

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

September 12, 2006  
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President  
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer  
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer  
Mr. Reginald Turner  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser  
Ms. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,  
ex officio

Also Present: Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on Plan to Accept Public Comment on Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Infant and Toddler Programs memorandum dated August 28, 2006
- B. Michigan Department of Education – Summary of Budget Changes for Fiscal Year 2007 (PA 332 of 2006)
- C. Information on Public Act 342a of 2006 – State School Aid

III. AGENDA FOLDER ITEM

- A. Revised Draft Positive Behavior Support Policy (Item W)

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2006-2007 Title III, English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement (Preliminary) – Initial – added to agenda
- B. 2006-2007 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Sec. 619 Preschool Grants – Initial – added to agenda
- C. Education Legislation Update – added to agenda

Mrs. Danhof requested the following modifications to the agenda:

- D. Approval of Criteria for Student Wellness Team Local Wellness Policy Mini-Grants – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion
- E. Approval of Criteria for Grants to Intermediate Districts or First Class Districts to Create and Implement Middle College High School Focused on the Field of Health Sciences – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion
- F. Approval of Criteria for the Birth to Five Beginnings Library Program Grants – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion
- G. Approval of Criteria for the 2006-2007 Michigan School Readiness Program Grants for Four-Year-Old Children at Risk of School Failure – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion
- H. Approval of Criteria for the 2006-07 Best Practices Study in Education Program – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education; Department of Education staff; Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year; guests attending the meeting; and new employees who have joined the Department since the last meeting.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:27 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Positive Behavior Support Policy

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support

At a previous meeting the State Board of Education directed staff to develop a statewide policy on positive behavior support.

A revised Positive Behavior Support Policy was included in the agenda folder, and is attached as Exhibit A.

Board member comments included:

1. there are effective models in the state that schools can look to for examples; gains in academic achievement have been documented as a result of positive behavior intervention;
2. there is a correlation between positive behavior support and student achievement; and
3. the website gives steps for effective implementation that are helpful for districts developing a school-wide policy.

This item is on the Consent Agenda for approval.

IX. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said he recently visited the Michigan School for the Deaf, and was impressed by the candor of the students as they offered constructive criticism. He said this speaks to the leadership of the staff that students felt comfortable in talking with him. He said students said they need more books to read in the residence area, and he challenged staff of the Michigan Department of Education to donate books to the students of the Michigan School for the Deaf. He said the generosity of Department employees resulted in the contribution of 640 books.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

B. Presentation on State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education/Intermediate School District Matrix

The following individuals presented:

- Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. Jon Tomlanovich, Associate Executive Director, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators
- Mr. Jay Newman, Co-Chair of Michigan Department of Education/State Board of Education/Intermediate School District Partnership Matrix Committee; and Director, National Civility Center

At its retreat last year, the State Board identified “Build on the relationship with the State Board, Michigan Department of Education, and Intermediate School Districts” as one of its four major priorities. The MDE/SBE/ISD Partnership Matrix was the ideal tool to use as the foundation. The Legislative Committee of the State Board of Education was appointed on March 9, 2004. The matrix was developed through a joint committee including members of the Board’s Legislative Committee comprised of Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. Straus, and Mr. Turner; and staff of educational organizations, intermediate school districts, and the Michigan Department of Education. The Department’s goal is to develop a coordinated and systematic way to work with intermediate school districts that will increase the Department’s capacity and effect a transparent change of infrastructure that builds on the healthy working relationship already in place. The partnership is now known as Michigan’s Partnership for Delivery of Education Services.

Board member comments and staff *clarifications* included:

1. moving beyond the original mandate of creating a system to developing a quality system of measurement so we can hold ourselves accountable for results in improving the delivery of services;
2. thank you for drawing a clear line between local districts, intermediate school districts, and the state including all levels of education, administration, and local boards;
3. more references should be made to individualized education plans; a reference should also be made to a remediation process for the high school curriculum – *acceleration is the term used rather than remediation*;
4. it was a joy to be part of a committee with so much enthusiasm and so many new ideas; and
5. does “eliminate redundancies” as referenced in number 5 of the cover memo, include reduction of costs – *yes*.

