

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

February 10, 2009
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary (via telephone)
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mr. Reginald M. Turner
Ms. Casandra E. Ulbrich
Ms. Niya Hardin, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Discussion Regarding Federal Legislative Agenda
- B. 2008-2009 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program – Amendment and Continuation
- C. 2008-2009 Title II, Part D (Models of Demonstrated Proficiency) Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive Grants – Amendment
- D. 2008-2009 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Amendment

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on 2007-2008 Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report
- B. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Brief Notes for Meetings of January 7, 2009 and February 4, 2009

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2008-2009 Mandated Activities Projects Interagency Contracts, Part C, Comprehensive System of Personnel Development – Amendment – added to agenda
- B. 2008-2009 Title I Accountability/School Improvement – Initial – added to agenda
- C. Adoption of Resolution Honoring William R. Keith – added to agenda
- D. 2008-2009 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program – Amendment – added to agenda
- E. 2008-2009 Title II, Part D (Models of Demonstrated Proficiency) Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive Grants – Amendment – added to agenda
- F. 2008-2009 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Amendment – added to agenda

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

Mrs. Danhof requested that Approval of the Career and Technical Education Standards (Item W) be removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

VI. POINT OF THE DAY

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director of Communications, presented the Point of the Day. He showed the Michigan Lottery Commercial featuring Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

VII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MS. NIYA HARDIN

Ms. Hardin said Ms. Maggie Randolph has been hired as the Federal Policy Assistant in the Governor's Office in Washington, D.C. She said Ms. Randolph's responsibilities include education and work force issues.

Mrs. Straus asked if Ms. Randolph will provide weekly reports to the State Board of Education. Mr. Flanagan said Ms. Hardin; Ms. Randolph; and Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Director, Office of State and Federal Relations; meet weekly via conference call to share state and federal information. Ms. Hansknecht said the information is provided to Board members at Board meetings and through monthly updates.

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:54 a.m. to convene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

IX. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole to order at 9:55 a.m.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presentation on 2008 Public School Academy Report to the Legislature

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Mrs. Betty Underwood, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Stephanie VanKoevinger, Public School Academy Consultant

The report fulfills a statutory obligation for the Board to summarize charter school experience for the Legislature. This year's report was reviewed by the Board's Public School Academy Committee

and Legislative Committee. The report shows trends in Public School Academy performance, particularly with respect to their service to low-income and minority students. It shows that Public School Academies are generally outperforming their host districts, but that they are still behind traditional public schools. The report includes policy and practical recommendations for strengthening Michigan's Public School Academy sector, and recommended areas of future study.

At its March 17, 2009 meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the report and approve its transmittal to the Legislature.

Board member questions and *clarifications* included:

1. cite legislation requiring the report;
2. "Leadership Resources" should be an introductory statement below the "MDE Recommendations" heading of the Executive Summary;
3. need to clarify recommendations by using headings such as Michigan Department of Education and Legislation; cluster and shorten recommendations;
4. are these recommendations – *they are strategies that could be implemented*;
5. people who have questions regarding public school academies may be perceived as against public school academies when they want oversight;
6. change the term "Non-PSAs" to traditional public schools;
7. on page 10, first paragraph, "federal law" should be changed to Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and "lower than host in districts" should show percentages in the graph;
8. make sure reader is clear between all public school academies and public school academies in a particular host district; glossary is suggested;
9. on page 36, service providers are mentioned; there should be differentiation between service providers that have authority to subcontract and make decisions on behalf of a school and companies that provide a service for a school – *definition of service will be clarified*;

