

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

May 16, 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 9:31 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

The vote was taken on the motion to approve the agenda and order of priority.

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

The motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

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

Ms. Fecteau and Dr. Zeile arrived at 9:32 a.m.

Mr. Whiston asked Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions, to introduce a staff member who was recently hired. Ms. Broman introduced Ms. Rita Trinklein who is working in the Office of Early Childhood Development and Family Education, Michigan Department of Education.

Mr. Whiston invited the audience 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.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:35 a.m. to convene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

V. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whiston called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

VI. PRESENTATION BY GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM SCHOOL

Mr. Christopher Hanks, Principal, Grand Rapids Public Museum School; and Mr. Dale Robertson, President, Grand Rapids Public Museum; presented on the Grand Rapids Public Museum School.

Mr. Whiston said the Grand Rapids Public Museum School is presenting information on the school's origin and unique curriculum, which utilizes several partnership opportunities. He said the school educates 6th and 7th grade students and will expand to 8th grade in the coming year.

Information was shared via a PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. Pugh arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Board member comments included the approach to instruction using artifacts and the community to teach, universal education vision and principles, competency-based learning, teacher experience, teacher training, student application process, integration of children with autism and other special needs, replication of instructional model in other communities, reviving the local sense of community, and cultural injustices.

VII. PRESENTATION ON TOP 10 IN 10

Ms. Sheila Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent; presented on the Top 10 in 10.

Mr. Whiston said the presentation is a virtual field trip of Strategic Partnerships, which is one of the focus areas of the Top 10 in 10.

Information was shown via a PowerPoint and video presentation.

Board member comments included the purpose of highlighting programs in existence prior to Top 10 as examples that may be replicated in other schools; feedback on new opportunities that will move Michigan toward a Top 10 education state in 10 years; implementation science resources; free and reduced lunch averages; too many children in poverty in Michigan; proactive ways to remove barriers to innovative ideas, perhaps through communication; reduction of high stakes nature of testing; need for data on increased test scores attributed to innovative approaches; well-rounded education with access to many opportunities; examples of a typical day when participating in work-based partnerships; Stockbridge Community Schools integrated science, technology, engineering and math project; Top 10 in 10 Innovation Road Shows; MiEducator Showcase; unique challenges of economically disadvantaged districts and African American students who have the largest gap in academic performance; funding for innovative school programs to address areas where there is a high number of unfilled jobs; testing flexibility; and positive things happening in public schools.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON EARLY LITERACY

Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; Ms. Laural Triebel, Consultant, Education Improvement and Innovation; Ms. Lisa Brown, Consultant, Field Services; Dr. Sean Kottke, Consultant, Professional Preparation Services; and Ms. Kelli Cassaday, Consultant, Professional Preparation Services; presented on Early Literacy.

Mr. Whiston said Michigan Department of Education staff have been working to implement both the early literacy initiative and the 3rd grade reading bill. He said both initiatives require collaboration across the department as well as outreach and involvement of partners such as educator preparation institutions, intermediate school districts, and educational organizations. He said staff will share some of the work that has occurred over the past year and a half.

Information was provided via a [PowerPoint presentation](#). An invitation to the Michigan Literacy Leadership Workshop on June 26, 2017 was distributed.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 1:35 p.m.

X. PRESENTATION ON EARLY LITERACY (continued)

This is a continuation of the presentation earlier in the meeting.