C. Presentation on High School Content Expectations for Science

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement

The following events have occurred related to the High School Content Expectations for Science:

- The July 26 House Education Committee meeting was cancelled.
- The document containing High School Science Content Expectations has been available on the web since mid-May.
- The following were provided a compact disc containing the documents: House and Senate Education Committee members; Chairs of the House and Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittees; and House and Senate Republican and Democratic Policy Offices.
- Meetings have been held with legislators who have expressed concern.
- The House Education Subcommittee on Curriculum Standards met on September 11.

The law regarding high school graduation requirements states that the Michigan Department of Education solicit input from many individuals and groups including "Government officials, including officials from the Legislature." To date, the process for soliciting input has not been defined as it relates to content expectations.

Copies of a letter to Mrs. Straus from Representative Brian Palmer, Chairman of the House Education Committee, dated September 11, 2006, and a letter to Mrs. Straus from Senator Wayne Kuipers, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, dated September 12, 2006 were distributed. A delay was requested by Representative Palmer and Senator Kuipers so that Legislative input can be provided, and to develop a process for Legislative input in future curriculum documents.

Mr. Flanagan said he is proposing that the Board continue its discussion, but delay action until the October Board meeting to allow time for the Legislative Subcommittee to submit its input paper to the State Board of Education by September 26. He said he is requesting that the item be removed from the Consent Agenda later in the meeting.

Board member comments and staff *clarifications* included:

1. We do have, and have had, a very constructive relationship with the House Education Committee, Senate Education Committee, and Appropriations Subcommittees, which is to the benefit of public education and all concerned;
2. prefer to vote today to meet deadlines;
3. if we are serious about wanting input we need to consider how the input is gathered so that it is meaningful; how will this impact our ability to get the information to teachers and administrators – *yes it is less than perfect, but we will have received Legislative input by the October 3<sup>rd</sup> conference, "Michigan's New Content Expectations for High School Science." The document will be marked draft, and participants will be told that Board action is expected on October 10;*
4. we should honor the request of the Legislature for a delay and the branches of government should work together to achieve solutions for the people; areas of concern seem to be fairly narrow;

5. what is the process for input from the Legislature going to be; how much time do they need to review documents and provide input – *the framework is developed; a completion schedule for curriculum will be shared with the Board at its October meeting;*
6. we will be getting one document from the Legislature, not letters from individual Legislators;
7. if we have a protocol that states public comment is a certain number of days, it needs to be consistent for all documents;
8. make sure that we are creating student minds that are able to accept new scientific information in all four of the content areas through their lifetime as citizens or in scientific careers; make sure teaching practices support innovation and the creative mind; schools need support for student debate in science as they explore solutions; and
9. important to work together in setting high-quality, clear expectations for high school just as we did with high school graduation requirements.

Discussion continued during the Regular Meeting.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 10:38 a.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XII. PRESENTATION ON HIGH SCHOOL CONTENT EXPECTATIONS FOR SCIENCE

Discussion continued regarding High School Content Expectations for Science.

Mrs. Straus said in order to afford the Legislature an opportunity for input as required by high school graduation requirement statute, and initiate a process for input, she is proposing the following motion.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education delay action on High School Content Expectations for Science until its October 10, 2006, meeting.**

Mr. Flanagan asked if there was anyone who wished to speak during Public Participation with regard to delaying Board action on the High School Content Expectations for Science until the October meeting. The following individuals offered public comment opposing the delay:

- A. Mr. Michael Gallagher, Michigan Science Teachers Association, 3555 Brass Drive, Commerce, Michigan 48390.
- B. Ms. Shelli Weisberg, American Civil Liberties Union, 60 West Hancock, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

Mrs. Bauer said it is not clear if the Board will be receiving a single document from the Legislature with input. Mr. Flanagan said the intent is a single document.

Mrs. Straus emphasized that the final decision on the content expectations is the responsibility of the State Board of Education. Mr. Flanagan said he believes the letters submitted by Representative Palmer and Senator Kuipers reflect that spirit.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Turner, Weiser**  
**Nays: Bauer, McGuire**

**The motion carried.**

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to reconvene the Committee of the Whole at 11:00 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- D. Presentation on the High School Course/Credit Content Expectations and Guidelines for the Michigan Merit Curriculum

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement

This was a presentation of the Michigan Merit Curriculum's High School Course/Credit Content Expectations and Guidelines for English Language Arts Grades 9 and 10; Algebra I; Geometry; Algebra II; Pre-Calculus; Statistics; Earth Science; Biology; Chemistry; and Physics. These documents do not require Board approval since the Board has previously approved the originating documents.