10. when the phrase education service providers is used, management companies should follow in parentheses; the PSA board should select a management company; a management company should not select the PSA board;
11. on page 11, last paragraph, states “Roughly two-thirds of all PSAs have contracted with one of 53 ESPs to provide educational services.” At what level – *it varies; explanation of the range of services will be added*;
12. how do we ensure that management companies don’t create the PSA board – *rigorous processes are in place as required by law, and adopted by authorizers*;
13. PSA authorizers and the Michigan Department of Education would benefit from staffing that allows proper oversight of PSAs that would preserve the public’s trust on the use of public money;
14. data in the report reflects a maturation of the PSA movement and the growing contributions PSAs are making toward the education of students; there are unique issues of transparency and accountability;
15. evaluation of the data is thorough, and will be helpful; data in the report shows that African American students in PSAs are performing better than those in traditional schools statewide; the disparity in high school performance is a concern;
16. make sure basic information is transparent and easily understandable and available to all parents; information should be available on paper at the school – *the transparency issue was discussed at the Michigan School Accreditation System (MI-SAS) meeting; media could also help with this issue*;
17. ask parents to help design the format that best suits their need for information; perhaps use focus groups of parents whose children are in PSAs and those whose children are in traditional public schools;
18. glossary is needed – *glossary will be added*;

19. on page 37, under the category of PSA Location/Facilities; is there a way to have more checks and balances regarding the ability to renegotiate a contract to change location; when is it appropriate to move a school without reauthorizing, but rather renegotiating a contract;
20. will underperforming schools readily make information available to parents; information could be posted for PSAs and traditional public schools;
21. what are the effects of relocation on a community;
22. we are not opposed to PSAs; PSAs would want these issues put to rest;
23. some traditional public schools as well as PSAs are beating the odds with successful programs – *it is noted on page 22 of the report*;
24. good news and challenges for both PSAs and traditional public schools should be reported; all schools need to be accountable for serving the public well;
25. does the PSA or the host school district receive the per pupil allowance; could be economic strategy as well as academic – *state aid per pupil allowance would go to the school the child attends; if a public school district acts as an educational service provider, it may take a percentage of the allowance to manage the system*;
26. PSAs and traditional public schools have both closed buildings – *there are a variety of reasons for closure including declining enrollment, financial, and academic performance; and*
27. there needs to be a system to reward schools that are performing well; schools that are not performing well should be provided assistance, and if performance does not improve, then those are the schools that should be closed, whether they are PSAs or traditional public schools; there needs to be data to provide transparency to make these decisions using incentives and sanctions.

B. Presentation on the MEAP-Access Assessment

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Special Education and Early Intervention Services

In order to provide better access to students with disabilities who meet the eligibility criteria for participation, the Michigan Department of Education was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to develop an alternate assessment by modifying existing MEAP assessments. When MEAP-Access becomes operational, the results will be used for calculating Adequate Yearly Progress.

At its March meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the use of a recommended format for fall 2009 implementation.

Board member questions and *clarifications* included:

1. which students would take the MEAP-Access Assessment – *some students are currently taking functional independence and some are taking MEAP; these are the students that are getting top scores on functional independence and the bottom scores on MEAP; there needs to be a better system for this overlapping area of students with Individualized Education Programs;*
2. this Board item was well written and answered many questions teachers were asking; it received many compliments;
3. does this help students who may use a personal curriculum to complete the high school graduation requirements – *MEAP-Access is administered to elementary students; this does not include the Michigan Merit Examination administered to high school students; we are in the beginning stages of determining if it is worth pursuing for high school; a student who takes the MEAP-Access Assessment could be the same student that uses a personal curriculum to complete the high school graduation requirements; and*

4. if a student tests out of a required high school course, can they qualify for the Promise Grant – *courses are not required, demonstrated proficiency for credit is required.*

C. Presentation on the Proposed Standards for the Preparation of Central Office Administrators

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services
- Ms. Donna Hamilton, Education Consultant, Professional Preparation Services

Public Act 335 of 2006 reinstated administrator certification on a voluntary basis. Central Office Administrator preparation standards have been developed for approval of programs. The standards were presented to the State Board of Education in September 2008. Following that meeting the standards were available for public input.

The standards will be returned to the Board for approval at its March meeting.

Dr. Jenkins invited the Chair of the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT) to a future meeting when the PSCT Annual Report is completed.

Board member questions and *clarification* included:

1. it is helpful to see the changes;
2. page 8, number 2.5, integration of technology should be on an individual and organizational level;
3. administrator certification should be required by legislation rather than voluntary – *this should be considered at the next meeting of the Board's Legislative Committee;*
4. the responsibility of the central office administrator to promote professional learning communities should be mentioned more explicitly, if possible; it is mentioned on page 8, number 2.8; and page 10, number 2.20; and
5. page 22, number 6.12, English Language Learners should be added for consistency.

