

## **MINUTES**

### MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

October 11, 2022  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Michael F. Rice, Chairperson  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, President  
Dr. Pamela Pugh, Vice President  
Ms. Tiffany Tilley, Secretary  
Mr. Tom McMillin, Treasurer  
Dr. Judith Pritchett, NASBE Delegate, SBE Legislative Committee  
Ms. Ellen Cogen Lipton, SBE Legislative Committee Chairperson  
Ms. Nikki Snyder, SBE Legislative Committee  
Ms. Stephanie O'Dea, representing Governor Gretchen Whitmer,  
ex officio (electronic participation)

Also Present: Ms. Nanette Hanson, 2022-2023 Michigan Teacher of the Year  
(electronic participation)

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Rice called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m.

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

**Ms. Tilley moved, seconded by Dr. Pritchett, that the State Board of Education add to the agenda a Resolution on Safe School Environments.**

Ms. Tilley read the resolution, and copies were distributed.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education add to the agenda a Government Deceiving Parents is Evil Resolution.**

Mr. McMillin read the resolution, and copies were distributed.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion failed.**

**Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, 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 – Nay  
Pritchett – Aye  
Pugh – Aye  
Snyder – Nay  
Tilley – Aye  
Ulbrich – Aye**

**The motion carried.**

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.

Dr. Delsa Chapman, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports, introduced Ms. Jennifer Saylor, Assistant Director, Office of Educational Supports.

Dr. Rice provided instructions for public participation, to be held immediately following lunch.

IV. RECESS

The board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:14 a.m. to convene the Committee of the Whole.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

### V. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Rice called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

### VI. PRESENTATION OF 2021-2022 MILKEN AWARD WINNERS

Dr. Delsa Chapman, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator, Student and School Supports; and Dr. Sarah-Kate LaVan, Interim Director, Office of Educator Excellence; presented the Milken Award Winners.

Dr. Rice said on April 21, 2022, he had the honor of surprising two great Michigan educators with the 2021-22 Milken Educator Award. He said Jenna O'Driscoll of Merrill Park Elementary School, in Saginaw Public School District, and Stacie Yokhana of Fraser High School, in Fraser Public Schools, are among the 60 honorees nationwide for 2021-22. He said the Milken Educator Award winners are joining the board meeting. Dr. Rice said the presentation is informational and requires no board action.

Dr. LaVan shared information and showed a video presentation of the surprise announcements naming Jenna O'Driscoll and Stacie Yokhana as the 2021-22 Milken Award Winners. The Milken Educator Awards booklet was distributed.

Jenna O'Driscoll and Stacie Yokhana were introduced, and they provided comments.

Dr. Rice presented the Milken obelisks and congratulated the Milken Award winners.

### VII. PRESENTATION ON STUDENT ATTENDANCE: DATA TRENDS AND RESPONSE EFFORTS

Dr. Delsa Chapman, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator, Student and School Supports; and Mr. Tom Howell, Executive Director, Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI); presented Student Attendance: Data Trends and Response Efforts.

Dr. Rice said the presenters will address 2021-22 academic school year data on Michigan K-12 student attendance, examine trends, and highlight local strategies for increasing attendance rates. Dr. Rice said the presentation is informational and requires no board action.

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

Board member comments included the differentiation between tardiness and absenteeism; analyzing data to determine the causes of systemic absenteeism; and absenteeism affected by transportation, asthma, and other health-related factors.

VIII. PRESENTATION BY MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Mr. Mark Uyl, Executive Director, Michigan High School Athletic Association, presented on the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Dr. Rice said the presentation features an update on student-athlete participation in high school athletics including a summary of athletics participation data. Dr. Rice said the presentation is informational and requires no board action

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

Board member comments included importance of sports in physical, mental, and emotional health; academic performance requirements to participate in sports, availability of independent leagues; decline in the number of schools requiring a participation fee to participate in sports; thanks for the leadership provided by the organization; and consideration of a shift to attendance and away from grade point average to participate in sports.