Board member comments included accredited reading programs and programs addressing dyslexia, NASBE stipend addressing early childhood development child care staff training, criteria for training, play-based learning to develop social skills that may be lacking in direct-instruction programs, pathways for currently certified teachers, ensuring instruction in music and drama, time for play, implementation science, class size, instruction that is developmentally appropriate, membership of literacy task force, and school districts may want assistance developing skills in budgeting and working in groups.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 2:09 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. James Gallant, representing Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Skandia, Michigan, provided comments and written information on special education service plans, Special Education Advisory Committee, and Roberts Rules of Order.
2. Debra Henning, Detroit, Michigan, provided comments regarding school accountability.
3. Monaca Barnhart, Paw Paw, Michigan, provided comments on Native American Mascots.
4. Kim Jones, representing Concerned Citizens of Paw Paw, Michigan, provided comments on Native American logos and imagery.
5. Julie Dye, Jackson, Michigan, provided comments on Native American logos and imagery.
6. Linda Cypret-Kilbourne, representing Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, Marshall, Michigan, provided comments and written information on Native American logos and imagery.
7. Nu Do and Lauren Dotson, representing Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium, Ypsilanti, Michigan, provided comments on Washtenaw International High School.
8. Henry Fleischmann, Ypsilanti, Michigan, provided comments and written information on Michigan education policy and organization.
9. Donna Rummel, South Haven, Michigan, provided comments and written information on the Network of Michigan Educators and career and technical education.
10. Brenda Ammon, Lansing, Michigan, provided comments on mentors and support for online courses offered to Michigan students.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 2:40 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XIV. DISCUSSION ON TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD FOR SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports, led the Discussion on Transparency Dashboard for School Accountability.

Mr. Whiston said the presentation focuses on the process for selecting metrics for the school accountability dashboard and the timeline for moving from idea to implementation.

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

Board member comments included data currently being collected, dashboards in other states, parent participation and notification of the opportunity to provide input, further discussion at board retreat, dashboard timeline will not delay approval of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan, special education group size, reading literacy and intervention, and special education transitions.

XV. PRESENTATION BY WEXFORD-MISSAUKEE EARLY COLLEGE

Mr. David Cox, Director of Career and Technical Education, Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District; Ms. Meghan Howell, Early College Coordinator, Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District; Mr. John Partridge, Computer Networking Electronics Technology Instructor, Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District; and Mr. Brandon Brinks, 13th Year Student, Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District; presented on Wexford-Missaukee Early College.

Mr. Whiston said representatives of Wexford-Missaukee Early College are presenting information on the structure, offerings, benefits and challenges of providing early college credit earning opportunities to students.

A handout on Wexford-Missaukee Early College was distributed.

Mr. Sawher left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Board member comments included internship opportunities, sociological groupings, graduation with high school cohort, interactions with adults, state funding for the 13th year, value added coursework, funding between school district and college, and instructor certification.

XVI. PRESENTATION ON THE FINAL REPORT: SPECIAL EDUCATION STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

Ms. Teri Chapman, Director, Special Education; Mr. Jeff Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Public Sector Consultants; Ms. Michelle Richard, Vice President, Public Sector Consultants; presented on the Final Report: Special Education Stakeholder Survey.

Mr. Whiston said in July of 2016, he announced a six-month “strategic pause” in the proposed changes in special education grant administration. He said the goal of the pause was to allow the Michigan Department of Education, and the Office of Special Education in particular, to engage a variety of stakeholders in a conversation about how Michigan can fully meet its Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grant obligations. He said in September of 2016, the Department asked Public Sector Consultants to assist Department staff in convening, managing and synthesizing feedback. He said the presentation is a summary of the final report.

Information was shown via a [PowerPoint presentation](#). Special Education Stakeholder Survey Results: Overview, and an executive summary of the Final Report: Special Education Stakeholder Survey were distributed.

Board member comments included percentage of survey responses from parents, teachers, and administrators; complaint process; stakeholder meeting; one on one conversations with stakeholders; how to improve the individualized education plan process and services for children with special needs; next steps; and comments regarding lack of support and money.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 4:09 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

G. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 19, 2017

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 19, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Weiser left the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

XIX. REPORT OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Ulbrich said she will forego her report in the interest of time.