D. Discussion Regarding Federal Legislative Agenda

Mrs. Straus led the discussion. Members of the Board's Legislative Committee met on February 4, 2009. She said the Committee members are Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. McGuire, Ms. Ulbrich, and herself. The discussion is in preparation for the March 13-14, 2009 National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Legislative Conference.

She said the Committee proposed the following three initiatives for consideration by the Board: (1) national standards, (2) increased time for instruction, and (3) federal resources for quality professional development and the requirement that one day of professional development be provided online.

Board member comments included:

1. it would be good to have national standards that are rigorous, and include high learning expectations that are 21st Century focused; teacher quality and professional development are important priorities; Michigan has high standards and since national standards are not common, Michigan schools are often unfairly compared to states with lower expectations;
2. High national standards and teacher quality enhancements are being forwarded by the Task Force on Education Competitiveness to the President and Congress;
3. International Baccalaureate should be the national standard, because there needs to be higher aspirations to compete globally; parents are rushing to enroll students in International Baccalaureate programs;
4. need to ask from an assessment standpoint what we need to know about students and what their learning has enabled them to do and this will direct the standards;
5. Lesson Study is a plan for integrating professional development by empowering local groups of professionals to provide their own professional development through research and study; a presentation to the Board on Lesson Study is requested;
6. conversation will begin to change from national standards to benchmarking standards against international standards;

7. Michigan standards are high and they should not be watered down; international standards would be good;
8. increasing time for instruction by limiting testing would eliminate the ability to gain rich data from growth model testing which needs to occur every year;
9. writing tests would gather more information, but they would be costly;
10. increasing time in school would be beneficial; groups of students could take advantage of various educational opportunities that don't require them to be in the building from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily; need to explore multiple options; and
11. more time in school is valuable if the quality of education and professional development is improved; weaknesses need to be attacked; there needs to be time for professional learning communities to develop a trust level that allows vulnerability; need to have a strategic, intentional and data driven professional development plan.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 1:10 p.m.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

E. Discussion Regarding Criteria for Grant Programs

Mrs. Danhof asked what changed in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant Criteria. Mrs. Betty Underwood, Director, Office of School Improvement, said beginning in 2009-2010 grants will be implemented and awarded on a three year competitive grant cycle.

Mrs. Danhof asked if the Section 99a of Public Act 268 of 2008, State School Aid Act Mathematics Remediation Grant, is only an online program. Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand said yes, as specified in legislation.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 1:12 p.m., and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:13 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XIV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 13, 2009

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 13, 2009.

At the request of Mrs. Bauer, there was consensus to modify page 8 of the minutes to add a statement to Mr. McWilliams' comments during Public Participation noting a national report on seclusion and restraint in U.S. schools to be released by the National Disability Rights Network.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent During Vote: Austin, Turner**

The motion carried.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Cathy Tilles, Brighton, Michigan. Ms. Tilles provided verbal and written comments on after school programs in traditional and charter schools.
- B. Mr. Jim Farrar, Milan, Michigan. Mr. Farrar, representing the Michigan Chapter of the National Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, provided verbal comments on Blue Ribbon Award requirements and Native American mascots, logos and nicknames.
- C. Ms. Kim Cairry, Freeland, Michigan. Ms. Cairry, representing Michigan Art Education Association, provided information on the continued support of the Michigan Art Education Association.
- D. Mr. Fred Bunker, Southfield, Michigan. Mr. Bunker provided verbal comments on public school academies.
- E. Mr. Robert Pawlak, Southfield, Michigan. Mr. Pawlak provided verbal comments on public school academies.

