

RECORD OF
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RETREAT

James B. Henry Center for Executive Development
Michigan State University
3535 Forest Road
Lansing, Michigan

June 3, 2014
9:30 a.m.

- Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President
Mr. Daniel Varner, Secretary
Dr. Richard Zeile, Treasurer
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, NASBE Delegate
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mrs. Eileen Weiser
Mr. Craig Ruff, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio
- Staff Present: Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Great Start
Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative
and Support Services
Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services
Dr. Joseph Martineau, Deputy Superintendent, Accountability
Services
Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs
Ms. Alisande Henry, Administrative Aide
Ms. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive
Ms. Karen Carefoot, Scheduler

Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order – 9:44 a.m.

II. Personal Privilege – Michael P. Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan presented Mrs. Straus with a Symbol of Excellence coin in appreciation of her many years of service for the children of Michigan, in ways that are admired by all. Mrs. Straus thanked Mr. Flanagan.

III. Discussion Regarding Search for State Superintendent

Mr. Varner led the discussion regarding the process for acquiring public input, identification of search firms, and identification of qualifications for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

IV. Discussion Regarding Michigan School Organization and Finance

Mr. Austin led the discussion regarding issues and solutions related to Michigan school finance and organization.

V. Lunch Recess

VI. Discussion Regarding State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Mission and Priorities

Deputy Superintendents led the discussion regarding the 2012-2015 State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Mission and Priorities.

VII. Discussion of Other Topics

- National Association of State Boards of Education Public Education Positions

Mrs. Straus said she is a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education Public Education Positions Committee. She said she will share draft positions on (1) Deeper Learning, (2) School Discipline Policies, and (3) Student Data Privacy. She asked the Board to review the documents and provide comments.

- National Association of State Boards of Education Awards

Mr. Austin said Dr. Deborah Loewenberg Ball was honored that the Board nominated her for the National Association of State Boards of Education Award Policy Leader of the Year Award.

Mrs. Weiser said she had proposed, and the Board had approved the nomination of Dr. Barbara Markle for the NASBE Friend of Education Award. Mrs. Weiser said, upon further study, it was determined that Dr. Markle's attributes are not within the scope of the award.

VIII. Adjournment – 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Varner
Secretary