IX. PRESENTATION ON GUN SAFETY SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Bernie Porn, President, EPIC-MRA, presented on Gun Safety Survey Results.

Dr. Rice said the presentation includes information and findings from a recent poll conducted by EPIC-MRA to assess Michigan voters' opinions on issues related to gun safety and schools. Dr. Rice said the presentation is informational and requires no board action.

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

Board member comments included how wording of survey questions can impact responses, message testing, and a request for an update on legislation regarding safe storage of guns.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XI. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ON SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS

This item was added to the agenda.

**Ms. Tilley moved, seconded by Ms. Lipton, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution on Safe School Environments, as discussed during the State Board of Education meeting on October 11, 2022.**

Mr. McMillin requested that public comment precede discussion of the resolution.

Ms. Tilley withdrew her motion.

Dr. Rice said the item will be moved to the State and Federal Legislative Update later in the meeting.

XII. RECESS

The board recessed the Regular Meeting at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:05 p.m.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following residents of Michigan offered public comment.

Physically present at meeting:

1. Nick Attwater from Ferndale offered comments supporting the Michigan Department of Education LGBTQIA+ professional development training.
2. John Ellsworth, Director of Communications, Grand Ledge Public Schools, from Grand Ledge, provided comments on the new strategic plan for Grand Ledge Public Schools, the process and the resulting vision, mission, and beliefs.
3. Andrew Hohmann from Ann Arbor provided comments supporting the inclusion of all students in schools regardless of race, religion, or sexuality.
4. Suzie Staley, Associate Executive Director, Neutral Zone, from Ypsilanti, provided comments on LGBTQ+ support.
5. Harmon from Haslett provided comments supporting Michigan's LGBTQ+ students.
6. Rebecca Froebe from Lansing provided comments regarding safe and supportive schools.
7. Miriam Froebe from Lansing provided comments on the banning of books and supporting queer students.
8. Logan Harding from Lansing provided comments regarding protecting LGBTQ students.
9. Amy Milligan from Ann Arbor provided comments regarding LGBTQIA+ youth support in schools.
10. James Pyle from Lansing provided comments on LGBTQ.
11. Roz Keith from Ferndale provided comments regarding protecting LGBTQ guidance.
12. Shane Shananoquet from Adrian provided comments supporting state board guidance.
13. Bree Moeggenberg from Mt. Pleasant, representing Moms for Liberty – Isabella County, offered comments and written information on a Resolution Concerning Sexuality and Gender Education and Promotion in Michigan Public Schools.
14. Peter Tchoryk from Dexter provided comments of support for the Michigan Department of Education's LGBTQ training and education.

Comments provided by telephone:

15. Becky Olson from Grand Rapids offered comments supporting LGBTQ students.

16. Nicole Ellefson from East Lansing offered comments supporting Michigan Department of Education safe schools for LGBTQ students.
17. Wendy Sellers from Grand Rapids provided comments opposing censorship of books and supporting education that includes LGBTQ+ people.
18. Diana Wheatley from Mt. Clemens provided comments supporting inclusive schools in Michigan.
19. Danielle Dros, representing Washtenaw Intermediate School District, from Ypsilanti, provided comments on LGBTQ safe and supportive school environments.
20. Melissa Joanne Emmorey from Hersey provided comments on transgender bathroom use and social emotional learning.
21. Reina Vendramini from Livonia provided comments regarding the state superintendent.
22. MaryJo Schnell, representing OutCenter Southwest Michigan, from Benton Harbor, provided comments on protecting LGBTQ+ youth and decreasing suicidal thoughts and acts.
23. Gerik Nasstrom, representing OutCenter Southwest Michigan, from Benton Harbor, provided comments on LGBTQ+ students and access to books.
24. Sharon Pedersen from Jackson provided comments on the need to support LGBTQ+ youth per state and federal nondiscrimination laws.