Visual, Performing and Applied Arts are on the Regular Meeting agenda for approval. The Online Experience guidelines are in the public review and comment stage and will be presented to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

Board member comments included:

1. Michigan's reputation is enhanced by setting rigorous standards, and immediately offering the guidance necessary to help our children learn and develop successful careers, and ultimately help our state succeed; we must encourage and develop learning venues in high school that are exciting, engaging, creative and relevant; we need multiple, motivating pathways to learn the content; and
2. it is important to use the term "credit," rather than "course" because it reminds us that this is a new way of thinking about how we do our work.

E. Presentation on Proposed Performance Standards for Michigan's English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Marilyn Roberts, Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Dr. Joseph Martineau, Psychometrician, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

These are the recommended performance standards that were set for the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) that was given last spring. ELPA is Michigan's statewide assessment of English language proficiency that is given annually to all English language learners who are enrolled in grades K-12 to determine their progress in acquiring English language skills. The four performance levels for ELPA are Proficient, High Intermediate, Low Intermediate, and Basic. A description of the standard-setting process and the results are in the report.

There were no comments from Board members. The item is on the Consent Agenda for approval.

XV. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. KATHLEEN N. STRAUS

Mrs. Straus said she would like to introduce Ms. Casandra Ulbrich, one of the Democratic nominees for State Board of Education who is attending the Board meeting. Mrs. Straus said she would also like to thank the Democratic party for nominating Mr. Reginald Turner (incumbent), and the Republican party for nominating Mrs. Eileen Weiser (incumbent). Mrs. Straus said that Mr. Tom McMillin is also on the ballot as a Republican nominee for the Board. She said there will also be nominees from other parties listed on the ballot.

XVI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

F. Report by State Board of Education Policies and Procedures Subcommittee – Recommended Changes to State Board of Education By-Laws

The following individual presented:

- Mrs. Kathleen Straus, President, State Board of Education

The revisions to the Board's By-Laws are recommended by the State Board of Education Policies and Procedures Subcommittee. The Subcommittee members include Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, Mrs. Nancy Danhof, Mr. Reginald Turner, and Mrs. Straus.

The By-Laws require that revisions be submitted in writing and lay on the table between the meeting at which they are submitted and the next duly constituted meeting at which time such amendments must be acted upon. The revisions require a minimum of six affirmative votes for approval.

The Procedures are being discussed by the Subcommittee and will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Board member comments included:

1. Need a review of grant criteria on a regular basis; review Special Education waivers process; and the criteria for Supplemental Service Providers;
2. Since the State Board of Education is the Board for the Michigan School for the Deaf regular updates should be provided;
3. Page 3 (A.4) "WILL" should be "SHALL"; Page 5 "place" should be "places";

4. Include the role of the agenda setting committee – *actual subcommittee functions are addressed in the Procedures document;*
5. Committees of the Board is a more accurate term than subcommittees;
6. agenda setting and decision making should be a bipartisan process; open to allowing input from any Board member;
7. define majority and quorum – *staff will clarify and define;*
8. ask the Attorney General's office for clarification of majority and quorum; and
9. revise public participation forms to include optional telephone and e-mail contact information.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:34 a.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XVIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 13, 2006.

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 13, 2006.**

Mrs. Bauer said the Resolution on Study Mission to China, Exhibit F, is missing and should be added.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XIX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Boys State Board of Education

Mrs. Straus said she met with the members of the Boys State Board of Education on June 20, 2006. She said she discussed the high school graduation requirements and other education related topics with them.

B. Wayne State University Awards Ceremony

Mrs. Straus said she attended an awards ceremony at Wayne State University's College of Education on June 22. She said numerous scholarships were awarded to a diverse student population.

C. Detroit Summer Food Program

Mrs. Straus said that on June 27, 2006, Mrs. Bauer, Mr. Turner, and she attended the Detroit Summer Food Program as administered by the Michigan Department of Education. She said the children were learning about nutrition, enjoying a healthy lunch, and doing something constructive during their summer.

