

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

February 8, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Ms. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer (via telephone)
Mr. Richard Zeile, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mr. Daniel Varner
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

Absent: Ms. Matinga Ragatz, 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on 2009-2010 Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report – memorandum dated February 8, 2011
- B. Information on the 2009-2010 Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Annual Legislative Report as presented to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees and the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies – memorandum dated February 8, 2011
- C. Information on the Michigan After-School Partnership Year-End Report for 2010 – memorandum dated February 8, 2011
- D. The Special Education Advisory Committee January 5, 2011 Quick Notes to the State Board of Education
- E. News Articles on Improving Cut Scores

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Ms. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider introduced members of the State Board of Education and Department of Education staff, and acknowledged guests attending the meeting.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan showed a video clip from an automotive company showcasing the city of Detroit and the resilience of Michigan citizens.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole to order at 9:46 a.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM PRIORITIES – RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNOR SNYDER AND THE LEGISLATURE

Mr. Austin presented Discussion of *Michigan State Board of Education – Education Improvement and Reform Priorities – Recommendations to Governor Snyder and the Legislature*.

Mr. Austin said the State Board of Education believes Michigan's education system must be organized to incent and reward performance on educational outcomes with a focus on:

- Students graduate from PreK-12 with the academic, critical thinking, and creative skills needed to enter post-secondary education without remediation;

- Graduates successfully obtain post-secondary credentials that ensure they are well-equipped for success in life, work, starting a business; and
- All Michiganders engage in lifelong learning, and are well prepared for a life as active citizens in democracy.

Mr. Austin said the document outlines the following reform and restructuring priorities for the P-20 system to the Governor and Legislature: (1) Reimagine the PreK-12 Educational System in Michigan, (2) Ensure Excellent Educators, and (3) Reforms, Restructuring and Revenues.

Following Board discussion, Mr. Austin said a revised document will be presented for approval during the Regular meeting.

IX. PRESENTATION ON GRADE LEVEL CONTENT EXPECTATIONS FOR VISUAL ARTS, MUSIC, DANCE, AND THEATER

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; and Ms. Abbie Groff, Interim Supervisor, Curriculum and Instruction; presented Grade Level Content Expectations for Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Theater.

Mr. Flanagan said the Public Survey of Michigan 2011 Draft Standards, Benchmarks and Grade Level Content Expectations for Arts Education will provide an opportunity for educators and the public to review what Michigan students are expected to know and do in the arts, and to consider how these expectations align to both 21st Century college and career preparation and to the 2006 Michigan Merit Curriculum Guidelines for the Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts.

Dr. Vaughn said a pilot survey was conducted in 2009, and the 2011 Draft Standards, Benchmarks and Grade Level Content Expectations for Arts Education: (1) demonstrate the sequential building of knowledge and skills in the arts without repetition across grades; and (2) provide students rigorous content and opportunities to apply knowledge through higher-order skills, so that all students are prepared for success in a global economy and society.

The Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Content Expectations for Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Theater will be available for public comment in February with final approval by the Board in April.

X. PRESENTATION OF REVISED MICHIGAN SCHOOL ACCREDITATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM (MI-SAAS)

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Educational Assessment and Accountability; and Dr. Venessa Keesler, Manager, Evaluation Research and Accountability; presented Revised Michigan School Accreditation and Accountability System (MI-SAAS).

Mr. Flanagan said in October, 2010, the State Board of Education approved the Michigan School Accreditation and Accountability System (MI-SAAS) as the state's new accreditation system to provide a means of setting standards for continuous school improvement.

Mr. Flanagan said pending Board approval later in the meeting, there will be a presentation to the House and Senate Education subcommittees where there will be opportunities for public comment, then implementation would occur.

Dr. Vaughn said based on experience with the Persistently Lowest Achieving ranking of schools, understanding the impact of raising cut scores on the MEAP and MME to represent college readiness, and feedback from a stakeholder committee, three modifications to MI-SAAS are recommended:

1. Removal of Adequate Yearly Progress and accounting for subgroup achievement by including the largest achievement gap between any two subgroups in each school in the top-to-bottom ranking.
2. Removal of graduation rate from the "Compliance and Board Policy Factors" portion of MI-SAAS and accounting for the graduation rate by including it in the top-to-bottom ranking.
3. The addition of the following sunset clause: "MI-SAAS will be revised when at least 80% of students are scoring proficient or higher in at least 80% of Michigan schools, with proficiency cut scores tied to college and career readiness or being on track to college and career readiness."

