

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

June 13, 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: Mrs. Tracy Horodyski, 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education remove Item P – Discussion on Amendment to State Board of Education By-Laws from the agenda.

The vote was taken on the motion to removed Item P – Discussion on Amendment to State Board of Education By-Laws from the agenda.

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

The motion carried.

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, 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 and order of priority, as amended.

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

The motion carried.

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

1. Information on the Michigan Mathematics and Science Centers Network 2015-2016 Annual Report

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 congratulated Ms. Ramos-Montigny who received an honorary doctorate from Midwest College of Theology.

Mr. Whiston asked Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports, to introduce staff members who were recently hired. Dr. Keesler introduced Ms. Lisa Francisco and Ms. Stephanie Holmes-Webster who are working in the Office of Field Services; and Ms. Elaine Themm, who is working in the Office of Data Services.

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.

Mrs. Weiser arrived at 9:35 a.m.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year
- B. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Adopt the resolution honoring the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Tracy Horodyski, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 30, 2017; and**

B. Adopt the resolution honoring the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Luke Wilcox, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 30, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The resolution honoring the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Tracy Horodyski, is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Luke Wilcox, is attached at Exhibit B.

VI. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Mr. Whiston said Ms. Tracy Horodyski is attending her final Board meeting as the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He said during the past year, she has been a valuable resource at the Board table as well as during her countless visits across the state. He said she has been a passionate advocate for teachers and students. Mr. Whiston thanked Tracy for her contributions to the teaching profession and for enriching countless lives.

Ms. Horodyski provided her final report as the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year. She shared photos from her blog, which highlighted the experiences of the past year. She thanked the Board and Department for the opportunity to serve as the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Ulbrich and Dr. Zeile presented the framed resolution honoring Tracy Horodyski as the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year. They commended Tracy for engaging students and teachers and sharing a teacher's perspective with the Board. Dr. Zeile thanked Tracy for her optimism, hope for the future, and fostering excitement in students as they experience new opportunities.

Dr. Pugh arrived at 9:50 a.m.

VII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – 2017-2018 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND STATE FINALISTS

Mr. Whiston said on May 23, 2017, at East Kentwood High School in greater Grand Rapids, he made a surprise announcement, naming Mr. Luke Wilcox as the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He said Ms. Ramos-Montigny, a member of the selection committee, was present at the announcement, as well as Ms. Horodyski.

Mr. Whiston said Mr. Wilcox is a mathematics teacher and is described by his colleagues as living and breathing education. He said Mr. Wilcox has 15 years of classroom experience and was selected from dozens of nominees statewide.

Ms. Abbie Groff-Blaszak, Director, Office of Educator Talent, thanked Ms. Horodyski for her passion for education and educators.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak showed a video of the surprise announcement of Mr. Luke Wilcox as the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Ms. Groff-Blaszak introduced Mr. Wilcox who was accompanied by Superintendent Michael Zoerhoff, Kentwood Public Schools; Principal Omar Bakri, East Kentwood High School; and his family and friends.

Mr. Wilcox said he appreciates the opportunity to connect with thousands of educators across the state. He said to be considered for the designation of Michigan Teacher of the Year is a great honor. He said he is proud of what is done in schools across Michigan, and he is excited to have an influence on that during the upcoming year. He said he is excited and looks forward to the opportunity.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak introduced the four Michigan Teacher of the Year state finalists. She said state finalist Ms. Jennifer Crotty is an 11th and 12th grade teacher at Fitzgerald High School, Fitzgerald Public Schools. Ms. Fecteau and Mr. McMillin presented a certificate and lapel pin to Ms. Crotty. Mr. Whiston presented Principal Kimberly Cerrini with the commemorative plaque for Fitzgerald High School.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak said Mr. Raymond Herek is a state finalist who teaches 9th-12th grade mathematics at Williamston High School in Williamston Community Schools. Dr. Pugh and Dr. Ulbrich presented a certificate and lapel pin to Mr. Herek. Mr. Whiston presented Principal Jeff Theones with the commemorative plaque for Williamston High School.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak introduced state finalist Mr. David Stuart, Jr. who teaches world history and English at Cedar Springs High School in Cedar Springs Public Schools. Ms. Ramos-Montigny and Dr. Zeile presented Mr. Stuart with a certificate and lapel pin. Mr. Whiston presented the commemorative plaque to Mr. David Stuart, Sr., who accepted on behalf of the administration of Cedar Springs Public Schools.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak said Ms. Gina Wilson is a state finalist who teaches 9th-12th grade mathematics and science at Early College Alliance at Eastern Michigan University. Ms. Snyder and Mrs. Weiser presented a certificate and lapel pin to Ms. Wilson. Mr. Whiston presented Principal Ellen Fischer with the commemorative plaque for Early College Alliance at Eastern Michigan University.