Dr. Rice said it is 2:13 p.m., and the board's by-laws state that the public participation segment of the meeting shall have a limitation of one hour, but it may be extended if the board chooses to do so. He asked if there was a motion to extend the public participation segment by one hour.

**Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Mr. McMillin, that the State Board of Education extend public comment for one hour.**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Public comment resumed at 2:15 p.m.

25. Mandy Scott from Rockford provided comments on LGBTQ support.
26. Joy Mehling from Rockford provided comments supporting LGBTQ+ protections in school.
27. Beth Hulett, Vice President for Communications, Michigan Parent Teacher Association, from Farmington Hills, provided comments on inclusion, protection, and affirmation of LGBTQ students and families in Michigan.

28. Susie Crafton, Board of Directors, Michigan Parent Teacher Association, from Novi, provided comments on inclusion, protection, and affirmation of LGBTQ students and families in Michigan.
29. Tammy Gombar from Rockford offered comments about the Michigan Education Association.
30. Sheila from Macomb offered comments on parental involvement.
31. Tanya Hug from Big Bay offered comments on the rejected discussion about the resolution that the government deceiving parents is evil.
32. Shannon Fashho from Rochester Hills provided comments on parental rights in education.
33. Carrie Betts, representing Michigan Association for Media in Education, from Waterford, provided comments on criteria used by certified school librarians for material selection that should be part of selection policies approved by local school boards.
34. Cynthia L. Thornton, President, Pride at Work Michigan, from Detroit, provided comments on safety, health, and wellbeing for all students.
35. Katie MacFarland from Troy provided comments supporting the resolution proposed by Mr. McMillin, nonsupport for the Michigan Department of Education training video, and noting the breakdown of the family as the cause of gun violence.
36. Kristen Carson from Harrison Township provided comments on school closings due to COVID related to learning loss, and support for the resolution proposed by Mr. McMillin.
37. Jayme Mcelvany from Monroe provided comments thanking Mr. McMillin and Ms. Snyder.
38. Kylie Zink from Dundee provided comments regarding parental rights and thanking Mr. McMillin and Ms. Snyder.
39. Melanie Kurdys from Plainwell provided comments supporting the resolution advocating parental authority.

Public comment concluded at 2:59 p.m. after all registered callers, who were on the telephone line, had the opportunity to speak.

#### XIV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- E. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 13, 2022

**Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Ms. Lipton, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 13, 2022.**

A roll call vote was taken on motion.

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Ulbrich said she would forego her report.

XVI. REPORT OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

F. Human Resources Report

G. Report on Co-sponsorship

H. Report on Teacher Certification Revocation Decision

I. Report on Approved Changes to the St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

J. Report on Grant Awards

1. 2021-2022 Farm to Food Bank Projects – Initial; \$255,683 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
2. 2019-2020 Section 31n(6) - Mental Health and Support Services – Amendment; \$22,999,200 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
3. 2021-2022 National Governors Association Grant – Amendment; \$30,000 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
4. 2018-2019 Section 31n(12) - Behavioral Health Team Pilot Program – Amendment: \$8,000,000 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
5. 2021-2022 Section 31j - Michigan 10 Cents A Meal Support of Local Produce in School Meals – Amendment; \$2,266,420 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
6. 2021-2022 Healthcare Resource Advocates – Amendment; \$11,984,000 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
7. 2022-2023 Healthcare Resource Advocates – Initial; \$22,288,000 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
8. 2021-2022 Flint Declaration of Emergency-Nutrition Services – Amendment; \$473,890 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
9. 2021-2022 Section 31o – Amendment; \$52,880,006 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
10. 2022-2023 The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Reach and Resiliency Grant – Initial; \$1,269,077 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
11. 2021-2022 Team Nutrition 22 – Nutrition Education and Equity – Initial; \$428,747 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)
12. 2021-2022 Team Nutrition 22 – Nutrition Education and Equity – Amendment; \$428,747 (Health and Nutrition Services – Diane Golzynski)