- F. Mr. Patrick Cullen, Southfield, Michigan. Mr. Cullen provided verbal comments on public school academies.
- G. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, Warren, Michigan. Ms. Wood provided verbal comments on public school academies

XVI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said he wanted to respond to statements made during Public Participation by Mrs. Mary T. Wood. He said the Attorney General's Office does not issue opinions based on the beck and call of the department, as inferred by Mrs. Wood. Mr. Flanagan asked Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, to provide an update on the issues related to Bradford Academy raised during Public Participation at this meeting and previous Board meetings. Mrs. Wolenberg said she has worked diligently with staff of the Bureau of Construction Codes, in the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, who have reviewed their records and assured her that the appropriate review by on-site inspectors has occurred and the Bureau's processes were followed resulting in a certificate of occupancy. She said the Bureau follows all state and federal laws, and does not issue a certificate of occupancy until the structure is safe.

XVII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Board Legislative Committee Meetings

Mrs. Straus said there were two meetings of the Board's Legislative Committee. She said the Public School Academy Committee met with the Legislative Committee to review the Public School Academy Report to the Legislature that was presented earlier in the meeting. She said the Legislative Committee also met to discuss the Federal Legislative Agenda in preparation for the March 13-14, 2009 NASBE Legislative Conference that was also presented earlier in the meeting.

B. Economic Recovery Act

Mrs. Straus thanked Ms. Ulbrich for the information she sent Board members on the proposed Economic Recovery Act that she had received as a member of the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee.

C. Financial Literacy Meeting

Mrs. Straus said she attended a meeting on financial literacy and personal finance in Warren with legislators from Macomb

County and Extra Credit Union staff. She said the education staff members of the Extra Credit Union are educating students in banking by way of the credit union located in the schools as well as a weekly class period.

D. Governor's Education Summit Planning Committee

Mrs. Straus said she is a member of the Governor's Education Summit Planning Committee that is preparing for the April 28 summit that is focused on the importance and necessity of postsecondary education.

E. Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer attended a forum sponsored by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion focusing on confronting and reducing the damaging effects of racism.

F. Article on June Teisan

Mrs. Straus thanked Mrs. McGuire for sharing a newspaper article on June Teisan, 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Ms. Teisan is on a six month sabbatical to work with Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency as part of a math/science initiative that is being funded by a grant provided by the Michigan Department of Education.

G. Resolution Honoring Former Representative William R. Keith

Mrs. Straus said the consent agenda contains a resolution honoring former Representative William R. Keith who passed away on January 30, 2009. She said Mr. Keith served for many years as the chair of the House Education Committee. She said Bill Keith was a strong supporter of public education, and she joins the Board in sending his family sincere condolences.

H. Resolution Honoring Betty Underwood

Mrs. Straus said the consent agenda also contains a resolution honoring Mrs. Betty Underwood on her retirement, and thanking her for her valuable service to the Department.

I. JumpStart Conferences

Mrs. Straus said she wanted to publicly thank Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Curtin for representing the Board at JumpStart Conferences while she was recovering.

- J. State Board of Education and Legislative Meet and Greet

Mrs. Straus said the Board will host a gathering prior to the March 17 State Board of Education meeting for the House and Senate Education Committees and the K-12 Appropriations Subcommittees.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- G. Human Resources Report
- H. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships
- J. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- K. Report on Teacher Revocation Decision

Grants

- L. 2007-2008 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Amendment (\$1,169,000)
- M. 2007-2008 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Amendment (\$3,690,000)
- N. 2008-2009 Alternative Energy Training Programs Grant – Initial
- O. 2008-2009 Mandated Activities Project, Preschool Outcomes Measurement Grant – Continuation
- P. 2008-2009 Cultural Access Grant – Initial
- Q. 2008-2009 Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Competitive Grants – Initial and Continuation
- R. 2008-2009 My Dream Explorer Grant – Initial
- S. 2008-2009 Pilot Programs for Science and Math Instruction – Initial
- AA. 2008-2009 Mandated Activities Projects Interagency Contracts, Part C, Comprehensive System of Personnel Development – Amendment

- BB. 2008-2009 Title I Accountability/School Improvement – Initial
- DD. 2008-2009 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program – Amendment and Continuation
- EE. 2008-2009 Title II, Part D (Models of Demonstrated Proficiency) Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive Grants – Amendment
- FF. 2008-2009 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on:

A. Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference

Mr. Flanagan said he and Mrs. Bauer both participated in the Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference on February 9 in Grand Rapids. He said it was a valuable conference, and it was an added pleasure to be able to see his son's presentation.

