

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

June 11, 2019
9:30 a.m.

Present: Ms. Sheila A. Alles, Chairperson
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, President
Dr. Pamela Pugh, Vice President
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer
Ms. Tiffany Tilley, NASBE Delegate
Dr. Judith Pritchett
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Ms. Nikki Snyder
Mr. Josh Neyhart, representing Governor Gretchen Whitmer, ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Laura Chang, 2018-2019 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Alles called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that an Update from the School Reform Officer on Benton Harbor Area Schools be added to the agenda.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

III. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Alles asked that the members of the State Board of Education be introduced. Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education.

Ms. Alles asked for the introduction of new employees.

Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, introduced Ms. Kristina Collier from the Office of Special Education; Ms. Julie Smith from Great Start, Child Development and Care; and Ms. Lee Greenacre from the Office of Career and Technical Education.

Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations, introduced Ms. Susan Spagnuolo and Ms. Beverly Schmitt from the Office of Financial Management.

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student and School Supports, introduced Ms. Bridgett McDowell from the Office of Educator Excellence.

Ms. Alles invited audience members to complete public participation forms if they plan to offer comments during the public participation portion of the meeting.

IV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:39 a.m. and convened the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

V. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Alles called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

VI. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION AND PRACTICE OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent of Educator, Student, and School Supports; Dr. Sean Kottke, Education Consultant Manager; and Mr. Sungti Hsu, Education Consultant; presented the Proposed Standards for the Preparation and Practice of School Social Workers.

Ms. Alles said the Standards for the Preparation and Practice of School Social Workers were written to support the Top 10 in 10 Strategic Goal 3 to develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce as well as the Michigan Department of Education's Whole Child priority. She said this set of standards will inform program

development and continuous improvement efforts in Michigan’s educator preparation institutions. She said following a period of public comment, Board approval will be requested at the October 8, 2019 meeting.

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

Board member comments included reasons for the increase in school social workers, instruction on promotion of social and economic justice, timing of next steps and length of program, holistic approach to Multi-Tiered System of Supports, self-advocacy support, blend with health of students, health equity and environmental justice, data driven decisions when dealing with behavioral problems, parental consent of data and services, wrap around services, social justice, and include seven factors that must be considered before suspension and expulsion as stated in Public Act 451 of 1976, Section 380.1310d(1).

VII. PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL FINANCE – SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent, P-20 System and Student Transitions, presented on School Finance – Special Education Funding Subcommittee Report.

Ms. Alles said in the spring of 2017, Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley called for a subcommittee of the Lieutenant Governor’s Special Education Reform Task Force to focus on special education finance in Michigan’s schools, particularly with regard to student outcomes. She said, at that time Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht was Superintendent of Ingham Intermediate School District, and he served as the Subcommittee Chair, and he will share information included in the report.

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

Dr. Pugh and Ms. Tilley left the meeting at 10:35 a.m. and returned later in the meeting.

Board member comments included allocation of funding, structural issue of special education funding shortfalls, spending money differently, and local funding levels.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:48 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING

IX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of May 7, 2019

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Dr. Pritchett, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 7, 2019.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pritchett, Ramos-Montigny, Snyder, Ulbrich

Absent: Pugh, Tilley

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2019

Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2019.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pritchett, Ramos-Montigny, Snyder, Ulbrich

Absent: Pugh, Tilley

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Retreat of May 22, 2019

Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Retreat of May 22, 2019.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Fecteau, McMillin, Pritchett, Ramos-Montigny, Snyder, Ulbrich

Absent: Pugh, Tilley

The motion carried.

X. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Ulbrich said the special education funding presentation was enlightening and recognizes the need for differentiated funding for students who require more resources for their education.

Dr. Ulbrich said the Social Studies Standards will be presented for approval by the Board later in the meeting. She said many people shared comments, and she thanked them for expressing their opinions on the standards.

