

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

December 11, 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
Ms. Nikki Snyder
Mr. Tyler Sawher, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Absent: Mrs. Eileen Weiser

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 9:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny 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 to approve the agenda.

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

The motion carried.

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

1. Information on 2016-2017 Carl D. Perkins Consolidated 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.

Ms. Alles asked that new employees be introduced.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Ms. Kelsey Schell from the Office of Health and Nutrition Services.

Ms. Alles welcomed Dr. Bill Pearson, the School Reform Officer and Director of the Office of Partnership Districts.

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. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING RICHARD ZEILE

Ms. Alles thanked Dr. Zeile and Mrs. Weiser who will be completing their terms of office on January 1, 2019.

Ms. Alles said Dr. Z, as he is known by his colleagues, has served on the State Board of Education for eight years, holding the offices of Co-President, Treasurer, and Delegate to the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Ms. Alles said Mrs. Weiser is unable to join the December 11, 2018, meeting. Ms. Alles said Mrs. Weiser has been on the Board for 16 years. She said her first term was from January 1, 1999 until January 1, 2007; and Mrs. Weiser is finishing her second term, which began on January 1, 2011 and concludes on January 1, 2019.

Ms. Alles said Dr. Z and Mrs. Weiser are extremely dedicated public servants who are committed to the betterment of children and public education. She said they speak on behalf of the students and educators in Michigan so eloquently, and they advocate for them. She said their colleagues are extremely grateful for their service.

Ms. Alles thanked Mr. Tyler Sawher, Senior Strategy Advisor for Education and Career Connections, who represents Governor Snyder at the Board table. She said this is Mr. Sawher's final Board meeting.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Dr. Richard Zeile, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 27, 2018.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Dr. Ulbrich read the resolution honoring Dr. Zeile, and presented the resolution to him.

Dr. Zeile said he is deeply honored by his colleagues.

The resolution honoring Richard Zeile is attached as Exhibit A.

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 27, 2018.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Dr. Zeile read the resolution honoring Mrs. Weiser.

The resolution honoring Eileen Lappin Weiser is attached as Exhibit B.

Dr. Pugh said she is thankful for what she has been able to learn from Mrs. Weiser and Dr. Zeile. She said she is honored and a better person for knowing them.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she is honored to be a member of the State Board of Education with Dr. Zeile and Mrs. Weiser. She said her life was enriched because of them, and she specifically appreciated their support in gathering funds for the Cesar E. Chavez scholarships.

Ms. Fecteau said she appreciates Dr. Zeile's humor and sincere compassion for people. She said he has worked in a bipartisan way, and he is willing to look at things in a thoughtful way. Ms. Fecteau said Mrs. Weiser is always respectful, and they were able to enjoy each other's company. She said she considers Mrs. Weiser a friend.

Dr. Zeile said Mrs. Weiser influenced his decision to run for the Board and service on the Board, which is vital and exciting work.

Mr. McMillin said he appreciates Dr. Zeile's wisdom, insight and calming effect. Mr. McMillin said Mrs. Weiser has passion and good insights.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:52 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Alles called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:53 a.m.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON STATE EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN MI ROADMAP

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student and School Supports; Ms. Michelle Ribant, Director of 21st Century Learning; and Ann-Marie Mapes, Educational Technology Manager; presented on the State Education Technology Plan MI Roadmap.

Ms. Alles said the presentation is an annual progress report on Michigan's Educational Technology Plan, MI Roadmap, which was first presented to the Board in March 2017.

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

Board member comments included teaching without technology in Waldorf schools, assessing less time with teachers, data privacy, third party software and opting out, Utah's technology plan utilizing a technology tool to help the teacher on the task, percentage of students without connectivity at home, statewide purchasing option, sharing information with teachers regarding microcredentialing, funding, investment to cover purchasing and repair at state and local levels, research related to best educational options, eliminating opportunities for people seeking financial gain, printing of GoOpen resources, protecting information, balance of technology, equity, and helping students access technology.

