

## **MINUTES**

### MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

August 10, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Michael F. Rice, Chairperson  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, President  
Dr. Pamela Pugh, Vice President  
Ms. Tiffany Tilley, Secretary (electronic participation in accordance with the Open Meetings Act)  
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer  
Dr. Judith Pritchett, NASBE Delegate, SBE Legislative Committee  
Ms. Ellen Cogen Lipton, SBE Legislative Committee Chairperson (electronic participation in accordance with the Open Meetings Act)  
Ms. Nikki Snyder, SBE Legislative Committee  
Mr. Jason Strayhorn, SBE Legislative Committee  
Ms. Patricia Readinger, representing Governor Gretchen Whitmer, ex officio (via telephone)

Also Present: Mr. Owen Bondono, 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year  
Ms. Leah Porter, 2021-2022 Michigan Teacher of the Year

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Rice called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. McMillin said he is proposing that three resolutions be added to the agenda. Mr. McMillin distributed copies of the resolutions.

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education add to the agenda as XIII L – Anti-Mask Mandate Resolution.**

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Nay  
McMillin – Aye  
Pritchett – Aye  
Pugh – Aye**

**Snyder – Aye  
Strayhorn – Aye  
Tilley – Aye  
Ulbrich – Nay**

**The motion carried.**

Discussion followed.

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education add to the agenda as XIII M – Anti-Student Vaccine Mandate Resolution.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Nay  
McMillin – Aye  
Pritchett – Aye  
Pugh – Aye  
Snyder – Aye  
Strayhorn – Aye  
Tilley – Aye  
Ulbrich – Nay**

**The motion carried.**

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education add to the agenda as XIII N – Resolution to End the Requirement of Medical Testing by Schools and in Schools.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Nay  
McMillin – Aye  
Pritchett – Aye  
Pugh – Aye  
Snyder – Aye  
Strayhorn – Aye  
Tilley – Aye  
Ulbrich – Nay**

**The motion carried.**

Discussion followed.

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Dr. Pritchett, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as amended.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Aye  
McMillin – Aye  
Pritchett – Aye  
Pugh – Aye  
Snyder – Aye  
Strayhorn – Aye  
Tilley – Aye  
Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Rice asked that the members of the State Board of Education be introduced. Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and their cities of residence. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Ms. Ellen Lipton and Ms. Tiffany Tilley joined the meeting via electronic means, due to medical conditions.

Dr. Rice introduced Dr. Delsa Chapman, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports, formerly Deputy Superintendent with the Lansing School District, and Mr. Mark Howe, Chief of Staff to the State Superintendent, formerly Chief of Staff to the Chief Deputy Superintendent.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Owen Bondono as the 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year
- B. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Leah Porter as the 2021-2022 Michigan Teacher of the Year

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Dr. Pritchett, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for the consent agenda as follows:**

- A. Adopt the resolution honoring the 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Owen Bondono, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated July 27, 2021; and**
- B. Adopt the resolution honoring the 2021-2022 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Leah Porter, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated July 27, 2021.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Aye**  
**McMillin – Aye**  
**Pritchett – Aye**  
**Pugh – Aye**  
**Snyder – Aye**  
**Strayhorn – Aye**  
**Tilley – Aye**  
**Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The resolution honoring the 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Owen Bondono, is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring the 2021-2022 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Leah Porter, is attached at Exhibit B.

V. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Dr. Rice said Owen Bondono is the 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He said Mr. Bondono is a high school English teacher at Oak Park High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Community in Oak Park Schools.

Dr. Rice said Mr. Bondono has been a valuable resource during this unprecedented time. He said he is a passionate advocate for teachers and students. Dr. Rice thanked Mr. Bondono for his dedication and contributions to the teaching profession.