Ms. Groff-Blaszak said Ms. Pam Harlin, who represents Meemic Foundation, which is part of Meemic Insurance Company, was unable to attend the Board meeting. Ms. Groff-Blaszak thanked the Meemic Foundation for financing Michigan Teacher of the Year travel costs up to \$10,000 per year, providing a \$1,000 check to Luke's school, and presenting checks to the schools of the four state finalists in the fall.

Dr. Ulbrich and Dr. Zeile presented Mr. Wilcox with the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year resolution, the Michigan Teacher of the Year statue, lapel pin, and a Michigan Teacher of the Year handbook. Mr. Whiston presented Superintendent Zoerhoff and Principal Omar Bakri with the commemorative plaque for East Kentwood High School.

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:10 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole at 10:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

IX. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

X. PRESENTATION OF REVISED 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 the Revised K-12 Physical Education Standards.

Mr. Whiston said the State of Michigan's last update of the K-12 Physical Education Standards was completed in 2008. He said the new revision will consolidate many documents into an updated, easier to follow format and will assist schools in teaching students skills to encourage lifelong fitness. He said following a period of public comment, the Board will be asked to approve the K-12 Physical Education Standards at its August meeting.

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

Board member comments included clarification of career and college ready conflict resolution skills; opportunities for physical exertion during the school day; reduction in art, music, gym and recess; water sports and water safety should be encouraged in the Great Lakes State; personalized learning to pursue individualized interests; partnering with community resources to promote physical education; swimming and water sports in teacher preparation; unstructured play and opportunities for movement; process for public comment on standards; curriculum addressing local safety; and partnering with State Police on safety.

XI. PRESENTATION OF REVISED MODEL CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations; and Ms. Kim Kovalchick, Supervisor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs; presented the Revised Model Code of Student Conduct.

Mr. Whiston said the 2014 Model Code of Student Conduct has been updated to reflect recent changes in legislation that are scheduled to go into effect during August 2017. He said the presentation covers suggested changes to the document. He said following a period of public comment, the Board will be asked to approve the Model Code of Student Conduct at its August meeting.

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

Board member comments included restorative practices; proactive measures involving parents as part of the solution; empowering administrators to bring parents together to address bullying; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act considerations; due process; verbal conflicts and freedom of speech; transfer of funding for expelled students; and local interpretation and flexibility.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 12:15 p.m.

XIII. PRESENTATION ON THE ROAD TO THE TOP 10 IN 10

Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; Ms. Megan Schrauben, Integrated Instruction Consultant, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation; Ms. Amanda Stoel, Department Analyst, Office of P-20 Information and Data Management; Ms. Mary Teachout, Health and Physical Education Consultant, Office of School Support Services; and Mr. Nate Beelan, Field Services Consultant Office of Field Services; presented on the Road to the Top 10 in 10.

Mr. Whiston said a cross-office team hosted seven events across the state highlighting local examples of innovation and facilitating collaborative conversations around efforts to become a Top 10 education state. He said the presentation will summarize what was heard from the presenters and participants and suggest some next steps in becoming a Top 10 education state.

Information was shown via a PowerPoint and video presentation. Top 10 in 10 Innovation Roadshows Fast Facts was distributed.

Board member comments included innovations in bottom five percent of schools; ability to innovate hampered by assessment; and helping schools get past barriers to innovation;

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:51 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

K. Human Resources Report

L. Report on Cosponsorship

Grants

M. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2016-2017 Section 104d and Section 35a(3) Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators - Amendment; \$4,500,000
2. 2016-2017 Title I Statewide System of Support Technical Assistance Grant - Amendment; \$6,015,669
3. 2016-2017 Section 99h Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants - Amendment; \$2,534,575

Mr. Whiston shared an update on the Mackinac Policy Conference and his visits to Kalamazoo Public Schools, Paw Paw Public Schools, and the Michigan School for the Deaf graduation ceremony.

Mr. Whiston thanked Ms. Tracy Horodyski, 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year, for her service and thoughtful comments at the Board table during the past year. He said she is a wonderful role model, who has served well.

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Rachel Snell, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Carrollton Public Schools, representing the Network of Michigan Educators, provided comments and written information on providing additional standards training to every Michigan educator.
2. Kim Jones, representing Concerned Citizens of Paw Paw, Michigan, provided comments on Native American logos and imagery.