IX. PRESENTATION ON GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM

Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht, Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions; Mr. Richard Lower, Director, Preschool & Out-Of-School Time Learning; and Ms. Pat Sargent, Great Start Readiness Program Manager; presented on the Great Start Readiness Program.

Ms. Alles said the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is Michigan’s state-funded preschool program for four-year-old children with factors which may place them at risk of educational failure. She said the presentation provides an overview of GSRP and its contributions toward helping Michigan become a to 10 education state within 10 years.

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

Board member comments included clarification of statistics, the need for greater investment in the Great Start Readiness Program and quality child care, and better pay for child care workers.

X. PRESENTATION ON STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THEIR BOUNDARIES

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student and School Supports; and Dr. Joshua M. Cowen, Co-Director, Education Policy Innovations Collaborative; presented on Students Attending Schools Outside Their Boundaries.

Ms. Alles said the presentation includes results of recent research related to Michigan students who attend schools outside of the boundaries of their district of residence. She said the research was conducted by the Education Policy Innovation Collaborative, a partner in the recently-launched Michigan Education Research Institute.

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

Board member comments included mobility patterns, next steps and the state and local impact on students not going into a choice situation, magnet schools, public and non-public choices, other choices, the motivation it takes for a parent to complete an application, transportation, special education impact, divestment in communities and the ripple effect.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Jodi Berger, Ferndale, Michigan, provided comments regarding communication, transparency and authentic education policy.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:09 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XIV. PRESENTATION ON EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student and School Supports, presented on Every Student Succeeds Act Implementation.

Ms. Alles said since the approval of Michigan's plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Action (ESSA) in November 2017, the Michigan Department of Education has been working to implement the provisions of the law outlined in the approved plan. She said the presentation provides a status update on the state's key ESSA-related implementation activities and how they fit into the overall Top 10 in 10 strategic plan.

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

XV. UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIP DISTRICTS

Dr. Bill Pearson, State School Reform Officer and Director of the Office of Partnership Districts; Dr. LaWanna Shelton, Interim Assistant Director of the Office of Partnership Districts; and Mr. Dan LaDue, Supervisor, Office of Partnership Districts; presented the Update from the Office of Partnership Districts.

Ms. Alles said the presentation includes updates on the Review of Goal Attainment process.

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

Board member comments included anticipated presentations on the Review of Goal Attainment results in February and March, gathering data from a variety of voices in the community, district-driven plan should include community, critique on past 18 months, assessing if additional partners are needed and avoiding surprises in the community.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 1:53 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:54 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XVII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of November 1, 2018

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 1, 2018.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of
November 13, 2018

**Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the
State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and
Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 13, 2018.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Zeile said he appreciates the breadth and depth of Ray & Associates, the search firm assisting with the State Superintendent search. He said he appreciated the opportunity to meet with Mr. Ricardo Medina.

Dr. Ulbrich said on behalf of the Board, she is expressing gratitude for Dr. Zeile and Mrs. Weiser and their work on the Board. She welcomed Dr. Judy Pritchett and Ms. Tiffany Tilley, who will join the Board on January 1, 2019.

Dr. Ulbrich wished everyone happy holidays and a safe new year.

XIX. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

J. Human Resources Report

K. Report on Approved Changes to the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

L. Report on Grant Awards

1. [2017-2018 Title II, Part A, Teacher and Leader Instruction Support Grant - Amendment; \\$2,259,467](#) (Educator Excellence – Leah Breen)
2. [2018-2019 The Marshall Plan for Talent – Innovative Educator Corps Implementation - Initial; \\$4,000,000](#) (Educator Excellence – Leah Breen)
3. [2018-2019 IDEA, Part B Grant Funded Initiatives - Initial; \\$22,225,000](#) (Special Education – Teri Chapman)
4. [2015-2016 Section 1003\(g\) School Improvement Grants - Amendment; Continuation; \\$4,941,737](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
5. [2018-2019 ESSA Regional ISD Partnership Grant - Initial; Continuation; \\$564,820](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
6. [2018-2019 Section 35a\(4\) - Intermediate School District Early Literacy Coaches - Initial; \\$6,975,000](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
7. [2018-2019 Section 35a\(5\) - Additional Instructional Time and Interventions - Initial; \\$19,900,000](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
8. [2018-2019 Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \\$442,129,768](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
9. [2018-2019 Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, State Agency Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children - Initial; \\$1,098,703](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
10. [2018-2019 Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, Local Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Youth - Initial; \\$6,083,760](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
11. [2018-2019 Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction - Amendment; \\$90,279,374](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
12. [2018-2019 Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant - Amendment; \\$32,625,788](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
13. [2018-2019 Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 Rural and Low-income Schools - Initial; \\$2,340,811](#) (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)