D. Study Mission to China

Mrs. Straus said she joined Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Danhof on a Study Mission to China on July 1-11, 2006. She said they joined a delegation from Michigan State University College of Education including 25 educators. She said State Board members paid for their trip with personal funds. She suggested a future Board presentation on the Study Mission to China.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

H. Human Resources Update – August

DD. Human Resources Update – September

I. Report on the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

J. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers

- EE. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers – Part 2
- K. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorship

Grants

- L. 2006-2007 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Grant Program – Continuation
- M. 2005-2006 Section 57 – Advanced and Accelerated – Initial (\$175,000)
- N. 2005-2007 Implementation Grant Application for Charter School Grant Program – Continuation
- O. 2005-2006 Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Program – Initial
- P. 2005-2006 Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students – Initial (\$710,408.39)
- Q. 2005-2006 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment
- FF. 2005-2006 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment – Part 2
- GG. 2006-2007 Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grant Program – Initial
- HH. 2006-2007 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C Infants and Toddlers Program – Initial
- II. 2006-2007 Michigan School Readiness Program – Initial (\$78,600,000)
- JJ. 2006-2007 State-Funded Michigan School Readiness Program Competitive Grants – Initial and Continuation (\$12,249,600)
- KK. 2006-07 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment
- LL. 2007-2009 Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant – Initial
- MM. 2006-2007 Rural and Low Income School Program – Initial
- NN. 2006-2007 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Initial

- OO. 2006-2007 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Initial
- PP. 2006-2007 Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology – Initial
- QQ. 2005-2006 Section 57 – Advanced and Accelerated – Initial (\$180,000)
- RR. 2006-2007 USDOE, Charter School Grant Program, Competitive Start Up Grant – Twelfth Cycle – Continuation
- SS. 2006-2007 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Initial
- TT. 2006-2007 Implementation Grant Application for Charter School Grant Program – Initial
- UU. 2006-2007 Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology – Amendment
- VV. 2006-2007 Title I, Part D - Prevention and Intervention for Neglected or Delinquent Children – Initial
- WW. 2006-2007 Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs – Amendment
- XX. 2006-2007 Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Amendment
- YY. 2006-2007 Title V, Part A – Innovative Programs – Initial
- ZZ. 2004-2005, Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grant Program – Amendment
- AAA. 2006-2007 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Formula Grants – Initial
- BBB. 2005-2006 Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students – Initial (\$229,749.28)
- LLL. 2006-2007 Title III, English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement (Preliminary) – Initial
- MMM. 2006-2007 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Sec. 619 Preschool Grants – Initial

Mr. Flanagan provided an oral report on:

A. Monthly School Visit

Mr. Flanagan said he visited Hancock Public Schools as part of his trip to the Upper Peninsula Education Summit. He said it was a diverse student population, and he enjoys being in school buildings interacting with students, staff, and administrators. He thanked the Board for suggesting that he visit schools on a regular basis to avoid being unintentionally isolated.

B. Implementation Funding

Mr. Flanagan said the majority of the state grant programs do not come to the Department with implementation funds. Mrs. Danhof suggested that the word "implementation" also be used in place of "administration" when distributing grant funds to school districts.

XXI. REPORT BY MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Kim Kyff, presented Report by Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Kyff said her official start date was August 28, but during the summer she participated in the following: evaluated the online mentoring program website, ASSIST; continued working as a candidate support provider for national board certification; began serving on the Steering Committee for the Network of Michigan Educators; served on the selection panel for the new Michigan license plate; received the "My Personal Heroes Award" from the Detroit Shock team and the American Red Cross; and participated in summer programs in her home school, Jamieson Elementary School.

Ms. Kyff said in October Mr. Dan Schab, 2005-2006 Michigan Teacher of the Year, will attend a forum for the class of 2006 Teachers of the Year at Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. Schab will also be a featured speaker in October at the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools Annual Convention. He will also join a student and fellow Williamston High School teacher in presenting at the National Conference for State Directors of Special Education in Williamsburg, Virginia in November.

XXII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 12:57 p.m.

### XXIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Mr. Orin Tyson, 1100 Shepard, Lansing, Michigan 48912. Mr. Tyson, representing Michigan Atheists, provided oral and written comments on science expectations.
- B. Mr. Elvin L. Caldwell II, 1818 Chelan Street, Flint, Michigan 48503. Mr. Caldwell, a student attending International Academy of Flint, shared comments on the International Academy of Flint.
- C. Ms. Chyna L. Kelly, 1817 New York Avenue, Flint, Michigan 48504. Ms. Kelly, a student attending International Academy of Flint, provided comments on charter school education.
- D. Mr. Ronald Wilson, 4401 Ogema Avenue, Flint, Michigan 48507. Mr. Wilson, a student attending International Academy of Flint, provided comments on charter school education.
- E. Mr. Art Wenzlaff, 1802 Hampden Road, Flint, Michigan 48503. Mr. Wenzlaff, representing International Academy of Flint, presented comments on charter school education.
- F. Ms. Pat Williams, 317 Jackson Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Ms. Williams shared comments on the anti-bullying draft policy.
- G. Ms. Marsha Wilson, 4401 Ogema Avenue, Flint, Michigan 48507. Ms. Wilson commented on charter schools.
- H. Ms. Theresa Abed, 605 Schoolcraft, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Ms. Abed shared comments on the anti-bullying draft policy.
- I. Mr. Kevin Epling, 1633 Colorado Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. Mr. Epling provided comments on the anti-bullying draft policy.
- J. Mr. George Wurtzel, 200 South Lafayette, Greenville, Michigan 48838. Mr. Wurtzel, Executive Director, Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, shared comments regarding Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- K. Ms. Jacalyn Hosey, 1235 North Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906. Ms. Hosey provided comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

- L. Ms. Barbara Kratchman, 17515 West Nine Mile Road, #1025, Southfield, Michigan 48075. Ms. Kratchman, President, ArtServe Michigan, provided comments on visual, performing, and applied arts guidelines.
- M. Ms. Mary Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood provided comments on charter schools.

XXIV. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MS. SUE CARNELL

Ms. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer Granholm, presented Ms. Kim Kyff with a Proclamation from the Governor honoring her as 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

XXV. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL, PERFORMING, AND APPLIED ARTS GUIDELINES

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent; and Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement; presented Presentation and Approval of High School Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts Guidelines.

Dr. Hughes said that during the summer committees representing visual, performing, and applied arts met to establish guidelines for the 1-credit requirement in the Michigan Merit Curriculum. He said this is an area where local control is evident via local flexibility yet specific enough so that the artistic, creative process is in place.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the High School Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts Guidelines as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006, and direct the Department to proceed with dissemination.**

Mrs. Straus said she values the statements in the document regarding use and teaching of the creative process in arts as well as other areas, because that is what is unique to the United States. She said during the Study Mission to China, the Chinese people asked how we teach our students to think creatively.

Mrs. Weiser said there is nothing like a grounding in the arts to make you think of things in a different way.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXVI. APPROVAL OF COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE REVIEW OF THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, presented Approval of Compliance Plan for the Civil Rights Compliance Review of the Michigan School for the Deaf.

Dr. Thompson said the Civil Rights Compliance Plan for the Michigan School for the Deaf has been reviewed by the Office of Career and Technical Preparation. She said most of the recommendations have been completed, and acceptance of the plan is pending State Board of Education approval, and a signed Certificate of Local Board approval is required before the Compliance Plan is approved.

**Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Report on Civil Rights Compliance Plan for the Michigan School for the Deaf, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006.**

Mrs. Bauer asked if the November 2005 submission dates in the Monitoring and Evaluation section are incorrect. Dr. Thompson said the date should be 2006, and the Board will receive a copy of the revised version that is submitted.

Mrs. Straus said the Board may want to convene a future meeting at the Michigan School for the Deaf.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXVII. 2007 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Flanagan presented 2007 State Board of Education Meeting Schedule. He said it proposed that the meeting be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

January 9  
February 13  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8  
June 12  
July 10  
August 14  
September 11  
October 9  
November 13  
December 11

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the meeting schedule for 2007, as listed in the State Board Executive's memorandum dated August 28, 2006.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXVIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

- S. Approval of Criteria for Student Wellness Team Local Wellness Policy Mini-Grants
- T. Approval of Criteria for the High School Robotics Competition – For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Grant (F.I.R.S.T.)
- U. Approval of Criteria for Grants to Intermediate Districts or First Class Districts to Create and Implement Middle College High School Focused on the Field of Health Sciences
- V. Approval of Criteria for the Special Education and Early Intervention Services State Improvement Grant Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004)
- EEE. Approval of Criteria for the Birth to Five Beginnings Library Program Grants
- FFF. Approval of Criteria for the 2006-2007 Michigan School Readiness Program Grants for Four-Year Old Children at Risk of School Failure
- GGG. Approval of Criteria for the Grant Program to Secure a Statewide License for “My Dream Explorer”
- HHH. Approval of Criteria for the 2006-07 Best Practices Study in Education Program

Approvals

- W. Adoption of the Positive Behavior Support Policy
- X. Approval of State Board of Education Model Anti-Bullying Policy
- Y. Approval of Report on Keeping Kids in School
- Z. Approval of High School Content Expectations in Science