B. Detroit Public Schools

Mr. Flanagan said Robert Bobb, the Emergency Financial Manager for Detroit Public Schools, will begin his work with the district on March 2. He said Mr. Bobb has already begun planning and the Michigan Department of Education and the district have been working with him to provide a smooth transition. Mr. Flanagan said he has heard many positive comments about Mr. Bobb.

C. State and Federal Legislative Updates

Mr. Flanagan said Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Director, Office of State and Federal Relations, will be presenting the State and Federal Legislative Update during the discussion portion of the Board meetings. He said he is appreciative of Representative Tim Melton's efforts to move Education Committee meetings so they would not conflict with Board meetings.

D. Betty Underwood's Retirement

Mr. Flanagan said he joins the Board in wishing Betty Underwood a fulfilling retirement. He said she has been a valuable member of the Department staff, and she will be missed.

XIX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided a verbal report as an update to her written report.

Mrs. Haberling said she participated in the National Teacher of the Year conference in Dallas sponsored by ING and the Council of Chief State School Officers. She said they made time for collaboration, and she received the SMART Board for her classroom. She said the students are excited to begin using the SMART Board.

Mrs. Haberling said the Michigan Lottery commercial in which she was featured began airing on Super Bowl Sunday.

Mrs. Haberling said two middle schools in Hudsonville are being considered for the award from Schools to Watch. She said the visit was February 9, and the community is excited about the possibility of receiving the endorsement.

Mrs. Straus said she is impressed with the updates Mrs. Haberling provides regarding what is being taught to Hudsonville's 7th and 8th grade students.

Mrs. Haberling said the Teacher of the Year, Middle Level Principal of the Year, and Superintendent of the Year are all staff of Hudsonville Public Schools. She said the school district has received several awards, and it is great to receive recognition.

XX. PRESENTATION ON AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTABILITY WORKBOOK AMENDMENT FOR 2008-09

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Senior Policy Advisor to the Chief Academic Officer; explained the Presentation on and Approval of Accountability Workbook Amendment for 2008-09.

Dr. Vaughn said the Accountability Workbook is the annual negotiation of the state's plan. She said this year the United States Department of Education asked states to limit amendment requests and the submission deadline was moved up to January 15, 2009; therefore the Board is being asked to approve the Accountability Workbook Amendment for 2008-09 at this meeting.

Ms. Galloway said the only amendment that was submitted to the United States Department of Education was a request to allow a five year cohort to be used for graduation rates in addition to the four year cohort already approved. She said the Board has supported this amendment in the past years. She said new regulations and guidance were issued that encourage states to apply if they want to use an extended cohort rate.

Mrs. Danhof said when Board items require presentation and action at the same meeting, it should be noted.

Ms. Galloway said earlier in the meeting Mrs. Bauer asked a question regarding social studies, high school diploma, and the Michigan Promise Scholarship. Ms. Galloway said students are required to take three credits of social studies. She said students can get credit by taking a test and testing out, and that has not changed. She said there is a slight change with the Michigan Promise Scholarship in that students have to take the Michigan Merit Exam, and pass all of the sections, if they want to receive the scholarship money before entering college. She said there is reference to having to take the three credits, but the credits can be granted by taking a test and testing out.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Accountability Workbook Amendment for 2008-09 as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 26, 2009.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Director, Office of State and Federal Relations; presented State and Federal Legislative Update.

Ms. Hansknecht said the Republican and Democratic members of the House of Representatives both had a meet and greet for the legislative liaisons of state departments. She said she is also meeting individually with the new members of the House of Representatives.

Ms. Hansknecht said Senator Tim Melton, Chair of the Education Committee; and Representative Terry Brown, Chair of the House Appropriations K-12 Subcommittee; held a joint hearing that served as an introduction to the Department of Education for the new members. Ms. Hansknecht said she and Mr. Flanagan both testified.

Ms. Hansknecht said the House Education Committee will meet on February 12 regarding raising the age of compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years old.