Mr. Bondono said he is honored to serve as a teacher from a family of teachers. He said Leah Porter is amazing, and her colleagues will learn from her.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – 2021-2022 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND REGIONAL FINALISTS

Dr. Rice said on May 13, 2021, during a virtual meeting with the 2021-2022 Regional Teachers of the Year, Dr. Judith Pritchett and he made a surprise announcement naming Ms. Leah Porter as the 2021-2022 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He said Dr. Casandra Ulbrich and Ms. Ellen Cogen Lipton joined the meeting, and Dr. Pritchett represented the board as a member of the selection committee.

Dr. Rice said Ms. Leah Porter is a long-time kindergarten teacher, moving to third grade, at Wilcox Elementary School in Holt Public Schools. He said she was selected from more than 275 nominees statewide.

Dr. Rice invited Dr. Delsa Chapman, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student and School Supports; Ms. Leah Breen, Director, Office of Educator Excellence; and Ms. Jennifer Robel, Manager, Recruitment and Recognition Unit, Office of Educator Excellence; to facilitate the presentation.

Ms. Robel showed a video of the surprise announcement naming Ms. Porter as the 2021-2022 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Ms. Robel introduced Ms. Porter.

Ms. Porter shared introductory slides sharing her strengths and offering to lend her voice to efforts associated with the Future Proud Michigan Educator program, Read By Grade Three law, and mental health and safety for students.

Dr. Rice introduced Representative Julie Brixie, Michigan House of Representatives, who presented Ms. Porter with a legislative tribute. Dr. Rice said Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr., Michigan Senate, was in attendance earlier in the meeting, but he had to leave due to a previous commitment.

Ms. Robel said the Regional Teachers of the Year serve as members of the Michigan Teacher Leader Advisory Council. She introduced the Regional Teachers of the Year and their guests as follows:

Region 1: Heather French, an English language arts and visual arts teacher at Lake Linden–Hubbell Middle/High School at Lake Linden Schools.

Region 2: Kacie Hook, an English language arts and drama teacher at Roscommon Middle School in Roscommon Area Public Schools.

Region 3: Theresa Ziegeler, a social studies teacher at Macatawa Bay Middle School in West Ottawa Public Schools.

Region 4: Cheldora Haynes, a third-grade teacher at Martin G. Atkins Elementary School in Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools.

Region 5: Janet Swarthout, a speech and drama teacher at Caro High School in Caro Community Schools.

Region 7: James Johnson, a social studies teacher at Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Region 8: Bethany Vonck, an English language arts teacher at Washtenaw International Middle Academy in the Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium.

Region 9: Brian Paul, a fourth-grade teacher at Highview Elementary School in Crestwood School District.

Region 10: Joe Vercellino, a music teacher at Voyageur Academy in Detroit.

Dr. Rice presented awards and thanked and congratulated the participants stating that it is an honor to celebrate success in the field of education.

Ms. Robel thanked Ms. Pam Harlin, Director of the Meemic Education Foundation. She said this year Meemic is providing \$50,000 for the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program, plus providing a \$1,000 check to Wilcox Elementary School where Ms. Porter teachers. Ms. Robel said Meemic has supported the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program for several years.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:27 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

VIII. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Rice called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

IX. PRESENTATION ON RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dr. Rice shared information on COVID-19 cases and vaccination rates, school waivers to start before Labor Day, the state school aid act signed into law including an increase in the Great Start Readiness Program, and guidance on COVID-19 mitigation strategies for schools.

There were no board member comments.

X. PRESENTATION BY MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

Dr. Rice welcomed staff from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, who provided a presentation on safe educational environments for children.

Ms. Regina Strong, Environmental Justice Public Advocate, and Mr. Robert Jackson, Assistant Division Director and Energy Ombudsman, Materials Management Division, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Board member comments included heating, ventilation, and air conditioning costs; environmental justice in school communities; federal funding; environmental remediation costs and the timing of repairs; exploration of career and technical education programs in elementary grades; and metrics for improving health and safety.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 11:30 a.m. and convened the Regular Meeting.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **XII. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PK-12 AND CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS**

There was board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Dr. Rice said the Standards for the Preparation of Elementary and Secondary PK-12 and Central Office Administrators were presented to the State Board of Education on January 12, 2021 and followed by public comment opportunities through May 11, 2021. He said the proposed standards would replace Michigan's current administrator preparation standards. He said the board is being asked to approve the standards today, and pending board approval, technical assistance will be provided by the Office of Educator Excellence to educator preparation institutions on program review and redesign to align to the new standards.