14. [2017-2018 Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge - Amendment; Continuation; \\$12,941,855](#) (Early Childhood Development & Family Education – Renee DeMars-Johnson)
15. [2018-2019 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Preschool Indicators Grant - Initial; \\$250,000](#) (Early Childhood Development & Family Education – Renee DeMars-Johnson)
16. [2017-2018 Section 99k - Cybersecurity Competition Event Grants - Amendment; \\$472,800](#) (Systems, Evaluation, and Technology – David Judd)
17. [2018-2019 Great Start Readiness Program Evaluation Grant - Initial; Continuation; \\$300,000](#) (Preschool & Out-Of-School Time Learning – Richard Lower)
18. [2018-2019 Great Start Readiness Program Grants - Initial; \\$231,894,875](#) (Preschool & Out-Of-School Time Learning – Richard Lower)
19. [2017-2018 Section 61e - CTE Planning Designated Grant - Initial; \\$250,000](#) (Career and Technical Education – Brian Pyles)
20. [2018-2019 Section 61b Planning Grants for Career and Technical Education Early/Middle College Programs - Initial; \\$500,000](#) (Career and Technical Education – Brian Pyles)
21. [2018-2019 Section 21h: Partnership District Grant - Initial; \\$2,823,070](#) (Partnership Districts – LaWanna Shelton)

Ms. Alles shared a PowerPoint presentation on a book study on Coherence by Michael Fullan and Joanne Quinn; and the three Michigan Department of Education Priorities, which are whole child, literacy and prenatal through age 8.

XX. 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. Chang presented on educational consideration of adverse childhood experiences.

Mr. Jim Goodspeed, Region 4 Teacher of the Year, an English and History teacher at Fulton High School in Middleton, Michigan, presented on the Understanding Service Gratiot County history project.

XXI. DISCUSSION ON STATE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

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

Dr. Ulbrich welcomed Mr. Ricardo Medina and Michael Collins, Regional Search Associates, Ray & Associates, Inc.

Dr. Ulbrich distributed a National Salary Comparison sheet of State Superintendent salaries in all 50 states.

Dr. Ulbrich said Michigan is above average when comparing national State Superintendent salaries.

Discussion followed.

Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich that the State Board of Education approve a base salary for the incoming Superintendent of Public Instruction (State Superintendent) in the range of \$216,000, which is negotiable based upon experience.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Ray and Mr. Medina distributed and reviewed the following draft documents: Suggested Stakeholders to be included in Constituent Meetings, Michigan's State Board of Education Seeks a State Superintendent of Public Instruction promotional flyer, and Michigan Department of Education Suggested State Superintendent Search Process and Timeline.

Discussion followed regarding due dates and suggested additions to the stakeholder list, updating the promotional flyer, list of advertisers and timeline.

A representative of Ray & Associates will attend every State Board of Education meeting during the search and selection process.

XXII. 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 said the State Board of Education Legislative Committee met on November 29. Mr. Ackley provided a report on legislation being discussed during the legislative lame duck session.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny, Delegate to the National Association of State Board of Education (NASBE), said Kristen Amundson, NASBE President and CEO will be retiring at the end of the year. She said Robert Hull, current Executive Vice President, will become the new President and CEO. Ms. Amundson will be active as a senior advisor.

XXIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. McMillin said he is looking forward to the upcoming process to select the next State Superintendent with anticipated interviews in April, 2019.

Ms. Fecteau and Dr. Pugh wished their colleagues happy holidays.

XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Ms. Alles asked Board members if there are future agenda topics they would like to be considered for future meeting agendas. Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she would like Robert Hull, incoming NASBE President and CEO to present to the Board. Dr. Pugh said she would like Derek Lopez, Superintendent of Flint Community Schools, to present to the Board.

XXV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, January 8, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, February 12, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, March 12, 2018 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available on the [Michigan State Board of Education website \(www.michigan.gov/sbe\)](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe).

A reception honoring Dr. Zeile and Mrs. Weiser for their service on the State Board of Education was held immediately following the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary

RESOLUTION
DR. RICHARD ZEILE

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Zeile was elected to the State Board of Education in November 2010 for an eight-year term from January 1, 2011 - January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zeile, who affectionately is known as "Dr. Z," was ordained in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has served Lutheran Parochial schools for most of his professional life, and also a year as Chaplain Resident at Detroit's Sinai-Grace Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z worked for the successful Michigan Civil Rights Initiative in 2006, and currently is a member of the NAACP, and American Family Association.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z currently is serving as Co-President of the State Board of Education where the Board is governed with bi-partisan shared power, and previously served as Board Treasurer and the State Board's delegate to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), as elected by his peers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z was appointed chair of the NASBE Study Group on Rural Education, and served as the Central Area Director on NASBE's Board of Directors and on its Public Education Positions Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z has written many articles on educational policy, and presented at various public and educational leadership forums; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z has helped organize a public school academy in Michigan and served as president of another charter school from 2005-2009; has served as Pastor and Headmaster at St. John's Lutheran Church in Taylor, MI and as Adjunct Professor of Education at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z has been a thoughtful and measured presence on the State Board of Education and brings a guided wisdom to its deliberations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Z is known for his thought-provoking allegories and metaphors during policy discussions at the State Board table, and his dedication toward the goal of providing every child in Michigan choice and opportunity to receive a quality education, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Dr. Richard Zeile its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens whose lives have been enhanced through his efforts; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Dr. Richard Zeile continues to enjoy many rewarding experiences with family, friends and colleagues.

RESOLUTION
EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER

WHEREAS, Eileen Lappin Weiser was elected in 1998 to an eight-year term on Michigan's State Board of Education, serving as its Treasurer in 2001-02; was re-elected to the State Board of Education in November 2010 for an eight-year term from January 1, 2011 - January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiser has served and led in many capacities during her 16 years on the State Board of Education, most recently as chair of the State Board's Legislative Committee; and previously on the Board's Task Force on Ensuring Excellent educators, and has participated in National Association of State Boards of Education study groups on Teacher Coordination and Accountability, and E-Learning; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiser graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Music in 1972, and a Master of Music from the University of Michigan in 1975, both in piano performance; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiser served as a music instructor and substitute teacher in the Saginaw Public Schools in 1972-73, and as a teaching assistant at the University of Michigan School of Music in 1974-75, and from 1975 to 1982 she sold residential and commercial real estate; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiser lived with her family in the Slovak Republic from 2001-2004 while her husband, the Honorable Ronald Weiser, served as U. S. Ambassador, all the while committed to her position on the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiser was appointed by the U. S. Secretary of Education to serve two terms on the National Assessment Governing Boards (NAGB), the organization that designs, administers, and reports on student success in the United States on NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress), also known as The Nation's Report Card, where she served on NAGB's Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiser also has served as a board member of The Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE); was appointed by Michigan's Supreme Court to its Attorney Disciplinary Board; and currently serves as a board member for the Michigan Science Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiser brought for 16 years, a wisdom and depth of knowledge from her national education and civic experiences and engagement to policy discussions at the State Board table; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Eileen Lappin Weiser its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to her service on the State Board of Education on behalf of the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens her work has affected and impacted; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Eileen Lappin Weiser continues to enjoy many rewarding experiences with her family, friends, and colleagues.