13. 2021-2022 District-Wide Social and Emotional Learning Pilot – Amendment; \$318,640 (Health and Nutrition – Diane Golzynski)
14. 2022-2023 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants – Initial, Continuation; \$36,550,000 (Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning – Richard Lower)
15. 2021-2022 IDEA/ARP Part C Grants for Infants and Families with Disabilities (Early On®) – Amendment; \$5,115,962 (Early Childhood Development and Family Education – Jonnie Taton)
16. 2021-2022 Mandated Activities Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Amendment; \$1,670,587 (Early Childhood Development and Family Education – Jonnie Taton)
17. 2021-2022 Supply Building – Regional Panning Grants – Initial; \$4,500,000 (Child Development and Care – Lisa Brewer Walraven)
18. 2021-2022 Supply Building – Facility Improvement – Initial; \$50,000,000 (Child Development and Care – Lisa Brewer Walraven)
19. 2021-2022 Supply Building – Business Plans – Initial; \$4,000,000 (Child Development and Care – Lisa Brewer Walraven)
20. 2021-2022 Supply Building – Apprenticeship Grant – Initial; \$4,000,000 (Child Development and Care – Lisa Brewer Walraven)
21. 2021-2022 Supply Building – Family Child Care Networks (FCCN) – Initial; \$4,000,000 (Child Development and Care – Lisa Brewer Walraven)
22. 2021-2022 Section 31z-ARP Infrastructure-Equipment-Matching Grants for HVAC – Initial; \$3,385,460 (Financial Management – Spencer Simmons)
23. 2022-2023 Section 97a Navigate 360 – Initial; \$1,947,000 (Financial Management – Spencer Simmons)
24. 2022-2023 Section 99t – Online Algebra Tool – Initial; \$3,000,000 (Financial Management – Spencer Simmons)
25. 2022-2023 35g Innovative Community Library Grants – Initial; \$1,000,000 (Library of Michigan – Randy Riley)
26. 2022-2023 Section 802 – Library Pilot Grant Program – Initial; \$320,000 (Library of Michigan- Randy Riley)
27. 2022-2023 LSTA Improving Access to Information Grant Program – Initial; \$213,329 (Library of Michigan – Randy Riley)
28. 2022-2023 Criteria for Career Pathways – Initial; \$48,846 (Career and Technical Education – Brian Pyles)
29. 2022-2023 Criteria for Career Pathways – Initial; \$1,144,618 (Career and Technical Education – Brian Pyles)
30. 2022-2023 Criteria for Career Pathways – Amendment; \$221,744 (Career and Technical Education – Brian Pyles)
31. 2022-2023 Section 65 Pre-College Engineering – Initial; \$900,000 (Career and Technical Education – Brian Pyles)
32. 2021-2022 Homeless Children & Youth American Rescue Plan (ARP) Homeless I – Amendment; \$3,469,388 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
33. 2022-2023 Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant – Initial; \$29,232,424 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)

34. 2022-2023 Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs – Initial; \$397,759,804 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
35. 2022-2023 Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction – Initial; \$51,105,844 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
36. 2020-2021 ESSA Title IX, Part A McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Grant – Amendment; \$2,410,088 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
37. 2022-2023 ESSA Title IX, Part A McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Grant – Initial; \$1,805,584 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
38. 2022-2023 Title I, Part C Migratory Education (Regular School Year) – Initial; \$1,653,024 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
39. 2021-2022 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program – Amendment; \$4,413,399 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
40. 2022-2023 Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, Local Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Youth – Initial; \$5,468,996 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
41. 2022-2023 Title III, Part A Language Instruction for English Learners – Initial; \$7,354,716 (Educational Supports – Corinne Edwards)
42. 2021-2022 Future Proud Michigan Educator Grow Your Own (GYO) – Initial; \$1,368,207 (Educator Excellence – Sarah-Kate LaVan)
43. 2021-2022 Future Proud Michigan Educator Grow Your Own (GYO) – Amendment; \$1,372,331 (Educator Excellence – Sarah-Kate LaVan)
44. 2021-2022 Future Proud Michigan Educator Grow Your Own Programs Contractor Grant – Initial; \$80,000 (Educator Excellence – Sarah-Kate LaVan)
45. 2021-2022 99h: Robotics Competition Grant – Amendment; \$5,165,277 (Systems, Evaluation, and Technology – David Judd)

Dr. Rice congratulated Dr. Casandra Ulbrich on receiving a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Boards of Education. He said the national public service award will be presented later this month.

## XVII. REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Dr. Rice introduced Ms. Nanette Hanson, 2022-2023 Michigan Teacher of the Year, who presented the Report of the Teacher of the Year. He said Ms. Hanson is a first grade teacher at Lemmer Elementary School in Escanaba Area Public Schools. Ms. Hanson joined the meeting through electronic means.

Dr. Rice introduced Mr. Bill Boerman, Region 3 Teacher of the Year, who teaches a fourth grade gifted and talented class at Zeeland Public Schools.

Ms. Hanson and Mr. Boerman shared information on The Importance of Nutrition on Mental Health for the Success of Both Students and Staff. Ms. Hanson also spoke about presenting to the Escanaba Rotary Club.

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

Discussion followed.

XVIII. APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) AND PRESENTATION OF THE 2021-2022 SEAC ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent, Division of P-20 System and Student Transitions; Ms. Teri Rink, Director, Office of Special Education; and Ms. Teri Pettit, SEAC Facilitator; presented Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and Presentation of the SEAC Annual Report.

Dr. Rice said each year, the State Board of Education is asked to approve nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). SEAC is seeking to fill the following vacancies: eight delegates, five alternates, and one member-at-large, due to expired or incomplete terms. The board is being asked to approve the nominations during today's meeting.

Dr. Rice said in addition, the 2021-2022 SEAC Annual Report will be presented.

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

**Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 3, 2022, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the terms specified.**

A roll call vote was taken on motion.

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XIX. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BY-LAWS

Dr. Rice said during the September 13, 2022 State Board of Education meeting, Mr. McMillin distributed written copies of Amendments to the State Board of Education Bylaws. Dr. Rice said the board is being asked to consider the amendments during today's meeting.

Mr. McMillin read two amendments, and copies were distributed.

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education approve the Amendments to the State Board of Education Bylaws, as discussed during the board meetings of September 13, 2022, and October 11, 2022.**

Mr. McMillin said he has attended local meetings and he has seen parents who have not been satisfied with the resolution of issues at the local level. He said the state board does not have authority to impose on local school districts, but perhaps the board could try to get to the underlying facts through hearings or the efforts of an additional employee. He said it could be a place to appeal and bring to light potential issues.

Ms. Snyder said it could be a place for conflict resolution and may lead to people returning to public schools. She said parents and students are their own best advocates.

Dr. Ulbrich said all board members want to be helpful. She said the board has the ability to bring issues to light, and a new bureaucratic process is not needed. She said the State Board of Education has a limited role, and the by-laws would exceed the authority of the board. She said Michigan is a local control state, and the board members cannot grant themselves authority. She said she will be voting no on the proposed amendments to the by-laws.

Dr. Pritchett said there is no board authority for this to happen. She said when constituents contact her with concerns or questions she refers them to Dr. Rice and Mrs. Schneider, and they contact appropriate Michigan Department of Education staff to assist in responding to constituents. She said she cannot support the proposed amendments, because she is a strong supporter of local control.

Ms. Snyder said because we are humans, conflicts are not always resolved. She said the board oversees all of K-12 education in the constitution, and there should be a uniform process.

Dr. Pugh said she does the same as Dr. Pritchett by advising constituents regarding local control and contacting Dr. Rice and Mrs. Schneider for assistance.

Mr. McMillin said the board would not be deciding to uphold or strike down local decisions. He said he is open to changes in the proposed resolution.

Dr. Ulbrich said she follows the same practice as Dr. Pritchett and Dr. Pugh in assisting constituents.

Dr. Ulbrich said the problem is not defined. She said it makes the board an adjudicator, and she questions the logistics and how to explain whose problem takes priority. She said the board is elected to do a specific job, and she will not support the amendments.

Ms. Lipton said creating additional powers for the board would have to go through the legislature.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion failed.**

XX. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs; Ms. Ellen Lipton, Chair, State Board of Education Legislative Committee; and Dr. Judith Pritchett, NASBE Delegate; presented the State and Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Ackley provided a report on legislative activity.

Ms. Lipton provided a report on the State Board of Education Legislative Committee meeting, held on October 4, 2022. She said the committee discussed a resolution on safe school environments proposed by Ms. Tilley, which was added to the State Board of Education agenda at the beginning of the meeting. She said the committee welcomes resolutions proposed by board members.

Dr. Pritchett reported on the National Associations of State Boards of Education (NASBE). She said the board is being asked to take action on items related to the NASBE annual conference and business meeting.

**Dr. Pugh moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education nominate Dr. Judith Pritchett as the Voting Delegate and Tiffany Tilley as Alternate Voting Delegate for the Michigan State Board of Education at the Annual Business Meeting of NASBE to be held Saturday, October 29, 2022.**

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, that the State Board of Education direct Michigan's voting delegate to vote for Sarah Moore for the position of Chair-Elect to the NASBE Board of Directors.**

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

**Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Ms. Lipton, that the State Board of Education direct Michigan's voting delegate to vote for Tiffany Tilley for the position of Central Area Director to the NASBE Board of Directors.**

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

**The motion carried.**

**Dr. Pritchett moved, seconded by Dr. Pugh, that the State Board of Education direct Michigan's voting delegate to approve the proposed by-law changes and proposed Public Education Position changes at the NASBE general meeting.**

Discussion followed.

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

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXI. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ON SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS

This item was added to the agenda.

**Ms. Tilley moved, seconded by Ms. Lipton, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution on Safe School Environments, as discussed during the State Board of Education meeting on October 11, 2022.**

Dr. Rice said the resolution was read into the agenda in the morning. Ms. Tilley provided a summary of the resolution.

**Mr. McMillin moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education amend the draft Resolution on Safe School Environments by adding a series of amendments, which he read aloud and distributed.**

Discussion followed.

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

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

**The motion failed.**

Discussion followed.

Ms. Snyder moved to table the motion to adopt the Resolution on Safe School Environments. There was no second to the motion.

**Ms. Tilley moved, seconded by Ms. Snyder, that the State Board of Education amend the draft Resolution on Safe School Environments by adding two Whereas paragraphs.**

Discussion followed.

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

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

A roll call vote was taken on the base motion, as amended.

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

**The motion carried.**

The Resolution on Safe School Environments is attached as Exhibit A.

**XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

Mr. McMillin asked for clarification regarding a quorum of the board and public notices for committee meetings. Dr. Rice said all meetings are publicly noticed.

Mr. McMillin said information should not be withheld from parents, especially if a child is suicidal.

Ms. Snyder said healthcare workers and all individuals should have the right to choose whether or not to be vaccinated.

Ms. Snyder said a parent's disagreement regarding sex and gender does not equal abuse or neglect, and it is wise to be careful to differentiate between the two. She said there are laws regarding abuse and neglect and school personnel are mandatory reporters. She said there are boundaries government should not cross. She said it was a missed opportunity to not include the proposed Government Deceiving Parents is Evil resolution on the agenda.

Ms. Tilley she appreciated all the people who spoke during the board meeting. She said all students need to feel safe, and they need compassion and support. She said professional development trainings are needed as well as parent trainings.

Ms. Tilley said she spoke during a community conversations programming series at the Peter White Library in Marquette on October 4, 2022. She said the keynote speaker was Dr. Amanda Nickerson who is known nationally and internationally as an expert on bullying abuse prevention. She thanked the library for hosting her.

Dr. Pugh said while the board may not have authority in some areas, the way the board members speak up and advocate for issues means a lot to parents and community members. Dr. Rice said the board's influence is impactful.



XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- B. Tuesday, December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- C. Tuesday, January 10, 2023, Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Dr. Rice said if there are topics board members would like included in future meeting agendas, they should contact Mrs. Schneider or himself.

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 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 on Safe School Environments**

WHEREAS, students, staff, families, and communities have been tremendously affected by the mass shooting that took place at Oxford High School on November 30, 2021. The tragedy resulted in the deaths of four students and the injuring of a teacher and six other students;

WHEREAS, in 2020, firearm-related injuries surpassed motor vehicle crashes to become the leading cause of death among people ages 1 to 19 years in the United States and Black youth were four times more likely to be killed with guns than their white peers and Hispanic and Indigenous people are more than twice as likely to die by gun violence than white people;

WHEREAS, gun safety must be a priority in every Michigan home. Gun owners should lock up their guns and store them safely. Gun owners should supervise any children that they may have in gun use and teach children about proper gun usage and potentially deadly consequences associated with gun usage;

WHEREAS, a recent statewide poll conducted by EPIC-MRA found that there is substantial agreement among Michiganders on the following eight commonsense gun safety initiatives:

- Requiring background checks on all gun sales, including sales at gun shows and other private sales.
- Enacting a child access prevention law that would hold gun owners accountable for the safe storage of firearms.
- Preventing sales of all firearms to people who have been reported to law enforcement as dangerous to themselves or others.
- Requiring a waiting period of at least 3 days after a gun purchase before the gun can be taken home.
- Imposing criminal penalties or fines for those who buy firearms for another person.
- Requiring a person to be age 21 instead of 18 to be able to purchase an assault-style weapon.
- Establishing a court-issued protection order called an "extreme risk protection order."
- Requiring a person to be age 21 instead of 18 to be able to purchase any firearm.

WHEREAS, bullying is often cited as a catalyst to violence by students and should be taken seriously in every school. Reports of students being bullied and feeling that their safety is in jeopardy should be documented and addressed, including when necessary in mediation among students, with parental involvement, and with professionals trained in dispute resolution;

WHEREAS, Michigan law requires local school districts to have an anti-bullying policy that protects the safety of all students and has the input of parents, students, teachers and administrators, law enforcement, and other community members;

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the state legislature negotiated a generational, bipartisan state budget this year that included additional state funding for student mental health services of \$245 million and for school safety of \$210 million;

WHEREAS, children's mental health supports—including Tier 1 social emotional learning, whose five competencies are self-awareness, awareness of others, self-management, relationship to others, and responsible decision-making—are important for local school districts to promote school safety and to develop healthy and productive students;

WHEREAS, Michigan schools should have access to school social workers and/or guidance counselors, as staff or through a partnership with an organization to be available to detect and address any mental health illnesses that could result in threats that may turn into self-harm or harm to others. Their actions should increase awareness with educators, support staff, and administration through internal communications and trainings and should help mitigate situations that may have the potential to erupt;

WHEREAS, there are students, bullied or fearful, who act in ways due to the environment or prior threats, with the intention of personal protection. Schools should have an appropriate plan in place for these instances as well, and should mediate among the students in these circumstances;

WHEREAS, there has been a demonstrated pattern at some schools that leadership has not always acted in an immediate nature when there is a behavioral threat to a student themselves, or others, with or without the advice of school counselors; it is imperative that all threats are taken seriously;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education expresses appreciation to Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the state legislature for greater investments in student mental health services and school safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local and intermediate school districts should use these resources to assure that every student feels safe, supported, accepted, and protected in school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Education strongly urges the state legislature to pass safer gun laws to include the eight aforementioned commonsense gun measures on which Michiganders largely agree to make students and staff safer in Michigan schools.

Adopted October 11, 2022