Dr. Martineau provided information through a PowerPoint presentation.

This item was presented to the Board for approval during the Regular Meeting.

XI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

Discussion occurred later in the meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Mrs. McGuire ended her telephone connection at 12:30 p.m. and rejoined later in the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- E. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 11, 2011

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 11, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner, Weiser, Zeile

Absent During Vote: McGuire

The motion carried.

Mrs. McGuire rejoined the meeting via telephone at 1:20 p.m.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Dr. Linda Sherrill, Spring Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Sherrill, representing Spring Arbor University, provided verbal comments and written information from deans and directors of independent teacher preparation institutions.
- B. Mr. John Lauve, Holly, Michigan. Mr. Lauve provided verbal comments and written information on management and reform of the Board and elected boards.
- C. Ms. Amber Arellano, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. Arellano, Executive Director, Education Trust – Midwest, provided verbal comments on cut scores for career and college readiness.

- D. Ms. Mary Ann Farris, Frankenmuth, Michigan. Ms. Farris, representing Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary and American Lawyers Auxiliary, presented verbal comments and written information on law related education.
- E. Major John Gianella, Lansing, Michigan. Major Gianella, representing the United States Marine Corps Lansing Recruiting Station, presented verbal comments and written information on the United States Marine Corps Educators Workshop.
- F. Mr. Mike Maloney, Howell, Michigan. Mr. Maloney provided verbal comments regarding the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) cut scores.

XV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- F. Human Resources Update
- G. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

Grants

- H. Report on Grant Awards
 - 2010-2011 Secondary Perkins State Leadership Grant – Initial
 - 2010-2011 Agriculture Program Development Grant – Initial
 - 2010-2011 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Amendment and Continuation
 - 2010-2011 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) – Initial
 - 2010-2011 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) 4% Title I School Improvement Grant – Initial
 - 2010-2011 Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment
 - 2010-2011 Title I School Improvement Funds to Support Regional Assistance to High Priority Schools Grant – Amendment
 - 2010-2011 State School Aid Act Section 99(6) Mathematics and Science Centers – Initial
 - 2010-2011 Mathematics and Science Centers – Initial
 - 2010-2011 College Access Challenge Grant – Continuation
 - 2010-2011 Intermediate School District Collaboration Grant – Amendment and Continuation

XVI. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Matinga Ragatz, 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year, was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, no report was provided.

XVII. APPROVAL OF REVISED MICHIGAN SCHOOL ACCREDITATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM (MI-SAAS)

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the revised Michigan School Accreditation and Accountability System (MI-SAAS), as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 1, 2011.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner, Weiser, Zeile
Nay: McGuire**

The motion carried.

XVIII. APPROVAL OF RESETTING CUT SCORES ON THE MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MEAP) AND MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION (MME) TO BE CONSISTENT WITH COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Mr. Flanagan said this item is a follow up to the January State Board of Education meeting in which the Board discussed improving cut scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Examination (MME) to reflect college readiness on the MME and being on track to college readiness on the MEAP.

Mr. Flanagan said upon Board approval of improving cut scores, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability staff will move forward with developing the methodology to be used in resetting cut scores and return to the State Board of Education with recommended cut scores in a few months.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve moving forward with resetting cut scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Examination (MME) to be consistent with college readiness (on MME) and being on track to college readiness (on MEAP).

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner, Weiser, Zeile
Nay: McGuire**

The motion carried.

XIX. APPROVAL OF NEW MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MEAP) WRITING ASSESSMENT CUT SCORES

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Educational Assessment and Accountability; and Steve Viger, Manager of Measurement Research and Psychometrics, Educational Assessment and Accountability; presented Approval of New Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Writing Assessment Cut Scores.

Mr. Flanagan said this is a follow up from the December, 2010, State Board of Education meeting in which staff presented a description of the MEAP Writing assessment.

Dr. Vaughn said in January, the Michigan Department of Education convened a group of Michigan educators and community members to carry out the process used to recommend cut scores to the Board.

Dr. Martineau provided an overview through a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education adopt the revised recommended cut scores displayed in Table 2 of the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 1, 2011.