XI. REPORT OF THE INTERIM STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Report

F. Human Resources Report

Grants

K. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2018-2019 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant – Initial: \$722,939 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
2. 2018-2019 Section 21h Partnership District Grant - Amendment; \$7,000,000 (Partnership Districts – William Pearson)
3. 2018-2019 LSTA Public Library Services Grant Program - Initial; \$153,554.07 (State Librarian – Randy Riley)

Ms. Alles shared comments related to her term as the Interim State Superintendent, which she has held since the passing of former State Superintendent Brian Whiston in May 2018.

Dr. Ulbrich said she has thoroughly enjoyed working with Ms. Alles. She said Ms. Alles is transparent and trusting, and they have an open and frank relationship. Dr. Ulbrich said she appreciates Ms. Alles stepping in during the hardest of circumstances and doing a phenomenal job. She said she values the work they were able to do together.

XII. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Laura Chang, 2018-2019 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Chang said the past year has been an incredible year of growth and opportunity, and she shared highlights in her report.

Ms. Chang said she is thankful for the opportunity to serve as the Michigan Teacher of the Year and sit in the presence of true champions for education.

Ms. Alles said Ms. Chang has been a wonderful ambassador and a phenomenal role model for educators. She said she has appreciated her monthly reports and inclusion of the Regional Teachers of the Year.

XIII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MS. SHEILA ALLES

Ms. Alles said Mr. Chris Klaver, Staff Writer, Gongwer News Service, has been covering State Board of Education meetings for 26 years. She said this is his last meeting, and she thanked him.

Mr. Klaver said he will become the Chief Information Officer for Gongwer News Service. He introduced Ms. Jordyn Hermani, who will be covering future State Board of Education meetings.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Neyhart left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XV. VOTE TO CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education meet in closed session under subsection 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under subsection 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act; specifically, information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Fecteau – Aye
McMillin – Aye
Pritchett – Aye
Pugh - Absent
Ramos-Montigny – Aye
Snyder – Aye
Tilley – Absent
Ulbrich – Aye**

The motion carried.

XVI. RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:17 a.m. at which time the Board met in closed session until 1:00 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 1:08 p.m.

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1. Senator Rick Jones from Grand Ledge, Michigan, provided comments regarding K-12 Social Studies Standards including Sikh.
2. Rogelio Landin from Detroit, Michigan, representing PerformancED, provided comments regarding equity.
3. Dan Quisenberry from Lansing, Michigan, representing the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, offered comments and written information regarding public school academies from a group of people.

Dr. Pugh and Ms. Tilley returned to the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

4. Michael David Warren, Jr., from Beverly Hills, Michigan, offered comments and written information on the Social Studies Standards.
5. Senator Lana Theis, from Lansing, Michigan, representing District 22, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
6. Michelle Gregoire from Battle Creek, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
7. Jazmine Early, no city provided, shared comments on the Social Studies Standards.
8. Janice Daniels from Madison Heights, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
9. Erika Sponsler from Parma, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
10. Chuck Estep from Lambertville, Michigan, provided verbal and written comments on the Social Studies Standards.
11. Avreen Kaur from Battle Creek, Michigan, provided comments on Sikhism in the Social Studies Standards.
12. Sandeep Singh from Battle Creek, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
13. Manvinder (Nick) S. Talwar from Rochester, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
14. Sandeep Singh Sidhu from Canton, Michigan, provided comments on the Sikh religion to be included in the list of world languages in the Social Studies Standards.

15. Channi Mangat from Grand Rapids, Michigan, provided comments on Sikhism in the Social Studies Standards.
16. Rishi Makkar from Ada, Michigan, provided comments on Sikhism in the Social Studies Standards.
17. Harpal Singh from Rochester, Michigan, provided comments on Sikhism in the Social Studies Standards.
18. Gurbachan Singh Khalsa from West Bloomfield, Michigan, provided comments on Sikhism in the Social Studies Standards.
19. Michael Libbee from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, representing the Michigan Geographic Alliance, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
20. Cindi Holland, no city provided, shared comments on the Social Studies Standards.
21. Joellen Pisarczyk from Auburn Hills, Michigan, provided comments and written information on the Social Studies Standards.
22. Mohan Singh Multani, Guru Namak Sikh Center, Lansing, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
23. Kathleen Kubik from Commerce Township, Michigan, provided comments on the Common Core and Social Studies Standards.
24. Dr. Imandeep Kaur Grewal from Ann Arbor, Michigan, representing the Sikh Coalition, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
25. Tami Carlone from Novi, Michigan, representing Michigan Parents Involved in Education and Michigan Conservative Coalition, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards on behalf of a group of people.
26. Stephen Rockman from Grand Haven, Michigan, provided comments and written information on the Social Studies Standards.
27. Janet Recktenwald from White Lake, Michigan, provided comments on Common Core history curriculum.
28. Carly Hammond from Saginaw, Michigan, provided comments on Benton Harbor Area Schools.
29. Melanie Kurdys from Plainwell, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
30. Amy Bloom from Linden, Michigan, provided comments and written information on the Social Studies Standards.
31. Marc Kruman from Detroit, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.

32. Angie Schmucker from Royal Oak, Michigan, representing Cornerstone Education Group, provided comments on charter school grants on behalf of a group of people.
33. Dorene Weisberg from West Bloomfield, Michigan, representing the Michigan Jewish Action Council, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
34. Sheryl Picard from Plymouth, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
35. Maya Sudradjat from Plymouth, Michigan, provided comments on world history textbook and bias against Christianity.
36. Sylvia Rhodea from Allendale, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
37. Sandra Betten from Spring Lake, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
38. Gabrielle Likavec from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
39. Cathy Ingraham from Ludington, Michigan, provided comments on the standing as a Constitutional Republic and not a Democracy and the Electoral College.
40. Carolyn Cater from Ludington, Michigan, provided comments on bullying, individuality and parents' roles.
41. Rebecca Bush from Rockford, Michigan, representing the Michigan Council for the Social Studies, provided comments on the Social Studies Standards.
42. Senator Jim Runestad provided a letter on the Social Studies Standards, but did not speak.

XVIII. APPROVAL OF SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Educator, Student and School Supports; Ms. Linda Forward, Senior Executive Policy Advisor; and Mr. Jim Cameron, Social Studies Consultant; presented Approval of the Social Studies Standards.

Ms. Alles said in April 2019, the State Board of Education received a draft set of Social Studies Standards. She said following the meeting, the standards were made available for a period of public comment. She said the standards have been revised based on that feedback and Board approval is being requested at today's meeting.

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

Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Social Studies Standards as described in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated May 28, 2019, and accept the amendment to Standard W3.2 adding Sikhism as proposed by the Sikh during public participation.

Mr. McMillin said he prefers that there be a restart on the Social Studies Standards. He said he believes a significant majority opposes the Standards and it was not a collaborative process. He said he would like an external review, and he will be voting no.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said she is excited to have the new Social Studies Standards. She said there are philosophical differences. She said she believes it was an extensive diverse process to include more people, and she will be voting yes.

Dr. Ulbrich said she agrees with the comments made by Ms. Ramos-Montigny. Dr. Ulbrich said the Standards promote critical thinking and learning through inquiry. She said developers strived for the best possible product, and there is the ability to make corrections if something is not factual. She said she will be voting yes.

Ms. Snyder said she disagrees that the document is inclusive. She said it perpetuates distrust. She said she will be voting no, because a balance has not yet been found.

Dr. Pugh said the development of the Standards has not been an easy process occurring over the course of five years. She said she appreciates how staff has held meetings across the state for a well-rounded set of input resulting in the best set of Standards, which is far more inclusive. She said we can set up a way to continue to receive input.

Dr. Pugh asked if there is flexibility regarding grade level instruction, and Dr. Keesler and Mr. Cameron said there is the ability to be flexible at the local level.

Ms. Tilley said she believes the Standards are more inclusive allowing people to learn about others.

Ms. Fecteau said testing on Social Studies occurs in grades 5, 8 and 11. She said there is local control on what’s covered, because there is so much to cover. She said she will vote yes.

Dr. Pritchett said she appreciates all of the public comment received in various forms, and she has tried to review comments as she received them. She said professional development for teachers and classroom resources are important to delivering quality instruction.

