

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
Fourth Floor, John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

March 3, 2015  
1:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. John C. Austin, President  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President  
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary  
Dr. Pamela Pugh Smith, Treasurer  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny, NASBE Delegate (via telephone)  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser  
Dr. Richard Zeile  
Ms. Karen McPhee, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Absent: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

Also Present: Dr. Timothy G. Quinn, President, Quinn and Associates  
Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, Michigan Department  
of Education

**Special Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Austin called the meeting to order in Mr. Flanagan's absence. Mr. Austin said the meeting was delayed, due to the weather. He said the special meeting is being convened to review applications for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich, Zeile  
Absent: Pugh Smith, Weiser**

**The motion carried.**

III. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Mr. Austin said 54 applications were submitted from high quality candidates from inside and outside of Michigan.

Mr. Austin said Mr. Gary Ray, President, Ray and Associates, Inc., was unable to attend due to a sudden illness, and Dr. Quinn is representing the search firm at the meeting.

Dr. Quinn reviewed the timeline and criteria and provided a general overview of candidates' experience. Dr. Quinn said 53 candidates requested confidentiality. Dr. Quinn said Ms. Natasha Baker did not request confidentiality, and her application was reviewed in public.

Mrs. Weiser joined the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

**Ms. Fecteau moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education meet in closed session to review applications of individuals who have requested confidentiality, as provided in MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(f), of the Open Meetings Act.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Austin – Aye  
Fecteau – Aye  
Ramos-Montigny – Aye  
Pugh Smith - Absent  
Straus – Aye  
Ulbrich – Aye  
Weiser – Aye  
Zeile – Aye**

**The motion carried.**

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed at 2:14 p.m. at which time the Board met in closed session until 5:18 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session in the Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room at 5:26 p.m.

Dr. Pamela Pugh Smith arrived at 2:27 p.m.

V. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (continued)

Mr. Flanagan joined the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Mr. Austin said the Board reviewed all applications during the closed session. He asked if any board member believes Natasha Baker's credentials and experience supersede or equal that of those who were deemed the top six candidates. There were no Board member comments.

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education invite the following six applicants to interview as semi-finalist candidates for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction on March 10 and 11, 2015: Randy Davis, Superintendent, Marshall Public Schools; Alan Ingram, Deputy Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Randy Liepa, Superintendent, Livonia Public Schools; Vickie Markavitch, Superintendent, Oakland Schools; Scott Menzel, Superintendent, Washtenaw Intermediate School District; and Brian Whiston, Superintendent, Dearborn Public Schools.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Austin discussed the next steps, and Dr. Quinn provided information on the interview process.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments during public participation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 5:38 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at [www.michigan.gov/sbe](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe).

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau  
Secretary