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XX. APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM PRIORITIES – RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNOR SNYDER AND THE LEGISLATURE

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Austin said the document has been revised to incorporate comments made during the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the *Michigan State Board of Education – Education Improvement and Reform Priorities – Recommendations to Governor Snyder and the Legislature*, as attached to the President's memorandum of February 8, 2011, and as modified by discussion.

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Michigan State Board of Education – Education Improvement and Reform Priorities – Recommendations to Governor Snyder and the Legislature, is attached as Exhibit A.

XXI. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, State and Federal Legislative Director, presented the State and Federal Legislative Update. She provided an update on the Local Government Fiscal Responsibility Act (Public Act 72 of 1990) which addresses both school districts and municipalities and which authorizes Emergency Financial Managers. She also provided an update on consolidation of services, budget bills, and anti-bullying legislation.

Following discussion regarding Public Act 72, Mr. Flanagan said the Board will be provided with language included in the current draft of the legislation.

Ms. Hansknecht said there will be an orientation session on February 15 for Michigan legislators on educational issues, and several Board members will be attending.

Ms. Hansknecht said reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is being considered by Congress. She said the U.S. Department of Education recently released a dashboard using data to show educational performance.

XXII. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

Mrs. McGuire asked if there is oversight, reporting, and evaluation of programs included in the criteria for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants for Facilitators/Monitors.

Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Office of Educational Improvement and Innovation, said facilitators and monitors are in schools weekly and provide reports that Michigan Department of Education staff members receive monthly.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions

- N. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National School Breakfast Week
- O. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Lamia Mekhayel Haddad

Approvals

- P. Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

- Q. Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Anishinaabemowin Language and Culture
- R. Approval of Early On Policy on System of Payments and Policy on Screening of Children Referred to Early On
- S. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report – October-December

Criteria

- T. Criteria for a Competitive Grant for Child Find, Public Awareness, and Information and Referral for FY 2011-2012 Under Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- U. Criteria for a Competitive Grant for the Early On Michigan Comprehensive System of Personnel Development for FY 2011-2012 Under Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- V. Criteria for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant
- W. Approval of Criteria for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants Facilitators/Monitors

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- N. adopt the National School Breakfast Week, March 7-11, 2011, resolution as attached the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 24, 2011;**
- O. adopt the resolution honoring Lamia Mekhayel Haddad, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 24, 2011;**
- P. approve the organizational nominees listed on Attachment B of the Superintendent’s memorandum of January 24, 2011; and appoint two individuals nominated to serve as At-Large members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified;**
- Q. approve the Anishinaabemowin Language and Culture (FN) Standards, as discussed in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 24, 2011;**
- R. approve the Early On Policy on System of Payments and Policy on Screening of Children Referred to Early On, as described in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 24, 2011;**
- S. approve the October 1 – December 30, 2010 report of State Board of Education expenses, dated February 3, 2011; and**

- T. **approve the criteria for a Competitive Grant for Child Find, Public Awareness, and Information and Referral for FY 2011-2012 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as presented in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 24, 2011;**
- U. **approve the criteria for a Competitive Grant for the Early On Michigan Comprehensive System of Personnel Development for FY 2011-2012 under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as presented in the Superintendent’s memorandum of January 24, 2011;**
- V. **approve the Criteria for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 24, 2011; and**
- W. **approve the Criteria for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants Facilitators/Monitors, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated January 24, 2011.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution regarding National School Breakfast Week is attached as Exhibit B.

The resolution honoring Lamia Mekhayel Haddad is attached as Exhibit C.

XXIV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Austin said the State Board of Education will focus relentlessly on advancing the Board’s priorities through engagement with Governor Snyder and the Legislature. He said they will shine the spotlight on innovation and success, serve as a public forum, and address educational issues.

Mr. Austin said Mrs. Danhof and Ms. Ulbrich will serve on the Board’s Legislative Committee, and there was Board consensus. He said Board members are welcome to join committees of the Board, and a list of Board committees will be forthcoming. Mr. Austin said an orientation session for new Board members will also be scheduled.

XXV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Weiser said she would like to take a Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test.

XXVI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mr. Austin, Ms. Ulbrich, and Mrs. Danhof with suggestions for agenda topics.

Mrs. Straus said she would like a presentation on after-school programs at a future meeting.

XXVII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, March 8, 2011
- B. Tuesday, April 12, 2011
- C. Tuesday, May 10, 2011

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof
Secretary