

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

March 11, 2015  
9:30 a.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  
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: Ms. Melody Arabo, 2014-2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year  
Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, Michigan Department  
of Education

**Special Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 9:38 a.m.

Mr. Austin called the meeting to order in Mr. Flanagan's absence. He said this is the final day of semi-finalist interviews for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, 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, Weiser,  
Zeile**

**Absent: Pugh Smith**

**The motion carried.**

Dr. Pugh Smith joined the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Schneider introduced the members of the State Board of Education and the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

IV. INTERVIEW OF RANDY DAVIS

Mr. Austin introduced Dr. Randy Davis, Superintendent, Marshall Public Schools.

Mr. Austin outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview process.

The interview with Dr. Davis began at 9:42 a.m. and ended at 11:12 a.m.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

VI. INTERVIEW OF VICKIE MARKAVITCH

Mr. Austin introduced Dr. Vickie Markavitch, Superintendent, Oakland Schools.

Mr. Austin outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview process.

The interview with Dr. Markavitch began at 11:25 a.m. and ended at 12:53 p.m.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Ms. McPhee joined the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

VIII. INTERVIEW OF SCOTT MENZEL

Mr. Austin introduced Mr. Scott Menzel, Superintendent, Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

Mr. Austin outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview process.

The interview with Mr. Menzel began at 1:40 p.m. and ended at 2:58 p.m.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There were no comments during public participation.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m.

XI. DISCUSSION AND IDENTIFICATION OF FINALISTS

Dr. Tim Quinn joined the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Mr. Austin said the Board appreciates all of the candidates who applied for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. He said it is obvious there are terrifically qualified and talented people, and it is challenging to winnow the field to the finalists. Mr. Austin said ideally the Board will select two or three candidates to advance to the next round which would include final interviews on March 18, 2015.

Mr. Austin asked Dr. Quinn to facilitate the discussion among Board members to select the finalists. Discussion followed and an informal ranking of the candidates occurred.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh Smith, that the State Board of Education advance Alan Ingram, Brian Whiston and Vickie Markavitch as finalists for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction.**

Ms. Ramos-Montigny and Mrs. Weiser said they cannot support the motion.

**Ms. Ramos-Montigny proposed a substitute motion to conduct another informal ranking of the candidates.**

**There was no second for the substitute motion.**

Discussion followed and an informal ranking of the candidates occurred.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education invite Vickie Markavitch, Scott Menzel and Brian Whiston to interview as finalists for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction on March 18, 2015.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Ms. McPhee extended an invitation for the three finalists to speak with Governor Snyder.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 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