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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Teleconference
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June 25, 2003

WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2003

8:30 a.m. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call
(Teleconference)

A. Discussion/Action Items

- Approval to Grant Petition for Emergency Financial Assistance and the Establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel for Venice Community Unit School District 3

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Convene The Special meeting of the State Board of Education was called Meeting/
to order by at 8:35 a.m. by Chair, Dr. Janet Steiner. A quorum
Roll Call was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janet Steiner	Ronald Gidwitz
Beverly Turkal	Joyce Karon
Gregory Kazarian	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Sandsmark	Dean Clark
Judith Gold	

The State Board of Education met to discuss a petition for Emergency Financial Assistance and the establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel for Venice Community Unit School District 3. Dr. Steiner read the petition as follows:

Venice Whereas, pursuant to Section 1B-4 of the School Code (105 ILCS
Resolution 5/1B-4), the State Board, in arriving at their decision on whether or
not to approve the School District's Petition, considered the
following relevant factors:

1. Whether the petition is in the best educational interests of the pupils of the School District;
2. Whether the petition is in the near and long term best financial interests of the School District;

3. Whether the School District has sufficient pupil enrollment to provide and maintain recognized schools;
4. Whether the petition is in the best interests of the other schools of the area and the educational welfare of all the pupils therein;
5. Whether the board of education has complied with the requirements of Section 1A-8 of the School Code regarding districts certified to be in financial difficulty. (105 ILCS 5/1A-8).

Therefore, the State Board of Education, having considered the aforementioned factors in arriving at its decision, certifies that Venice Community Unit School District #3 is in financial difficulty and thereby grants the Petition for Emergency Financial Assistance and the establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel for Venice Community Unit School District #3.

Motion-
Venice
Resolution

Ronald Gidwitz moved that the State Board of Education approve the petition for Emergency Financial Assistance and the establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel for Venice Community Unit School District 3. The motion was seconded by Joyce Karon.

Vote on
Motion

All members present voted yes.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gregory Kazarian and seconded by Joyce Karon at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard Sandsmark
Secretary

Dr. Janet Steiner
Chair