Dr. Delsa Chapman, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports; Ms. Leah Breen, Director, Office of Educator Excellence; Dr. Sean Kottke, Education Consultant Manager, Office of Educator Excellence; and Dr. Gina Garner, Higher Education Consultant, Office of Educator Excellence; presented Approval of the Proposed Standards for the Preparation of Elementary and Secondary PK-12 and Central Office Administrators.

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

**Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Dr. Pritchett, that the State Board of Education approve the Michigan Standards for the Preparation of elementary and Secondary PK-12 and Central Office Administrators, as presented in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 27, 2021.**

Mr. McMillin said he wants to make sure there is respect for the privacy and beliefs of parents and families.

Dr. Rice asked if anyone wanted to provide public comment before the vote, and there was no one who indicated an intent to provide public comment.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Aye  
McMillin – Nay  
Pritchett – Aye  
Pugh – Aye  
Snyder – Nay  
Strayhorn – Aye  
Tilley – Aye  
Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion carried.**

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 12:48 p.m.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following people offered public comment on masks, vaccines, and testing related to COVID-19:

Physically present at meeting:

1. Joellen Pisarczyk, Howell, Michigan
2. Liz Mahlich, representing Moms of Liberty – Ingham County, Williamston, Michigan
3. Jennifer Smith, representing Moms for Liberty – Livingston County, Brighton, Michigan
4. Nicole Cullers, representing Moms for Liberty – Livingston County, Brighton, Michigan

Comments provided virtually:

5. Sue Halter, Spring Lake, Michigan
6. Kyla Maksay, Lake Orion, Michigan
7. Toni St. John, Grand Blanc, Michigan
8. Jennifer Ayres, Rochester Hills, Michigan
9. Stephanie, Troy, Michigan
10. Laura Good, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
11. Anna Pennala, Brighton, Michigan
12. Susan Topoleski, Brighton, Michigan
13. Rachel Atwood, Jenison, Michigan
14. Kim Weicht, Charlotte, Michigan
15. Steve Eskesen, Howell, Michigan
16. Brenda Wodarski, Grand Rapids, Michigan
17. Jennifer Tuksal, Rochester Hills, Michigan
18. Samantha Stall, Waterford, Michigan
19. Katie MacFarland, Troy, Michigan
20. Mandy
21. Vermond Barbay, Oakland County
22. Sheila Cohoon, Clinton Township, Michigan
23. Michelle Blondeel, Hartland, Michigan
24. Alena Anderson, Howell, Michigan
25. Susan Tipolonski, Livonia, Michigan
26. Melissa Brogan, Battle Creek, Michigan
27. Riciah James, Wayne County
28. Daphne, Sterling Heights, Michigan
29. Amy Pax, Grand Rapids, Michigan
30. Megan Gunnerson, Washtenaw County



31. John Hill, Midland, Michigan
32. Danielle
33. Monica Radico, Macomb Township
34. Rachel Barton, Niles, Michigan
35. Katherine, Port Huron, Michigan
36. Kristen Meghan Kelly, Ottawa County
37. Mindy Cox, Midland, Michigan
38. Kristin Scott, Grand Blanc, Michigan
39. Jessica Hamlin, Howell, Michigan
40. Reyna Ventramini, Livonia, Michigan
41. Anew Budd, Oakland County
42. Andrea Buninridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
43. John Levetski, Charlotte, Michigan
44. William Pollard, Zeeland, Michigan
45. Natlie Hill, Midland, Michigan
46. Autumn Rogers, Livonia, Michigan
47. Jacqueline Pike, Livingston County
48. Danielle Barcliff, Ortonville, Michigan
49. Stacy Jarubus, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
50. Emily Bauman, Westland, Michigan
51. Stef Monroe, Charlotte, Michigan
52. Andrea Graber, Highland, Michigan
53. Ann, Oakland County
54. Ann Shrier, Jenison, Michigan
55. No name provided, Caledonia, Michigan
56. Rosario, Grand Rapids, Michigan
57. Jan Edwards, Hudsonville, Michigan
58. Joyce Webster, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
59. Sheryl LaFrance, Rochester, Michigan
60. Sara Story, Grand Rapids, Michigan
61. Claire Perko, Farmington, Michigan
62. Sara May Steward, White Lake, Michigan
63. Tina Sternberg, western Michigan
64. Jennifer, Grand Rapids, Michigan
65. Becky, Shiawassee County
66. Jenna
67. Elizabeth Arnold, East Grand Rapids, Michigan
68. Nicole Lawson, Oakland County
69. Crystal Colton, Livonia, Michigan
70. Linda Milliard, Livonia, Michigan

Ms. Ellen Lipton called for a point of order noting that the board's bylaws state that public comment will last for one hour. She said for this meeting only she is proposing that there be a time limit of 2 hours and 55 minutes for public comment. She said that limit will be reached in 55 seconds.

Discussion followed.

**Ms. Lipton moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education enforce the one-hour time limit for public comment as stated in its bylaws, and retroactively permit public comment to be extended to three hours for August 10, 2021 only.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Aye  
McMillin – Nay  
Pritchett – Aye  
Pugh – Aye  
Snyder – Nay  
Strayhorn – Aye  
Tilley – Aye  
Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion carried.**

Dr. Pritchett left the meeting at 3:56 p.m., and rejoined the meeting via telephone.

Ms. Tilley left the meeting at 3:56 p.m., and later rejoined the meeting.

Ms. Snyder left the meeting at 3:58 p.m. and later returned to the meeting.

XV. APPROVAL OF THE MICHIGAN OUT-OF-SCHOOL STANDARDS OF QUALITY

There was board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Dr. Rice said the Michigan Out-of-School Time Standards of Quality were presented to the State Board of Education on June 8, 2021 and followed by public comment through July 9, 2021. He said the proposed standards would replace standards approved by the board in 2013. He said the board is being asked to approve the standards today, and pending board approval, technical assistance will be provided to the before-, after-, out-of-school time, and summer learning fields by the Office of Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning to support programming to align with the new standards.

Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent of P-20 System and Student Transitions; Mr. Richard Lower, Director, Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning; and Ms. Lorraine Thoreson, Manager, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers; presented Approval of the Michigan Out-of-School Time Standards of Quality.

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

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, that the State Board of Education approve the Michigan Out-of-School Time Standards of Quality, as presented in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated July 27, 2021.**

Mr. McMillin asked for and was provided examples of out-of-school time learning, and clarification on requirements for training and foods served.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Aye**  
**McMillin – Nay**  
**Pritchett – Absent**  
**Pugh – Aye**  
**Snyder – Absent**  
**Strayhorn – Aye**  
**Tilley – Absent**  
**Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion failed.**

XVI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 8, 2021

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 8, 2021.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Aye**  
**McMillin – Aye**  
**Pritchett – Absent**  
**Pugh – Aye**  
**Snyder – Absent**  
**Strayhorn – Aye**  
**Tilley – Absent**  
**Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion carried.**

XVII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Ulbrich said in the interest of time, she will forego her report. She welcomed Ms. Leah Porter.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Report

H. Human Resources Report

Grants

I. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2020-2021 Growing MI Educators- Precollegiate Planning Grant (aka Proud Future Michigan Educators) – Amendment; \$1,124,403 (Educator Excellence – Leah Breen)
2. 2020-2021 Growing MI Educators- Precollegiate Planning Grant (aka Proud Future Michigan Educators) – Amendment; \$1,151,745 (Educator Excellence – Leah Breen)
3. 2020-2021 Flint Early Education Partnership – Initial; \$1,000,000 (Child Development and Care – Lisa Brewer Walraven)
4. 2017-2018 Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants – Amendment; Continuation; \$45,023,080 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
5. 2018-2019 Charter School Program Grant – Initial; Continuation; \$14,277,015 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
6. 2020-2021 Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, State Agency Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children – Amendment; \$941,293 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
7. 2021-2022 Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, Local Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Youth – Initial; \$4,893,310 (Educational Supports – Paula Daniels)
8. 2020-2021 31k Student Meal Debt Forgiveness – Amendment; \$402,901 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
9. 2020-2021 Public Act 3 of 2021, Section 23e Before and After School/Summer Learning Community-Based Organization (CBO) – Initial; \$5,000,000 (Preschool & Out-Of-School Time Learning – Richard Lower)
10. 2021-2022 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program – Initial; \$21,952,782 (Career and Technical Education - Brian Pyles)
11. 2020-2021 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSER II) – Initial; \$649,935,790 (Financial Management – Ann Richmond)

Dr. Rice shared reflections on critical race theory, race and racism, other isms, and the teaching of history.

Ms. Snyder rejoined the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

**XIX. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs presented the State and Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Ackley provided a report on legislative activity during the summer including the state school aid act signed by the governor. He said the State Board of Education Legislative Committee did not meet during the summer.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Tilley rejoined the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

XX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ANTI-MASK MANDATE RESOLUTION

This item was added to the agenda.

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education adopt the Anti-Mask Mandate Resolution, as presented and discussed during the State Board of Education meeting on August 10, 2021.**

Mr. McMillin read the proposed Anti-Mask Mandate Resolution, and added an amendment.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Snyder proposed a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Mr. McMillin.

Dr. Pugh said she is proposing substitute wording for the resolution, which she read.

XXI. RECESS

The board recessed the Regular Meeting from 5:03 until 5:16 p.m.

Ms. Porter left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

XXII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ANTI-MASK MANDATE RESOLUTION (continued)

Discussion continued on the Anti-Mask Mandate Resolution.

**Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Tilley, that the State Board of Education amend the Anti-Mask Mandate Resolution by striking Anti- from the title and striking the entirety of the body of Mr. McMillin's resolution, and substituting new wording, as presented and discussed during the State Board of Education meeting on August 10, 2021.**

Dr. Ulbrich proposed a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Dr. Pugh and Ms. Tilley.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend.

**Lipton – Aye**  
**McMillin – Nay**  
**Pritchett – Absent**  
**Pugh – Aye**  
**Snyder – Nay**  
**Strayhorn – Aye**  
**Tilley – Aye**  
**Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion carried.**

A roll call vote was taken on the Mask Mandate Resolution, as amended.

**Lipton – Aye**  
**McMillin – Nay**  
**Pritchett – Absent**  
**Pugh – Aye**  
**Snyder – Nay**  
**Strayhorn – Aye**  
**Tilley – Aye**  
**Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion carried.**

The Mask Mandate Resolution, as adopted, is attached as Exhibit C.

**XXIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ANTI-STUDENT VACCINE DISCRIMINATION RESOLUTION**

Mr. McMillin read the proposed Anti-Student Vaccine Discrimination Resolution. He said he is changing the title by replacing the word mandate with discrimination.

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education adopt the Anti-Student Vaccine Discrimination Resolution, as presented and discussed during the State Board of Education meeting on August 10, 2021.**

Discussion followed.

Mr. Strayhorn left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Nay**  
**McMillin – Aye**  
**Pritchett – Absent**  
**Pugh – Nay**  
**Snyder – Aye**  
**Strayhorn – Absent**  
**Tilley – Nay**  
**Ulbrich – Nay**

**The motion failed.**

XXIV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO END THE REQUIREMENT OF MEDICAL TESTING BY SCHOOLS AND IN SCHOOLS

Ms. Snyder read the proposed Resolution to End the Requirement of Medical Testing by Schools and in Schools.

**Ms. Snyder moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution to End the Requirement of Medical Testing by Schools and in Schools, as presented and discussed during the State Board of Education meeting on August 10, 2021.**

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Lipton – Nay  
McMillin – Aye  
Pritchett – Absent  
Pugh – Nay  
Snyder – Aye  
Strayhorn – Absent  
Tilley – Nay  
Ulbrich – Nay**

**The motion failed.**

XXV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. McMillin shared comments on critical race theory.

Ms. Snyder shared comments on racial equity toolkits, and the consequences of dictatorial behavior.

Dr. Ulbrich shared comments on bylaws and board norms.

Ms. Tilley shared comments on teaching American history, disparities, and inequality.

Ms. Lipton shared comments on diversity, equity, and inclusion as a plank of the strategic education plan.

Dr. Pritchett shared comments on the NASBE virtual meeting on October 8, 2021 and NASBE bylaws and position statements that will be on the State Board of Education agenda for September 14, 2021.

Dr. Pugh shared an appreciation for Dr. Rice’s remarks on race and racism.

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- B. Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- C. Tuesday, November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- D. Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

XXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Dr. Rice asked Board members if there were additional agenda topics they would like to be considered for future meeting agendas. He said they may contact Mrs. Schneider or himself to offer topics.

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned a 6:02 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available on Michigan's State Board of Education website ([www.michigan.gov/sbe](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe)).

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Tilley  
Secretary



**State of Michigan  
State Board of Education**

**RESOLUTION**

**OWEN BONDONO  
2020-2021 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Owen Bondono received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with a major in English from Wayne State University; and

WHEREAS, Owen Bondono, has six years of teaching experience, the last three of which have been as a high school English teacher at Oak Park High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Community in Oak Park Schools; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Owen Bondono as the 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Owen Bondono is known for his ability to motivate and inspire his students, as well as other educators, to embrace challenges and grasp difficult concepts through his unique and imaginative presentations and lessons; and

WHEREAS, Owen has recognized the importance of student and educator engagement throughout his tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year and has never lost his interest, his enthusiasm, and his commitment to the ideals of education; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and the Milken National Educator Award;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Owen Bondono and the tens of thousands of educators in the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that educators may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted August 10, 2021

**State of Michigan  
State Board of Education**

**RESOLUTION**

**LEAH PORTER  
2021-2022 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams;

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, and their hard work and their efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow;

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors;

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named Leah Porter, a kindergarten teacher at Wilcox Elementary in Holt Public Schools, as the 2021-2022 Michigan Teacher of the Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Leah Porter and the tens of thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that educators may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted August 10, 2021

**State of Michigan  
State Board of Education**

**Mask Mandate Resolution**

WHEREAS, Michigan has the fifth-highest number of cumulative COVID-19 cases among children, according to data reported by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP);

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has elevated Michigan's risk for community spread of COVID-19 to substantial, meaning the state is now falling in the category where we should all wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status;

WHEREAS, the number of hospitalizations related to COVID-19 among adolescents in the United States was about three times greater than hospitalizations linked to influenza over three recent flu seasons, according to a study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, unlike influenza, is linked to Multi-system inflammation syndrome (MIS-C), a serious condition that causes dangerous inflammation in parts of the body like the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, or GI organs. It can show up weeks after a child's been infected with the coronavirus;

WHEREAS, state and national authorities, including Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the CDC, the American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics all recommend a layered prevention strategies approach;

WHEREAS, the CDC recently modified its Guidance for Prevention of COVID-19 in K-12 Schools and Early Childhood/Child Care Settings, recommending universal masking indoors at all school facilities and events, for students, teachers, staff and all school visitors, regardless of vaccination status;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education supports local school districts' ability to make scientifically informed decisions, including mandates for universal masking on buses and indoors at all school facilities and events, for students, teachers, staff and all school visitors, regardless of vaccination status.

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