

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
Fourth Floor, John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

March 10, 2015  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. John C. Austin, President  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President  
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, Secretary  
Dr. Pamela Pugh Smith, Treasurer  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

Absent: Dr. Richard Zeile  
Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Ms. Karen McPhee, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, Michigan Department  
of Education

**Special Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Austin called the meeting to order in Mr. Flanagan's absence. He said this is the first day of six semi-finalist interviews for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction. He said semi-finalist interviews will continue on March 11, 2015.

II. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Schneider introduced the members of the State Board of Education.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Pugh Smith, Straus,  
Weiser  
Absent: Ulbrich, Zeile**

**The motion carried.**

Dr. Ulbrich joined the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

IV. INTERVIEW OF BRIAN WHISTON

Mr. Austin introduced Mr. Brian Whiston, Superintendent, Dearborn Public Schools.

Mr. Austin outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview process.

The interview with Mr. Whiston began at 9:41 a.m. and ended at 10:55 a.m.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

VI. INTERVIEW OF RANDY LIEPA

Mr. Austin introduced Dr. Randy Liepa, Superintendent, Livonia Public Schools.

Mr. Austin outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview process.

The interview with Dr. Liepa began at 11:15 a.m. and ended at 12:37 p.m.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 1:33 p.m.

VIII. INTERVIEW OF ALAN INGRAM

Mr. Austin introduced Dr. Alan Ingram, Deputy Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Mr. Austin outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview process.

The interview with Dr. Ingram began at 1:33 p.m. and ended at 2:57 p.m.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There were no comments during public participation.

X. ADJOURNMENT

**Mrs. Wesier moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education adjourn the meeting.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Pugh Smith, Straus,  
Ulbrich, Weiser**  
**Absent: Zeile**

**The motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at [www.michigan.gov/sbe](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe).

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fecteau  
Secretary