Ms. Hansknecht said the Department will be presenting the legislatively mandated report on consolidation of services to the House Education Committee. She said there was discussion regarding updating new members about the high school graduation requirements and the personal curriculum.

Ms. Hansknecht said the Senate Education Committee has not yet met, but they are expected to meet soon.

Ms. Hanknecht said on the federal level a resolution is moving on the House floor to encourage the Michigan delegation to support President Barack Obama's Economic Recovery package. She said Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, has been working with a team of Department staff to ensure that the federal Economic Recovery funds are released quickly to school districts. She said the economy is the priority at this time and there has been no discussion regarding the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Mr. Turner said it would be helpful to make sure the Board's federal agenda is up to date including the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act. He said this could be a topic of discussion at the Board retreat.

Mr. Turner said he would like to urge the State Legislature to provide a bridge to stabilize Detroit Public Schools as Mr. Bobb, the Emergency Financial Manager for Detroit Public Schools, begins his work.

This was a presentation only, and no action was required.

XVII. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

- U. Approval of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant Criteria
- V. Approval of Criteria for Section 99a of Public Act 268 of 2008, State School Aid Act Mathematics Remediation Grant

Approvals

- W. Approval of the Career and Technical Education Standards
- X. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report

Resolutions

- Y. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week
- Z. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Betty Underwood
- CC. Adoption of Resolution Honoring William R. Keith

Mr. Flanagan asked that Adoption of Resolution Honoring Betty Underwood (Item Z) be removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda, as follows:

- U. approve the Criteria for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 26, 2009;**
- V. approve the Criteria for Section 99a of Public Act 268 of 2008, State School Aid Act Mathematics Remediation Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 26, 2009;**
- W. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- X. approve the October 1 – December 31, 2008 report of State Board of Education expenses, dated January 26, 2009;**
- Y. adopt the resolution regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 26, 2009;**
- Z. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion); and**
- CC. adopt the resolution honoring William R. Keith, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 4, 2009.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring William R. Keith is attached as Exhibit B.

XVIII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING BETTY UNDERWOOD

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Betty Underwood, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 3, 2009.

Mr. Flanagan asked those present to honor Mrs. Underwood with a round of applause.

Mrs. Underwood said it has been a wonderful opportunity to work with everyone.

Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Underwood has contributed so much to education and although it is sad to see her go, she is wished the best.

Mr. Flanagan said Mrs. Underwood does her work with expertise and a positive attitude. He said she is a model for all.

Mr. Robert Harris, Michigan Education Association, said he has appreciated all Mrs. Underwood has done. He said his daughter was one of her students, and she was an impressive teacher who has left a lasting impression on his daughter.

The resolution honoring Betty Underwood is attached as Exhibit C.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

XIX. APPROVAL OF THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the Career and Technical Education Standards, as discussed at the January 13, 2009 State Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Danhof said she wants to make sure the Career and Technical Education Standards document is understood by anyone who may choose to read it. She said she also wants to make sure Michigan Merit core skills are included, and not seen as separate.

Ms. Cantu, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education, said teachers of academics and career and technical education are aligning academic and technical standards and developing crosswalks.

Mrs. Bauer said these are skill standards for the cluster areas that reflect national requirements that are applicable in every state. She said this is a complimentary set of standards to the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

Ms. Cantu said although the format cannot be changed because they are national standards, an explanatory cover page could be added.

Mrs. McGuire asked if teachers have seen the documents. Ms. Cantu said they have seen the documents, and a gap analysis has also been provided so teachers can map what they are currently teaching against the standards. She said documents are available electronically.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Turner, Ulbrich
Absent: Austin

The motion carried.

XX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. State Board of Education Brief Notes – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she is glad State Board of Education Brief Notes, a concise report of the Board meeting, will be available to the public. She said she has received appreciative comments from local school board members who are anxious to receive the Brief Notes.

B. Resolution for Month of the Young Child – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus noted the Board approved a Cosponsorship for April as Month of the Young Child. She said the Board may want to adopt an appropriate resolution.

XXI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

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

XXII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. March 17, 2009
- B. April 14, 2009
- C. May 12, 2009
- D. May 20, 2009 State Board of Education Retreat

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary