amended as discussed.

Discussion followed.

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

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

The motion to amend carried.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

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

The motion carried.

The Statement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, is attached as Exhibit A.

Dr. Pugh and Mrs. Weiser left the meeting to edit the Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance.

National Association of State Boards of Education Report

Ms. Snyder moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that Dr. Zeile represent Michigan as its voting delegate during the National Association of State Boards of Education Annual Conference on November 1-4, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XIV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

F. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 8, 2017

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 8, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

G. Approval of Minutes of Closed Session of August 8, 2017

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Closed Session of August 8, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XV. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Ulbrich congratulated the Michigan Department of Education on the return of the School Reform Office. She said she is excited to see the Partnership Model moving forward.

Dr. Ulbrich said she was interviewed by Channel 7 on September 1, 2017. She said the topic was testing to enter the teaching profession. She said initially there was a decline in people passing the Professional Readiness Exam, and other states have had the same problem. She said it was a positive story for the Michigan Department of Education, which now has multiple measures.

XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

H. Human Resources Report

I. Report on Cosponsorships

Grants

J. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2016-2017 Assessing a School Justice, and Behavioral Health Collaborative Approach to Improving School Safety - Amendment; \$40,000
2. 2016-2017 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) - Amendment; \$5,086,754
3. 2016-2017 Promoting Adolescent Health in Michigan Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance - Initial; \$6,500

4. 2017-2018 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program - Initial; \$18,470,477
5. 2016-2017 Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants: Section 11s(3)- Early Childhood Services - Initial; \$812,500
6. 2016-2017 Great Start Parent Coalitions Trusted Advisors Grants - Initial; \$2,169,031
7. 2016-2017 Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge - Amendment; Continuation; \$12,926,115
8. 2017-2018 Distribution of Federal Funds Awarded to Michigan Through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Initial; \$9,964,785
9. 2016-2017 ISD Collaboration Grant - Initial; \$190,000
10. 2017-2018 Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants: Section 11s- Preschool & Out-of-School Time Learning - Initial; \$3,000,000
11. 2017-2018 Great Start Readiness Program Grants - Initial; \$232,790,250
12. 2017-2018 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, Section 619 Preschool Grants - Initial; \$11,142,002
13. 2017-2018 Section 32q-Early Learning Collaborative Pilot - Initial; \$175,000
14. 2016-2017 Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \$458,907,854
15. 2016-2017 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program - Amendment; \$4,323,511
16. 2016-2017 Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting - Amendment; \$83,783,037
17. 2017-2018 Title III, English Language Acquisition - Initial; \$8,153,520
18. 2016-2017 LSTA Public Library Services Grant Program - Initial; \$109,500

Mr. Whiston shared an update on the resubmission of Michigan's Every Student Succeeds Act Plan; testimony to the legislature; the School Reform Office returning to the Michigan Department of Education; and his school visits to Gaylord, Rogers City, Posen, and Alpena.

XIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (continued)

Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance (continued)

Dr. Pugh and Mrs. Weiser presented the edited Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, that the Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance, be amended as discussed.

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

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

The motion to amend carried.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Snyder moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, that the Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance, be amended to include point of use water filters placed on drinking water taps to remove all contaminants to locally approved levels.

Discussion followed.

Dr. Pugh proposed a friendly amendment that the guidance should address a broad set of contaminants. Ms. Snyder amended her motion to include the friendly amendment.

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

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

The motion to amend carried.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion as amended.

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

The motion carried.

The Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance is attached as Exhibit B.

Dr. Pugh left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

XVI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 12:30 p.m., and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

XVIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Kim Jones, representing Concerned Citizens of Paw Paw from Paw Paw, Michigan, provided comments on school safety.
2. Guillermo Z. Lopez, representing Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development of Greater Lansing from Lansing, Michigan, provided comments on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.
3. Irving Quintero Gervacio, Kalamazoo, Michigan, provided comments on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.
4. Nino Rodriguez, representing Mi ALMA, Lansing, Michigan, provided comments on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.

REGULAR MEETING

XIX. APPROVAL OF K-12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations; and Ms. Kim Kovalchick, Supervisor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs; presented Approval of K-12 Physical Education Standards.

Mr. Whiston said the K-12 Physical Education Standards were presented to the Board at its June 13, 2017, meeting. He said the presentation was followed by a period of public comment, and Board approval is being requested at today's meeting.

Mr. McMillin asked if the standards are for only kindergarten through grade twelve, and Mr. Guerrant said yes.

Ms. Snyder suggested that the prenatal through postsecondary system be removed from the introduction for clarity. Mr. Guerrant said it aligns with the Top 10 in 10 plan and teaching people to be physically active throughout a life span.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the K-12 Physical Education Standards, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017.

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that (prenatal through post-secondary) be removed from the first paragraph of the introduction to the document.

Discussion followed.

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

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

The motion to amend carried.

Mrs. Weiser asked if swimming is included in the standards, and Mr. Guerrant and Ms. Kovalchick said yes.

In response to Mr. McMillin's question, Mr. Guerrant said it is a local decision whether a district provides swimming instruction.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion as amended.

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

The motion carried.

XX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. Wilcox shared information on raising teacher leaders, which began in 2015 with a network of teachers in Kentwood Public Schools. He said the program is expanding to include other districts.

XXI. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Ms. Teri Chapman, Director, Office of Special Education, presented Approval of Changes to Organizational Representatives on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Mr. Whiston said the Office of Special Education has received requests for changes from organizations asking that their SEAC designees be changed. Ms. Chapman provided detailed information.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the changes to organizational and member-at-large representatives on the Special Education Advisory Committee, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017.

Mr. McMillin asked for clarification on nominations for members-at-large. Dr. Chapman said the Executive Board of the Special Education Advisory Committee proposed the member-at-large nominee.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

Absent During Vote: Pugh

The motion carried.

XXII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Mr. Whiston said the State Board Executive has proposed a meeting schedule for 2018. He said the meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of March. He said the March meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Governor's Education and Talent Summit. He said the Board Retreat is proposed as the fourth Tuesday in May.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2018, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated August 29, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2018 is attached as Exhibit C.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- R. Endorsement of Board of Education Governance Standards
- S. Approval of Criteria for Section 74 Application for School Bus Driver Safety Education Program, \$3,730,300
- T. Approval of Criteria for Section 61a(5) Career and Technical Education (CTE) Counselor Competitive Grant, \$1,000,000
- U. Approval of Criteria for Section 61c(6) Mechatronics Competitive Grant, \$300,000
- V. Approval of Criteria for Section 64d Competitive Grant to Provide Information Technology Educational Opportunities, \$1,000,000
- W. Approval of Criteria for Section 99h Competitive For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Grants, \$2,800,000
- X. Approval of Criteria for Section 99k Cybersecurity Competition Event Grants, \$500,000
- Y. Approval of Criteria for Section 99s(2) and (3) Michigan Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (MiSTEM) Advisory Council Grants, \$2,850,000
- Z. Approval of Criteria for Grants to Legislatively Designated Entities in the State School Aid Act, \$13,072,600
- AA. Approval of Criteria for Mandated Activities Under Part C of the IDEA Grants, \$1,600,000
- BB. Approval of Criteria for MI-Excel Statewide System of Support, Program Evaluation Grant, \$250,000

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

Mr. McMillin asked that Item R and Item AA be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- R. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda;**
- S. Approve the Criteria for Section 74 - Application for School Bus Driver Safety Education Program as presented in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017;**
- T. Approve the Criteria for Section 61a(5) – Career and Technical Education Counselor Competitive Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017;**
- U. Approve the Criteria for Section 61c(6) Mechatronics Competitive Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017;**
- V. Approve the Criteria for Section 64d-Information Technology Education Opportunities, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017;**
- W. Approve the Criteria for Section 99h: Competitive For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017;**
- X. Approve the Criteria for Section 99k – Cybersecurity Competition Event Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017;**
- Y. Approve the Criteria for Section 99s(2) and (3) - Michigan Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (MiSTEM) Advisory Council Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017;**
- Z. Approve the Criteria for Grants to Legislatively Designated Entities in the State School Aid Act, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017;**
- AA. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda; and**
- BB. Approve the Criteria for the Mi-Excel Statewide System of Support, Program Evaluation Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Item R – Endorsement of Board of Education Governance Standards, and
Item AA – Approval of Criteria for Mandated Activities Under Part C of the
IDEA Grants, were added to the agenda as Discussion/Action Items.

XXIV. ENDORSEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education endorse the Board of Education Governance Standards, as presented by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Mr. McMillin said he asked that the Endorsement of Board of Education Governance Standards be removed from the Consent Agenda, because it could be interpreted that the State Board of Education is telling local districts that they must use the standards.

Dr. Zeile said it is an endorsement of the standards.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said the standards are guidelines which are healthy and the Michigan Association of School Boards provides good training programs.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XXV. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR MANDATED ACTIVITIES UNDER PART C OF THE IDEA GRANTS

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Mandated Activities Under Part C of the IDEA Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 29, 2017.

Mr. McMillin asked how infants and toddlers are located to receive special education services. He asked if participation is voluntary.

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, said it is voluntary and the family is incorporated into the service plan. She said pediatricians often inform families of available services.

Mr. McMillin asked if data is collected and reported. Ms. Broman said the federal government monitors information that must be reported.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XXVI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

There was discussion regarding abstaining from voting, the School Reform Office and Partnership Model, driver's education, and appreciation for the work of staff.

XXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

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

XXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, October 10, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting at Kent Intermediate School District
- B. Tuesday, November 14, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 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

**Michigan's State Board of Education
Statement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program**

As education leaders in Michigan, the State Board of Education works to provide all Michigan children a free public education, as required by federal law.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has ensured that nearly 800,000 children of immigrants in our nation, many of whom live in Michigan and have no recollection of any country other than the United States, can safely attend school, earn degrees, be employed and pay taxes, and contribute to this state and nation.

Michigan law requires that all children attend school until they're 18, regardless of their status. Our state has struggled more than most through the Great Recession; education funding levels have only recently started to recover and increase. State law requires that we invest scarce school funding in students who were brought here by their parents without their knowledge or permission as children.

With the recent repeal of DACA, many school children now are living with the daily fear of being torn from their families and sent to a country they do not know. Under current federal law, these young people soon will leave our country without having contributed back to our economy and society as adults despite the state's investment in them. They will not live here, work or pay taxes, nor vote in a country they've learned so much about and passionately wish to call home. This dilemma and the societal costs of leaving it unresolved are a significant burden not just to the Dreamers themselves, but also to a nation that has thrived through immigration.

We echo the September 5, 2017 statement by Governor Rick Snyder, who said: "We are the best when we are a diverse Michigan – one that is made up of people whose stories and journeys are not identical. One path to success and prosperity looks different than the next, which should be celebrated and encouraged. Many are working toward success under the existing DACA, and for the certainty of their future, Congress should act quickly to authorize and clarify their status. In Michigan, we will continue to honor everyone's journey who has become part of our family of 10 million people, and remain the most welcoming state in the nation for immigrants and dreamers seeking prosperity, a home and a community that is accepting of their family and their desire to succeed in America."

The State Board of Education now calls on the U.S. Congress to quickly implement thoughtful and comprehensive immigration reform to meet our nation's best interests for the future, including a permanent and secure resolution that respects and addresses the unique circumstances of DACA students.

Michigan's State Board of Education
Statement on School Drinking Water Testing, Monitoring and Maintenance

The State Board of Education recognizes that children may be more susceptible to the adverse health effects of chemical, physical, and biological hazards than adults. Reduced immunity, immaturity of organs and functions, and rapid growth and development can make children more vulnerable to the toxic effects of environmental hazards than adults. Relative to their body weight, they breathe more air, consume more food and drink more water than adults. Their exposure to any contaminant in air, water, or food will therefore be higher than experienced by adults.

A wealth of research shows that even a small amount of lead in a child's body can cause serious health problems. Studies have demonstrated lead's compromising effects on the immune system and association with impairments in neurobehavioral factors such as a child's learning skills, hearing, and self-regulatory ability resulting in delinquent behavior.

During critical developmental stages, children spend much of their day within school environments. The current action limit for lead in drinking water of 15 ppb is a regulatory measure, not a public health one. Research shows that there is no 100 percent "safe" level of lead in drinking water for school children.

Despite recent findings of school water contamination, the Michigan Department of Education has 4.1 million dollars in unused one-time use testing and equipment filtration funding for which schools have not applied.

The State Board of Education recommends that the Michigan Department of Education provide leadership and coordination for water safety. ALL Michigan Schools need guidance and support to best ensure drinking water/water system safety for ALL Michigan students while reducing unreasonable burden on school staff.

1. Explore how to support continued resources for a statewide school drinking water quality program once Michigan Department of Education funds are expended.
2. Develop water assessment and maintenance guidance that addresses a broad set of contaminants and includes:
 - a. Monitoring and maintenance protocols that are developed with input from a broad set of stakeholders,
 - b. Direction related to provisions for special populations, and
 - c. Guidance on flushing of pipes and filters as deemed necessary given the condition of the water system.

Be it further resolved that the State Board of Education recommends that the Michigan Department of Education provide leadership and coordination with appropriate agencies to advocate for reduction of the action level for lead in drinking water from 15 parts per billion (ppb) to 5 ppb.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING SCHEDULE**

CALENDAR YEAR 2018

Proposed Meeting Date	Week/Day of the Month
January 9	Second Tuesday
February 13	Second Tuesday
March 14	Second Wednesday
April 10	Second Tuesday
May 8	Second Tuesday
May 22 (Retreat)	Fourth Tuesday
June 12	Second Tuesday
August 14	Second Tuesday
September 11	Second Tuesday
October 9	Second Tuesday
November 13	Second Tuesday
December 11	Second Tuesday