XVII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:02 p.m. to convene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XVIII. PRESENTATION ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CYBER SECURITY PROGRAM

Mr. Patrick Schultz, Instructor, Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center; Mr. Dennis Klaas, Instructor, Warren Career Preparation Center; and Mr. Carlos Garcia, Instructor, Jackson College; presented on Career and Technical Education Cyber Security Program.

Mr. Whiston said the presentation focuses on cyber security programs and the benefits and unique challenges of providing instructional experiences for high school students. He said three instructors are providing an overview of the new field of cyber security.

Information was shared via a PowerPoint presentation. A handout, Michigan Initiative for Cyber Education, was distributed.

Board member comments included timing of sessions after school for 11th and 12th grade students, future of cyber security, coding not a requirement, sequential progression of courses, accommodations for students with disabilities, employability training, financial commitment, non-vendor specific, hubs, funding, and ethics.

XIX. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

Mr. McMillin asked for clarification on which entities would be eligible for the Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IX, Part A, McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Grant. Dr. Keesler said it is a formula grant that provides services to students who are homeless. Ms. Fecteau said students in foster care are also eligible for services.

Mr. McMillin asked if there is a process to amend the criteria. Dr. Keesler said it is federal funding, and the criteria come from the federal agency.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 2:05 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XXI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

I. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 16, 2017

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 16, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

J. Approval of Record of State Board of Education Retreat of May 24, 2017

Ms. Fecteau moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of the State Board of Education Retreat of May 24, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXII. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Zeile said during summer break school administrators and Michigan Department of Education staff are working proactively to anticipate problems and fix them before they arise. He said this good work seldom gets the attention that is deserved.

Dr. Zeile said he was delighted to see the news cameras at the meeting to report on the Michigan Teacher of the Year and State Finalists. He said they are outstanding individuals who are representative of the excellent professional and creative work in so many Michigan schools. He said he is encouraging media to focus on positive stories of people exhibiting desirable behaviors.

Dr. Ulbrich said she had nothing further to report.

XXIII. APPROVAL OF STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms. Sarah Kate LaVan, Manager, Professional Preparation and Learning, Professional Preparation Services; and Ms. Mary Teachout, Health and Physical Education Consultant, School Support Services; presented Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Health and Physical Education.

Mr. Whiston said the Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Health and Physical Education were updated to improve alignment between educator preparation policy in Michigan and the Top 10 in 10 Strategic Goal 3 to develop, support and sustain a high-quality, prepared and collaborative education workforce. He said on March 14, the standards were presented to the Board for review, which was followed by a period of public comment. He said the Board is being asked to consider approval of the standards.

Mr. McMillin said he and Ms. Snyder asked to have this item deferred last month. He said he has read the public comments and finds many that are opposed to the standards. Ms. LaVan said comments were received on the standards as well as the combined certificate endorsement. She said there are mixed comments including those against combining the health and physical programs. She said the survey responses are not a representative sample, since people choose whether to respond when given the opportunity.

Mr. McMillin asked if small institutions will be unable to offer the combined program. Ms. LaVan said there is a range, and some small institutions will offer the combined program and others will not.

Ms. LaVan said school district administrators have requested candidates that are more flexible in being placed, and they also want the integration of content across health and physical education.

Dr. Ulbrich asked if current teachers will be allowed to continue teaching health or physical education. Ms. LaVan said current teachers would be able to continue teaching health or physical education. She said they are exploring accelerated pathways for teachers certified in health or physical education who wish to obtain the other certification.

Ms. Fecteau asked if the driving force is school administrators. Ms. LaVan said that is one factor. She said other factors are integration and moving toward healthy lifestyles rather than biology or sports-based skills.

Ms. Teachout said historically there was a combined MX endorsement that was eliminated, because it was very heavy in physical education.

Ms. Fecteau requested clarification on the Basic Skills Test, which Ms. LaVan provided.

Ms. Weiser said Michigan is sixth highest in overweight people when compared with other states. She said it is important to help students prepare to be safe and healthy throughout their lives, and the children should be the focus. Mrs. Weiser noted that of the 20 people that opposed the endorsement, 18 were teacher preparation candidates.

Dr. Zeile asked if candidates are required to have a personal fitness level or personal fitness plan. Ms. Teachout said teachers need to be able to teach the content to students as well as look at their personal health and fitness.

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Michigan Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Health and Physical Education, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 30, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XXIV. APPROVAL OF POLICY ON TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD FOR SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student and School Supports, presented the Approval of Policy on Transparency Dashboard for School Accountability.

Mr. Whiston said the Board has had discussion during recent meetings regarding Michigan's transparency dashboard for school accountability. He said the policy statement outlines the desired metrics for Michigan's new transparency dashboard, as well as identifies areas of additional work and a development timeline.

Dr. Keesler reviewed the components and timeline of Michigan's Transparency Dashboard for school accountability.

Mrs. Weiser asked that systemic innovation be included on the dashboard. Dr. Keesler said it is the intent to link innovation and points of pride on the dashboard. Dr. Keesler said the big ideas in the Top 10 in 10 are included in the dashboard.

Ms. Fecteau asked for clarification regarding special education metrics. Dr. Keesler said a workgroup is needed to determine which special education metrics are most useful to parents. She said Board members may self-nominate or recommend people for workgroups. Ms. Fecteau said she would like to serve on the workgroup for special education.

Mr. McMillin said he is willing to serve on a workgroup discussing the survey of parents, staff and students.

Mr. McMillin said instructional expenditures at the building level should be included. Dr. Keesler said it is required by the Every Student Succeeds Act, and will likely be reported in Phase 2 or 3.

Mr. McMillin asked how often the dashboard could change. Dr. Keesler said she encourages an annual school year cycle. She said parents will be involved in the development to ensure the information is useful and easily understood.

Mr. McMillin asked for clarification regarding identification of lowest performing schools, which Dr. Keesler and Mr. Whiston provided.

Dr. Pugh said she would like to be sure suspension and expulsion rates are included on the dashboard; that over-testing at the district level is addressed; and that points of pride include utilization of community members and educators from the community.

Ms. Snyder asked if Michigan has received feedback on the differences in accountability systems of other states as submitted in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plans. Dr. Keesler said there has been no feedback.

Ms. Snyder asked if all six categories of ESSA requirements are included in the dashboard. Dr. Keesler said all six categories are included.

Ms. Fecteau said the dashboard should include access to arts and music.

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, that the State Board of Education approve the Policy on Michigan's Transparency Dashboard, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 30, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXV. DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BY-LAWS

This item was removed from the agenda.

XXVI. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs; Mrs. Eileen Weiser, Chair, State Board of Education Legislative Committee; and Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate; presented the State and Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Ackley provided an update on pending legislation regarding the budget and Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. He said the Board's Legislative Committee met on June 8.

Mrs. Weiser said the Board's Legislative Committee discussed the following legislative topics at its June 8th meeting: Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, Open Meetings Act, and early literacy.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Snyder said she attended the New Member Institute sponsored by the National Association of State Boards of Education. She said useful information was provided regarding pathways for citizens to serve on the board, parliamentary procedures, networking with other states, accountability systems, student data privacy policies, and media policies regarding how to work in unison.

Ms. Snyder asked if Michigan has a student data privacy policy. Mr. Whiston said that information will be shared with Board members.

XXVII. CONSENT AGENDA

- R. Approval of Criteria for the Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IX, Part A, McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Grant, \$2,000,000
- S. Approval of Criteria for the Great Start Readiness Program Evaluation Grant, \$1,500,000

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- R. Approve the Criteria for the Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IX, part A, McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 30, 2017; and**
- S. Approve the Criteria for the Great Start Readiness Program Evaluation Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 30, 2017.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXVIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Weiser commended staff on the incredible amount of information that has been digested and flowed to the Board during the Every Student Succeeds Act state plan process.

Dr. Pugh said Draymond Green, Saginaw High School graduate, is a member of the Golden State Warriors, who won the National Basketball Association championship game. She said she is celebrating his success.

XXIX. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

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

XXX. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, August 8, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, September 12, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, October 10, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXXI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 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

Tracy Horodyski
2016-2017 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Tracy Horodyski received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Group Science with a biology emphasis from Grand Valley State University and a Master's Degree in General Education with an emphasis in Elementary Education from Grand Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Horodyski, with eighteen years of teaching experience and expertise, is an English Language Arts teacher for Kindergarten through fifth grade and a Literacy Coach at Zinser Elementary School in the Kenowa Hills Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Tracy Horodyski as the 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Horodyski is known for her ability to motivate and inspire her students, as well as other educators, to embrace challenges and grasp difficult concepts through her unique and imaginative presentations and lessons; and

WHEREAS, Tracy has recognized the importance of student and educator engagement throughout her tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year and has never lost interest, her enthusiasm, and her total commitment to the ideals of education; and

WHEREAS, Tracy has and will continue to make outstanding contributions to students and teachers to help build a better future for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and the Milken National Educator Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Tracy Horodyski and the thousands of educators in the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted June 13, 2017

State of Michigan
State Board of Education
RESOLUTION

Luke Wilcox

2017-2018 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, and their hard work and their efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named Luke Wilcox, a mathematics teacher at East Kentwood High School, at Kentwood Public Schools, with fifteen years of teaching experience, as the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Luke Wilcox and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted June 13, 2017