Mr. McMillin said the process was flawed, and the document is hugely different than last year's version.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny called the question.

The vote was taken on the motion to call the question.

Ayes: Fecteau, Pritchett, Pugh, Ramos-Montigny, Tilley, Ulbrich
Nay: McMillin, Snyder

The motion carried.

Discussion followed.

Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the approval of the Social Studies Standards be tabled to allow five academic professors and experts to review the Social Studies Standards and make a recommendation.

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

Fecteau – Nay
McMillin – Aye
Pritchett – Nay
Pugh - Nay
Ramos-Montigny – Nay
Snyder – Aye
Tilley – Nay
Ulbrich – Nay

The motion failed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve the Social Studies Standards.

Fecteau – Aye
McMillin – Nay
Pritchett – Aye
Pugh - Aye
Ramos-Montigny – Aye
Snyder – Nay
Tilley – Aye
Ulbrich – Aye

The motion carried.

Ms. Chang left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

XIX. APPROVAL OF MODEL CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Mr. Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations, and Ms. Aimee Alaniz, Supervisor, School Health and Safety Unit, presented Approval of Model Code of Student Conduct.

Ms. Alles said the 2014 Model Code of Student Conduct has been updated to reflect changes in legislation that went into effect in August 2017. She said the document was presented to the Board on March 12, 2019, followed by a period of public comment. She said approval of the Model Code of Student Conduct is being requested at today's meeting.

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

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the Model Code of Student Conduct, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2019.

Ms. Snyder asked for clarification of restorative practice during physical conflict, and parental involvement related to bullying, which staff provided.

Dr. Ulbrich said a space needs to be added following the word presumption on page 12.

Mr. McMillin proposed a friendly amendment to remove the strikethrough, "and the parent/guardian" in the final paragraph on page 11. Dr. Ulbrich and Ms. Ramos-Montigny agreed with the friendly amendment to retain the phrase "and the parent/guardian" in the document.

Dr. Pugh said she would like suspension and expulsion aggregated data broken down by race and geographic area. Mr. Guarrant said it would require a legislative change.

Mr. McMillin asked if anyone was very dissatisfied with the document. Ms. Alaniz said no one was extremely dissatisfied.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

XX. UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL REFORM OFFICER ON BENTON HARBOR AREA SCHOOLS

This item was added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Dr. William Pearson, School Reform Officer and Director of the Office of Partnership Districts, presented the Update from the School Reform Officer on Benton Harbor Area Schools.

Dr. Pearson said three Benton Harbor Area Schools Board of Education members will present their strategic plan to the Governor on June 12, 2019. He said Dr. Herrera's resignation was accepted by the Benton Harbor Area Schools Board and Patricia Robinson was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent.

Discussion followed.

Dr. Pugh said the Benton Harbor Area Schools Board is being guided by their attorney.

Dr. Pugh asked for the authority the Governor, Treasury, Michigan Department of Education, and Legislature are operating under regarding Benton Harbor Area Schools.

Dr. Pugh said when discussions regarding school closure happen in districts parents and teachers begin to flee, and that has a negative impact.

Ms. Alles said the Michigan Department of Education and Benton Harbor Area Schools have a cooperative agreement.

In response to Dr. Pugh, Ms. Alles said the Office of the Attorney General will be consulted for guidance.

XXI. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Alles asked Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny, Chairperson of the Board's Legislative Committee, to lead the discussion on State and Federal Legislation.

The Legislative Committee report, board legislative priorities, and a draft Statement Supporting the Full Range of Opportunities in the Michigan Merit Curriculum were distributed.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny reviewed the report of the Legislative Committee, which met on May 28, 2019.

Dr. Pritchett reviewed the Statement Supporting the Full Range of Opportunities in the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education adopt the Statement Supporting the Full Range of Opportunities in the Michigan Merit Curriculum as presented during the June 11, 2019 State Board of Education Meeting.

Dr. Ulbrich said in an attempt to clarify the language, she is proposing a friendly amendment to remove, "We do recognize that in some instances, students, may desire or need flexibility within the list of the aforementioned courses, given their goals beyond a formal K-12 education. We recommend that at any decisions related to this flexibility be made with the advisement of parents/guardians, professional educators, and through research of the skills and abilities required for the future goals being pursued by the student."

Dr. Pritchett and Ms. Ramos-Montigny agreed to accept the friendly amendment.

Mr. McMillin said he likes the intent of the resolution but he has problems with the Top 10 in 10 and P-20 workforce development so he will pass on the vote.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

Ayes: Fecteau, Pritchett, Pugh, Ramos-Montigny, Snyder, Tilley, Ulbrich

Abstain: McMillin

The motion carried.

The Statement Supporting the Full Range of Opportunities in the Michigan Merit Curriculum is attached as Exhibit A.

Mr. Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, provided an update on the state budget. He provided a report on pending legislation: House Bill 4649 requiring financial disclosure for State Board of Education members, and House Joint Resolution K to eliminate the State Board of Education.

Ms. Fecteau said she will write a statement regarding the right to an adequate education, which can be considered by the Board at its next meeting.

Ms. Tilley, National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Delegate, there is a NASBE New Member Training which she and Dr. Pritchett will attend on June 13 and 14, 2019.

Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. Tilley, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts being made to keep Benton Harbor Area Schools intact and to avoid any school closure without meaningful discussion including all stakeholders.

Discussion followed.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Fecteau, Pritchett, Pugh, Ramos-Montigny, Tilley, Ulbrich
Abstain: McMillin, Snyder

The motion carried.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Pritchett said she was pleased to represent the Board at the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting on June 5, 2019.

Mr. McMillin said he found the comments supporting grants to charter schools compelling during the public participation of the meeting.

Dr. Ulbrich said she will continue to review the reports on past charter school grants, as she has previously stated.

Ms. Tilley said she believes there is a need for stronger regulations for charter schools, and grant money should be returned if the charter school is not opened.

Ms. Fecteau provided comments on charter schools.

Ms. Tilley asked if amendments regarding Christianity can be made to the Social Studies Standards, as they were done for Sikhism. Dr. Keesler said there is a process, which she will provide to the Board.

Dr. Pugh suggested a future presentation from Xavier DeGroat on autism.

Ms. Tilley suggested future presentations on Benton Harbor Area Schools.

Ms. Fecteau said she was part of a group that met on June 7, 2019 to discuss future recommendations for special education reform. She suggested a presentation when the recommendations are ready.

XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, August 13, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, September 10, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- C. Tuesday, October 8, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- D. Tuesday, November 12, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting
- E. Tuesday, December 10, 2019 (9:30 a.m.) Regular Meeting

XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Ms. Alles asked Board members if there are additional agenda topics they would like to be considered for future meeting agendas.

Ms. Alles thanked Board members and staff for a productive meeting.

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau
Secretary

Statement Supporting The Full Range of Opportunities
in the Michigan Merit Curriculum

The Michigan State Board of Education values and supports the state's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan being implemented by the Michigan Department of Education. This Plan, developed with feedback and suggestions from hundreds of citizens in Michigan, serves as a basis for improvement of educational opportunities and achievement for all children-in this state. An important pillar within this Plan is the recognition and focus on the Whole Child. The authors and supporters of the Top 10 in 10 Plan recognize that a child's educational development begins at birth and is affected by their environment, socio-economic status, health, citizenship, and demographics.

Therefore, each child is entitled to equitable opportunities that will support a holistic approach to learning. This support should include a strong foundation in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. These subjects should be available to all students throughout their K-12 years. As students' interests vary when entering middle and high school, every attempt should be made to provide the appropriate classes to meet the goals of each child.

Additionally, every child enrolled in school also should be provided opportunities to successfully complete classes in a language other than English; visual arts, performing arts or applied arts; computer science or computer coding and career and technical education programs.

We oppose any attempt to change state law that may lead local school districts to eliminate vital programs in the Arts and World Languages.

Adopted June 11, 2019