Dr. Zeile said he appreciated the opportunity to have lunch with legislative leadership, and he thought it was helpful.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

H. Human Resources Report

I. Report on Approved Changes to the Lapeer County Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

J. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2016-2017 Section 104d and Section 35a(3) Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators - Initial; \$4,500,000
2. 2016-2017 Section 35a(5) Additional Instructional Time and Interventions - Amendment; \$16,422,285
3. 2016-2017 School Climate Transformation - Amendment; \$278,000
4. 2016-2017 Section 31b Year-Round School Grant - Amendment; \$1,149,375
5. 2016-2017 Flint Declaration of Emergency Section 401 - Summer Food Service Program Nutrition Grant - Initial; \$1,099,183
6. 2016-2017 LSTA Collaborative Library Services Grant Program - Initial; \$612,227
7. 2016-2017 Title IIA(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program - Initial; \$2,127,386
8. 2016-2017 Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs - Amendment; \$457,930,225
9. 2016-2017 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program - Initial; \$4,290,158
10. 2016-2017 Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting - Amendment; \$83,629,565

Mr. Whiston said agreements have been signed with nine Partnership Districts, and the work is beginning to help low performing districts move forward. He said Transformation Zones are an important part of taking reform and sharing it with local districts and making sure it is going well.

Mr. Whiston said he has visited the following schools in the past month: Napoleon Community Schools, Dexter Community Schools, Rockford Public Schools, Tahquamenon Area Schools, Manistique Area Schools, and Rapid River Schools. He invited Board members to join him when he visits schools.

XXI. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Tracy Horodyski, 2016-2017 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Horodyski said she and her Teacher of the Year colleagues from other states were invited to the White House. She said has been preparing for her National Board Certification, and she shared a video of her work with students in the classroom.

XXII. APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Teri Chapman, Director, Office of Special Education, presented Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Mr. Whiston said each year the State Board of Education is asked to approve nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee membership. He said the Board is being asked to approve nominations for eight organizational delegates, seven organizational alternates, and three at-large nominations.

Mr. McMillin asked for clarification on the nominations process. Ms. Chapman reviewed the nomination process, membership and criteria.

Ms. Fecteau moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the nominations for eight organizational delegates, seven organizational alternates, and three at-large nominations for the terms specified in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 2, 2017.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Ms. Fecteau asked for clarification on the number of nominations received and organizational representation. Ms. Chapman reviewed the process.

XXIII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs; and Ms. Nikki Snyder, NASBE Delegate; presented the State and Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Ackley said the Board's Legislative Committee met on May 10. He provided an update on pending legislation.

Dr. Ulbrich said Senator Patrick Colbeck introduced Senate Bills 349 and 350 creating the Campus Free Speech Act, which includes a requirement for the Michigan Department of Education to convene a Higher Education Committee on Free Expression.

Discussion on NASBE Nominations for Board of Directors and Awards

Ms. Snyder said the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is soliciting nominations for awards and Board of Directors. She said Dr. Pugh is working on a nomination for the Friend of Education Award.

Following discussion, it was determined that there would be further discussion regarding NASBE award nominations during the Board Retreat.

XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA

M. Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Health and Physical Education

Mr. McMillin said he has questions regarding the revisions made to the Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Health and Physical Education. Discussion followed.

Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Health and Physical Education be tabled until the June 13, 2017, State Board of Education meeting.

The vote was taken on the motion to table.

Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pugh, Snyder, Weiser, Zeile

Nay: Ramos-Montigny

Absent: Weiser

The motion to table carried.

XXV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Ms. Fecteau asked to see the full report of the Approved Changes to the Lapeer County Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services. Mr. Whiston said the report will be provided.

Mr. McMillin said the State Board of Education Retreat on May 24, 2017 is open to the public.

Mr. McMillin said the 2016-2017 Section 104d and Section 35a(3) Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators grant awards are on the agenda. He said he has concerns about testing small children such as kindergarteners.

Ms. Snyder said she would like the Board to consider a future presentation on suicide prevention.

Dr. Pugh asked that Board members be updated, if the Attorney General addresses Native American mascots and logos used in schools.

XXVI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

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

XXVII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Wednesday, May 24, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) State Board Retreat
- B. Tuesday, June 13, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, August 8, 2017 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 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