- AA. Approval of Proposed Performance Standards for Michigan's English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)
- BB. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report
- III. Approval of Name Change of Allegan County Intermediate School District to Allegan Area Educational Services Agency

Resolutions

- CC. Adoption of Resolution on Michigan Safe Schools Week
- JJJ. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Safe Routes to School

Appointments

- KKK. Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

- S. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- T. approve the criteria for the High School Robotics Competition, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 24, 2006;**
- U. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- V. approve criteria for a continuation grant for the Special Education and Early Intervention Services State Improvement Grant under the IDEA (2004), as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 24, 2006;**
- EEE. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- FFF. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- GGG. approve the criteria for the grant program to secure a statewide license for "My Dream Explorer," as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006;**

- HHH. (This item was removed from the agenda and placed under discussion);
- W. adopt the revised positive behavior support policy, included in the Board's agenda folders;
- X. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);
- Y. approve the Report on Keeping Kids in School, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 24, 2006;
- Z. (This item was removed from the agenda);
- AA. approve the performance standards that were recommended by the standard setting panels for the ELPA, and to use these performance standards in reporting the Spring 2006 ELPA results, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 8, 2006;
- BB. approve the April 1, 2006 - June 30, 2006 report of the State Board of Education expenses, dated July 24, 2006, as described in the State Board Executive's memorandum dated July 24, 2006;
- III. approve the request of the Allegan County Intermediate School District to change its name to Allegan Area Educational Services Agency, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006;
- CC. adopt the Michigan Safe Schools Week Resolution, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 24, 2006;
- JJJ. adopt the resolution on Safe Routes to School, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006; and
- KKK. approve the nominees listed in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The revised Positive Behavior Support Policy is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution regarding Michigan Safe Schools Week is attached as Exhibit B.

The resolution regarding Safe Routes to School is attached as Exhibit C.

XXIX. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR STUDENT WELLNESS TEAM LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY MINI-GRANTS

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion.

Mrs. Danhof said if the Board is to approve criteria for grants then the fundamental rationale for the criteria should be reflected in the criteria. She said in this particular grant on page two, Rationale for Criteria states "The Board also stated in its October 2005 Model Local Wellness Policy that it believes that, schools should provide a campus-wide environment where students are taught healthy eating and physical activity knowledge, skills, and values." She said there needs to be an accountability measure for this.

Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support, said the detail is found in the application packet that the school districts receive. Ms. Chartrand said an extra "bullet" could be added to the Rational for Criteria to provide clarification. Mrs. Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, said a cross check will be done between rationale and criteria.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Student Wellness Team Local Wellness Policy Implementation Mini-grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 24, 2006, and modified by the Board.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXX. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR GRANTS TO INTERMEDIATE DISTRICTS OR FIRST CLASS DISTRICTS TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL FOCUSED ON THE FIELD OF HEALTH SCIENCES

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion.

Mrs. Danhof said there are three different places in the document that address the purpose of the grants, and the three do not agree.

Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support, said the purpose is "Grant a high school diploma, and a certificate or a degree from a community college or state public university, or transferable college credits."

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Middle College High School Health Partnership Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 24, 2006, and as clarified by staff.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXXI. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR THE BIRTH TO FIVE BEGINNINGS LIBRARY PROGRAM GRANTS

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion.

Mrs. Danhof said accountability needs to be addressed in the criteria.

Dr. Lindy Buch, Director, Early Childhood Education and Family Services, said the final bullet point of the criteria could state "shall establish measurable program and child goals and outcomes for the grant AND REPORT THESE TO THE DEPARTMENT." She said the information will be shared with the Board.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Birth to Five Beginnings Library Program Grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006, and modified by the Board.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXXII. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR THE 2006-2007 MICHIGAN SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM GRANTS FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN AT RISK OF SCHOOL FAILURE

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion.

Mrs. Danhof said she does not see reference to the active involvement of parents in program planning and implementation listed in the criteria.

Dr. Lindy Buch, Director, Early Childhood Education and Family Services, said projects must comply with the State Board of Education approved document, *Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten*. She said parent involvement is addressed in that document.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the 2006-2007 Michigan School Readiness Program Grants for Four-Year-Old Children At Risk of School Failure, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXXIII. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR THE 2006-2007 BEST PRACTICES STUDY IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion.

Mrs. Danhof asked if the study topic areas are limited by legislation to the seven areas listed. Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law said the seven areas are priority areas, but the intent is not to exclude other compelling topics.

Mr. Austin said there is a long-standing interest by the Board of doing a comprehensive assessment of what it takes to educate a child in Michigan, how we improve the system of delivery, and how we pay for it.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the 2006-07 Best Practices Study in Education Grant Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Austin suggested that the grant criteria form does not need to include the five Strategic Initiatives of the Board that were adopted in 2001. Mrs. Eileen Hamilton said the format is Board-approved, and a new format will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Mrs. Weiser said a listing of available grants and application dates would be helpful as the grants criteria process is reviewed.

XXXIV. APPROVAL OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MODEL ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion.

Mrs. Straus said cyber bullying should be added. In addition she believes that each local school district should submit its anti-bullying policy to the Michigan Department of Education.

Mrs. Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, said local district policies could be collected; however there is no funding to review and analyze the policies.

Mrs. Straus said districts will adopt local policies if they are asked to submit their policies to the Department. She said there is legislation pending, and the Department could report the information to the Legislature.

Mrs. Bauer said she supports the idea of local districts submitting their policies to the Department. She said if legislation is passed regarding anti-bullying then funding may become available. Mrs. Bauer said cyber bullying should also be included in the model policy.

Mr. Flanagan suggested that the Department may ask colleagues in the Michigan Association of School Boards or intermediate school districts to assist in the review of local anti-bullying policies. Mrs. Wolenberg said School Health Coordinators may also be available to assist.

There was Board consensus to add a statement regarding cyber bullying to the Model Anti-Bullying Policy; and collect local anti-bullying policies from each school district.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education Model Anti-Bullying Policy, as attached to the Superintendent's revised memorandum dated September 8, 2006, and as modified by the Board.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The State Board of Education Model Anti-Bullying Policy is attached as Exhibit D.

XXXV. EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director, presented Education Legislation Update.

Mr. Morris said the Legislative Committee of the Board met on September 11. He said the Committee reviewed Michigan School Readiness Program funding. He said the Governor recommended funding; the Legislature reduced the funding; and it is having an impact on the program. He said next year's priorities were discussed, and the list of evolving issues includes Keeping Kids in School, dual enrollment, school accreditation, and mandatory kindergarten.

Mr. Morris said there is a package of legislative bills to transfer adult education, career and technical education, and postsecondary education to the Department of Education. Mrs. Bauer said the transfer should also include Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

This was an update only, and no action was required.

XXXVI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Superintendent Flanagan's Leadership – Mr. Reginald Turner

Mr. Turner said he believes the relationships the Department and Board enjoy with the Governor, Legislature, intermediate and local school districts, educational organizations, and other groups have been greatly facilitated by the leadership of Mr. Flanagan.

B. Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group

Mrs. Weiser asked when the Board will receive a report of the Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group. Mrs. Bauer asked for a list of Study Group members. Mr. Flanagan said the first meeting of the advisory group is September 25, 2006. He said Board members will receive a list of Work Group members, timeline, and a report on a regular basis beginning with the October Board meeting.

Mr. Austin said he is interested in the scope of the Study Group. He said it is important to address all levels of the teacher quality continuum. He said this includes induction, mentoring, and professional development of teachers so that they maintain skills, attain new skills, and stay refreshed throughout their teaching career.

Mr. Flanagan said the Board, Department, College Presidents, and Deans of the Colleges of Education are interested in working collaboratively to review these topics.

Mrs. Straus said she is interested in helping teachers address inclusion in their classrooms.

Mrs. Weiser asked how we ensure that future teachers know the content of the new high school graduation requirements. Mrs. Weiser said Board members who see gaps as a result of the new high school graduation requirements should submit them for future discussion.

Mr. Flanagan said the recruitment of the best and brightest to consider teaching as a profession also needs to be addressed.

XXXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Agenda topics for the October meeting include High School Science Content Expectations, Report on Public School Academies, and other items mentioned during the course of today's meeting.

XXXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. October 10, 2006
- B. November 14, 2006
- C. December 12, 2006

Mr. Flanagan said there is a Congratulations Reception planned for October 10, 2006, following the Board meeting. He said the reception acknowledges districts that have made Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years and are no longer identified for improvement under No Child Left Behind requirements in Phases 3, 4, 5, or 6.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer that the State Board of Education schedule a retreat for November 28, 2006.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary