

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

April 19-20, 2006

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Wednesday, April 19, 2006

- 10:30 a.m. Education Policy Planning Committee**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:00 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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- * 2:00 p.m. Board Operations Committee of the Whole**
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- * 3:00 p.m. Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole**
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* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

Thursday, April 20, 2006

- 8:30 a.m. Governmental Relations Committee**
Board Conference Room, 4th Floor
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- 9:30 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**
Board Room, 4th Floor, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL
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NOTE: Chairman Ruiz will call for a break in the Board Plenary Session on Thursday at which time the Board will go into closed session over lunch.

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Board Room, 4th Floor, 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois
Thursday, April 20, 2006; 9:00 a.m.

Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); **Confirmation #: 1 4 3 9 3 5 7 8**
The Plenary Session will also be audio broadcast via the Internet.

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Plenary Business Meeting

A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Resolutions & Recognition

1. Goreville Superintendent and Board of Education (*p. 3*)
2. Memorial for Russell Cotton (*p. 4*)

C. Public Participation

D. Approval of Minutes

1. March 16, 2006 (*pp. 5–15*)

E. Announcements and Reports

1. Superintendent's Announcements
 - Increasing Violence in Schools
2. Chairman's Report
3. Committee Reports
4. Members' Reports

F. Superintendent's Report

* Consent Agenda

All action consideration items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion and vote. Any board member who wishes separate discussion on any item listed on the consent agenda may remove that item from the consent agenda, in which event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

Action Considerations

- *1. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 130 (Determining Special Education Per Capita Tuition Charge) (*pp. 16 – 27*)
 - b. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education) (*pp. 28 – 55*)
 - c. New Part 560 (Parental Participation Pilot Project) (*pp. 56 – 62*)
- *2. Recommendations from the Teacher Certification Board
 - a. Program Approval of Professional Education Preparation Programs
 - 1) Trinity Christian College (*pp. 63 – 64*)
 - a) English Language Arts
 - b) Science (Biology and Chemistry)
 - c) Social Science (History)
 - b. Provisional Approval of Professional Education Preparation Programs
 - 1) DePaul University: Learning Behavior Specialist I (*pp. 65 – 67*)
 - 2) Loyola University Chicago: Reading Specialist Program (*pp. 65 – 67*)
 - 3) National-Louis University: Social Science (*pp. 68 – 69*)
(Economics, Geography, History, and Political Science)
3. Acceptance of FY 05 Financial and Compliance Audit (*p. 70*)
4. Update List of Supplemental Education Service Providers (*pp. 71 – 73*)
5. Update on Financial Status of Winthrop Harbor S.D. #1 (*pp. 74 – 93*)

Information Items

1. Monthly Informational Reports
 - a. Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking (*pp. 94 – 99*)
 - b. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*pp. 100 – 115*)

G. Adjourn

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Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
April 20, 2006
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Randy Dunn, State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</p> <p>The Board members, Dr. Dunn, and anyone who wished to join them faced the American flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board meeting was being audio-cast live over the Internet.</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Mr. Dean Clark Dr. Andrea Brown Dr. David Fields Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr. Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> None</p>
<p>RESOLUTION & RECOGNITION</p>	<p>Dr. Chris Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Superintendent Steve Webb and the Board of Education of Goreville C.U.S.D. #1 for their outstanding expertise, courage and dedication for restoring Goreville C.U. S.D. #1 to Financial Recognition status and for their remarkable work ethic in maintaining the school district both academically and financially. Dr. Ward further moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution in remembrance of Russell A. Cotton to honor his legacy of selfless commitment to excellence in education and extend our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him.</p> <p>Dr. Vinni Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Mr. Bill Kienzle, cofounder of Educational Advocacy Services of Illinois (EASI) and past chair of the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities spoke to the Board on the concerns parents of children with disabilities are having when taking the state assessment test. Mr. Kienzle stated that parents are are upset due to lack of communication. Mr. Kienzle asked that the Board please look into putting a procedure in place that would involve the parents, so they can feel secure about the outcome of their children's testing. It is important when it comes to special education that children are evaluated properly. Mr. Kienzle thanked the Board for their time.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi, a member of the Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Dr. Nandi will be representing IBHE at our upcoming Board meetings. Chairman Ruiz also commented that our Board will be sending a representative to IBHE meetings in the future.</p>

<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>	<p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the State Board of Education minutes be approved for the meeting of March 16, 2006. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: Superintendent's Announcements</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn announced that Ms. Linda Jamali is now our Interim Division Administrator in Certification. Dr. Dunn also thanked Mr. Dennis Williams for his years of service to certification and wished him well in his new position within the division.</p> <p>Dr. Dunn stated that there is now a third party contractor present, as well as ISBE assessment staff members to monitor the work that is taking place at Harcourt in San Antonio. Dr. Dunn commented that they have dealt with several issues concerning timeliness with ISAT scoring and reporting, but it is not of a crisis nature and they (at Harcourt) are making progress. Harcourt has had a few problems with the PSAE Test Supervisor materials and the Pre-ID labels, but tests are now arriving at the schools. Dr. Dunn stated that in May they will come back to the Board with a recommendation regarding the Harcourt contract..</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn commented on the textbooks article in the Chicago Tribune over the weekend. Dr. Dunn stated that Governor Blagojevich has asked that we look into the issue concerning textbooks. Ms. Becky Watts will be gathering data to find out how other states regulate and monitor the currencies of textbooks without interfering with local control. We are moving into an era where curricula is no longer driven by textbooks, but by standards. ISBE will look at the textbook issue to see if there is a function that we at the State level can serve, and will bring that recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn focused his remarks on the increase of violence (shootings, bullying, etc.) in schools. He also shared with the Board two documents: The Federal Criteria for Persistently Dangerous Schools per NCLB, and news articles on school violence. Dr. Dunn stated that in the next few weeks he will be discussing school violence and definitions of Persistently Dangerous per NCLB with other state chiefs around the country. Superintendent Dunn commented that it may be in our best interest to commission further work to have a better definition of persistently dangerous schools in Illinois due to the impact it may have on districts due to NCLB. Dr. Dunn told the Board they can expect a policy recommendation on this issue in the near future.</p> <p>Dr. Chris Ward commented that it will take an entire community to improve violence and that this responsibility cannot be left entirely to the school system. Mr. Ed Geppert commented that in order to offer better services to children we need to provide funding, and work in unison with the community and the judicial system. Dr. Vinni Hall stated that strong neighborhoods are often the anchor in many communities and without that many youth have nowhere to turn and no future. We need to provide a safe environment for our children, and that is not entirely the school's responsibility.</p> <p>Dr. Andrea Brown commented that oftentimes partnerships between community agencies and the schools will link services and agencies providing resources that will make a difference.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz commented that today was the seventh anniversary of the Columbine shootings. Chairman Ruiz stated that our top priority is to keep our children safe; in addition to educating their minds.</p>

<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he had participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <p>March 17 Peoria County Institute Day to discuss Preschool For All</p> <p>March 30 Attended the Cesar Chavez Serve and Learn Breakfast</p> <p>April 5 Attended the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee ISAT Hearing at the State Capitol. Ms. Brenda Holmes was also in attendance.</p> <p>April 7-8 Participated on an education panel on the merits of including Asian American History in grade school curriculum.</p> <p>April 18 Attended the All Kids Event with Governor Blagojevich, Mayor Daley and Arne Duncan at Lake View High School in Chicago</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that the following Board Members will attend the out of state meetings listed below:</p> <p>April 27-28 Ms. Brenda Holmes will be attending the Education Commission of the States Spring Meeting in Wilmington, Delaware. (Expenses paid by Education Commission of the States)</p> <p>April 29-30 Dr. Vinni Hall will attend the Education Commission of the States/NCLS/Joyce Foundation Education Policy Forum on Teacher Compensation in Wilmington, Delaware. (Expenses paid by The Joyce Foundation)</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Board Operations Committee of the Whole</p> <p>Dr. Chris Ward reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance: Dr. David Fields, Dr Vinni Hall, Ms. Joyce Karon, and Chairman Ruiz. Other members in attendance were Dr. Andrea Brown, Mr. Ed Geppert, and Ms. Brenda Holmes. Mr. Dean Clark was not able to attend.</p> <p>Dr. Ward commented that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed two new nominations for board recognition. • Received an update on the status of the High School Challenge Conference from Dana Kinley, Mark Williams and Becky McCabe. • Discussed the option of assigning an ISBE board member to monitor the Board of Higher Education meetings. • Reviewed updates to 2006-2007 Board Calendar • Reviewed nominees for the NASBE election <p>Education Policy Planning Committee</p> <p>Dr. Fields reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance: Dr. Andrea Brown, Mr. Ed Geppert, Dr. Vinni Hall, and Ms. Joyce Karon. Dr. David Fields commented that the committee discussed the following topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee heard from Marla Harp of ROE #21 and three Ewing Grade School students on their concerns involving the state of technology in Illinois. • Approved the minutes for the March 2006 Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting. • Received an update from the Student Advisory Council on the two issues it is currently working on. • Linda Jamali gave the Committee an update on the current statute and rules regarding induction and mentoring.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki Hensley and Nicki Rosenbaum from the Iroquois/Kankakee ROE presented information to the Committee on their Induction for the 21st Century Initiative. • Angela Peifer from the Illinois Association of School Boards gave an update on the Targeting Achievement Through Governance (TAG) Program • Ginger Reynolds gave a status update on the amendments to the Accountability Workbook. <p>Finance and Audit Committee</p> <p>Mr. Edward Geppert reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance: Dr. Andrea Brown, Ms. Brenda Holmes and Mr. Dean Clark. Mr. Edward Geppert reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the minutes for the March 2006 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting. • Received and update on the FY 2007 budget from Linda Mitchell and Ronny Wickenhauser • Discussed School Restructuring, District Corrective Action, and Chronically Dysfunctional Districts that was lead by Jon Furr and Ginger Reynolds. • Reviewed the Quarterly Update on the FY2004 A-133 Audit Findings and FY 2005 Finance and Compliance Audit with Deb Scheiter. • Deb Vespa updated the Committee on the financial status of Winthrop Harbor School District #1 • Linda Mitchell gave the Committee a status update on the Annual Financial Reports. <p>Governmental Relations Committee</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes reported that she and the following committee members were in attendance: Mr. Dean Clark, Mr. Jesse Ruiz & Dr. Chris Ward.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes reported that the members of the committee received and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the minutes for the March 2006 Governmental Relations Committee Meeting. • Update from Nicole Wills and Joshua Jacobs on legislation that has passed both houses. • Brenda Holmes reminded the Board that the May Committee Meeting will be a meeting of the Whole, which will contain a legislative summary of the recent session.
<p>Members' Report</p>	<p>Mr. Dean Clark reported that on April 12, 2006 he visited St. Charles Community School District # 303 where he presented Ms. Astri Snodgrass with the resolution recognizing her for her outstanding design concept reflected in her winning poster for the 2006 Creating Understanding through the Arts.</p> <p>Dr. Andrea Brown attended The Closing the Gap Conference. Superintendent Dunn and Mark Williams were also in attendance at the conference. Dr. Brown also stated that she and Dr. Dunn attended the Southern Illinois University Debate on No Child Left Behind held on April 17, 2006.</p> <p>Dr. Vinni Hall stated that she attended the NASBE Early Childhood Study Group in Alexandria, Virginia on March 17-18, 2006. Dr. Hall also represented the State Board in Utah at the Council for Exception Children and will host the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children in Champaign on April 22, 2006. She also noted that she is looking forward to the 2006 Illinois Association School Administrators Annual Conference on April 26-28, 2006.</p>

**Recommendations
from the Teachers
Certification Board**

comment on the proposed rulemaking for:

Determining Special Education Per Capita Tuition Charge (23 Illinois Administrative Code 130),

including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Rules for Initial Review
Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for:

Transitional Bilingual Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 228), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Rules for Initial Review
New Part 560 (Parental Participation Pilot Project)

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for:

Parental Participation Pilot Project (23 Illinois Administrative Code 560), including publication of the proposed rules in the Illinois Register.

Program Approval of Professional Education Preparation Programs

Trinity Christian College/English Language Arts, Science (Biology and Chemistry) and Social Studies (History)

The State Board of Education approves Trinity Christian College's English Language Arts, Science-Biology, Science-Chemistry, and Social Science- History secondary education programs to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement.

Provisional Approval of Professional Education Preparation Programs

DePaul University: Learning Behavior Specialist I and Loyola University Chicago: Reading Specialist Program

The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Learning Behavior Specialist I program for DePaul University, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

Further, the State Board of Education provisionally approves the Reading Specialist program for Loyola University Chicago, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of institution's next accreditation review.

National-Louis University: Social Science (Economics, Geography History and Political Science)

The Illinois State Board of Education provides provisional approval to National-Louis University's Social Science – Economics, Social Science – Geography, Social Science – History, and Social Science – Political Science programs be

<p>End of Consent Agenda</p>	<p>granted. In no later than 18 months, the institution shall submit to the State Superintendent the findings of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) or a revised program report.</p> <p>END OF CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Acceptance of FY05 Financial and Compliance Audit</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn gave a brief update on the finding of the FY05 Annual Financial and Compliance Audit.</p> <p>Motion Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the State Board of Education hereby accept the Auditor General's FY05 Annual Financial and Compliance Audit. Mr. Dean Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Update List of Supplemental Education Service Providers</p>	<p>Motion Ms. Joyce Karon moved that the Illinois State Board of Education adopt the following motion:</p> <p>Whereas the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> requires that the State Board of Education promote maximum participation of Supplemental Educational Service providers and maintain an updated list of approved providers, I move that the applicants indicated on Attachment 1 be approved for addition to the <i>Illinois Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers</i>.</p> <p>Dr. Andrea Brown seconded the motion and it passed with a majority voice vote; Dr. Vinni Hall cast a "No" vote.</p>
<p>Update on Financial Status of Winthrop Harbor School District #1</p>	<p>Deb Vespa introduced Dr. Jim Tenbusch, Superintendent of Winthrop Harbor School District #1.</p> <p>Dr. Tenbusch explained that the community is made up of 7,500 residents and that there are about 12 small businesses and no major industry, so all tax revenue comes from residential property taxes. Winthrop Harbor does have the North Point Marina Complex, one of the largest marina complexes on the Great Lakes. However the school district receives no revenue from that facility and since it was built in the 1980's have lost about 20% of their Equalized Assessed Valuation. Dr. Tenbusch stated the school district is under tax caps so the property tax revenue cannot increase without a successful referendum. The district is in financial difficulty due to several failed referenda, including a failed emergency referendum.</p> <p>Winthrop Harbor has the lowest per pupil expenditure in the county; it is \$3,100.00 below the average and \$2,700.00 below the state average. Despite the financial situation the district is a recipient of the Bright Star Award which is only given to school districts that achieve in the top 25% on ISAT scores, and do it with the lowest 25% in terms of cost. Eighty-one percent (81%) of the students meet or exceed Illinois Learning Standards.</p> <p>Winthrop Harbor School District greatly needed a tax increase, but unfortunately the emergency referendum attracted anti-referendum groups that engaged in automated phone calls to all registered voters to encourage them not to pass the referendum.</p> <p>The district has already taken cost reduction measures during the past three years. The school district has outsourced the janitorial services and food services. Seventy percent cuts were made in supplies, equipment, textbooks and capital outlay, the business manager and accounts payable/purchasing manager positions were eliminated, three teaching and four teacher aide positions were eliminated and extracurricular programs are being paid by booster organizations. The district is having great difficulty balancing its budget and knows that the deficit will return as they continue to borrow from tax anticipation warrants; not to meet expenditures</p>

	<p>but to generate new revenue.</p> <p>Very soon Winthrop Harbor will be at their \$2 million dollar limit. Dr. Tenbusch said that they have not given up hope and will continue to try to get a referendum passed before the district is unable to borrow short term, which will probably be in the year 2008 or 2009.</p> <p>Dr. Tenbusch stated that in his opinion, certifying Winthrop Harbor School District #1 in financial difficulty will make the community aware of the seriousness of this situation and he believes that the community will do the right thing to save the schools. Dr. Tenbusch thanked the Board and asked that they help Winthrop Harbor School District by certifying the district in financial difficulty.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the State Board of Education hereby certifies that, effective April 20, 2006, Winthrop Harbor School District #1 is in financial difficulty pursuant to the provisions of Section 1A-8 of the School Code:</p> <p>This certification is authorized under Section 1A-8(3), in that for two consecutive years the annual financial reports for this district has shown an excess of expenditures and other financing uses over revenues, other financing sources and beginning fund balances for the aggregate totals of the Educational, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation and Working Cash Funds.</p> <p>Further, the State Board of Education directs the State Superintendent of Education to proceed immediately with the actions required by law and to provide this school district with appropriate technical assistance and support.</p> <p>Winthrop Harbor School District is required to develop, adopt and submit a financial plan pursuant to guidelines which will be presented to the district by the State Board of Education.</p> <p>Mr. Dean Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Information Items</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz asked that the Board members please read the Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking and the State Board of Education Fiscal and Administrative Monthly Reports printed in the Board meeting materials each month for information purposes. There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.</p>
<p>Closed Session</p>	<p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; Section c 3 for the purpose of considering the selection of a person to fill a public office; Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board; and Section c 21 for purpose of discussing minutes of meeting lawfully closed under the Open Meeting Act. <p>Dr. Vinni Hall further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call</p>

	<p>vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 11:08 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:10 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	<p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

Education Policy Planning Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

10:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Minutes of the March Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**pp. 2 – 4**)
3. Student Advisory Council (*Linda Jamali & Lynn Rhoades*) (**p. 5**)
4. Induction and Mentoring – Background Information (*Ginger Reynolds & Linda Jamali*) (**pp. 6 – 22**)
5. Induction for the 21st Century Educator (**pp. 23 – 34**)
(*Vicki Hensley & Nicki Rosenbaum, Iroquois/Kankakee ROE*)
6. IASB Targeting Achievement through Governance (TAG) (*Angela Peifer, IASB*) (**p. 35**)
7. Status Report on Accountability Workbook (*Ginger Reynolds*) (**pp. 36 – 39**)
8. Additional Items
9. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.

EDUCATION POLICY PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 19, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor

100 North First Street, Springfield, IL

Committee Members Present

Dave Fields, Chair
Andrea Brown
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon

Other Board Members

Brenda Holmes
Jesse Ruiz
Chris Ward

Others

Supt Dunn
Ginger Reynolds

Board Members Absent

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 10:34 a.m.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Marla Harp of ROE #21 and Ewing Grade School was present with three students also from Ewing Grade School. They were in Springfield on their 8th Grade Class Trip and wanted to stop by the ISBE Board meeting to voice their concerns on technology in Illinois schools and increasing technology funding in schools.
2. **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2006 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes for the March 2006 EPPC Meeting.
3. **STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (Linda Jamali/Lynn Rhoades):** Representatives from the Student Advisory Council were present to update the Committee on the two issues they are currently working on: Students serving on their local school boards and the rurality of school districts. The student representatives attended an earlier meeting on April 19th at the State Board offices to bring a policy that allows students to serve on their local school board, the number of students serving on the school board and to address how to get the students on their school board. The student representatives feel that school boards are aware of this opportunity. One of the SAC representatives, Ed, is currently on his local school board.

The second issue is on the state of rural schools in Illinois. One of the student representatives, Whitney, spoke about putting together a slide show to show the differences between schools. Whitney stated some issues with regard to rural schools:

- Eliminating class rank
- Lack of AP and Honor Classes
- Lack of Diversity in the Classes at Smaller Schools
- Lack of Space and Large Class Sizes that Effect Learning
- Promotion of Cultural Diversity

Kylie, another student representative, also spoke about dual enrollment classes.

Ed, another SAC representative spoke about PSAE and testing.

The Vice President of the SAC, Ross Jacobs, stated that they have heard back from individual schools which are receptive to the idea of having students on their local school boards.

Board Member Joyce Karon is strongly supportive of this effort. She believes it allows students to give their input to the school board. Joyce also believes the communication should come from the students instead of the administrators.

Board Member Chris Ward also added the idea of having more than one student on their local school board, possibly two students.

Board Member Brenda Holmes also gave the SAC representatives an idea to think about on testing. Brenda is interested in the SAC's comments on what the tests test. She asked them if we should have a state curriculum and would that take care of our problems.

Chairman Jesse Ruiz suggested they put a document together to show their ideas and possibly to get it put on the ISBE's website. The representatives said they do have a brochure put together and will provide the Board with a copy.

The Student Advisory Council will give a presentation to the full Board at the June meeting.

4. **INDUCTION & MENTORING - BACKGROUND INFO (Linda Jamali):** Linda Jamali provided the Committee some background information on the current statute and rules regarding induction and mentoring. She added that the Committee could find the rules in their board packets and they can also find material from ISBE's website. She provided the following points:

- One of the professional development options for those seeking to move from Initial to Standard-level certification
- The program must provide formally trained mentor teachers and new teachers opportunities for contact so new teachers receive professional support in the school environment
- The application is online
- One opportunity each semester for professional development
- Data is requested if mentor is approved
- A formal assessment that provides the new teacher opportunities for reflection on his/her performance but cannot be tied to an evaluation

Linda also added that roughly 300 districts have been approved.

The Committee recommended streamlining the requirements.

5. **INDUCTION FOR THE 21st CENTURY EDUCATOR (Vicki Hensley/Nicki Rosenbaum, Iroquois/Kankakee ROE):** Vicki Hensley and Nicki Rosenbaum from the Iroquois/Kankakee ROE office presented information to the Committee on their Induction for the 21st Century Initiative. Vicki stated that this is a professional development program designed to provide new teachers with support as they begin their teaching careers. This program provides training and support to mentor teachers as they work with new teachers.

In addition to this program having a mentor training component, it also has an educational leader training component. The educational leader training is comprised of three phases, with each phase being six hours in length and approved for Administrator's Academy credit. The mentor training component is 36 hours, 6 days of intensive training for district-selected mentors.

Vicki further added that the induction application is a 19-step process and that they take the mentors through the application step-by-step and they submit the application online.

6. **IASB TARGETING ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH GOVERNANCE (TAG)(Angela Peifer, IASB):** The Committee heard from Angela Peifer of the Illinois Association of School Boards who presented information and outcomes from their programs for local school board members funded through an Illinois grant to assist schools and districts in improvement status. She further added that through the Targeting Achievement Through Governance (TAG) the IASB will provide services and training at no cost to school boards in districts with schools not making AYP for two consecutive years.

Angela also mentioned the following opportunities with regard to this program:

- Self Evaluation that allows boards to assess their own performance against effective governing standards
- School board leadership workshop that provides an overview of the board's unique governing role and responsibilities
- Student learning workshop that teaches a functional process for assessing and developing meaningful board policies to support student learning
- Student learning process support to assist boards in selecting a relevant policy topic to support district and school improvement; and
- School and District Improvement Plan training that overviews the elements of school and district improvement plans and provides boards with a process for fulfilling their statutory requirement to approve the plans

Along with the materials provided to the Committee for their reference, there was a colored map included to show them the 76 currently participating districts throughout Illinois.

Angie also stated that the IASB is in partnership with the Iowa Association of School Boards and others to continue the Lighthouse Study, research that indicates that school boards in high-achieving districts are significantly different in their knowledge and beliefs than school boards in low-achieving districts.

Angie further added that IASB does not report this information to Myron Mason, Division Administrator in the Federal Grants and Programs Division every month but they do regularly attend the RESPROS meetings and feel they can get the information from those meetings.

7. **STATUS REPORT ON ACCOUNTABILITY WORKBOOK (Ginger Reynolds):** Ginger Reynolds provided the Committee with a status report on the Illinois Accountability Workbook. She stated that USDE asked us to proceed differently and action will occur at a later date, after further negotiations with USDE. We sent a letter outlining, in general, what changes or amendments we might want to make.

Board Member Chris Ward asked what the range of confidence intervals were from state to state. Ginger responded by stating that all states do not use the confidence intervals and added that only 95% of the confidence intervals were used.

Board Member Ed Geppert commented on the subgroup sizes.

Ginger further stated that the Committee could refer to the outline in their board packets that summarizes the changes made in 2005 and the requested changes in the Workbook for 2006.

Ginger then stated that updated information on the Accountability Workbook will be brought back to the Committee/Board.

8. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Former ISBE staff person, Lee Patton, came forward to tell the Committee that one of the Student Advisory Council members, Dan, is the third of three brothers who has served on the Student Advisory Council.

There were no additional items.

ADJOURN: The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

3:00 p.m.

(This meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.)

Board Room, 4th Floor

100 N. First Street

Springfield, IL

Public Conference Call Access Number: 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*)

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Minutes of March Finance & Audit Committee Meeting (**pp. 2 – 4**)
3. FY 2007 Budget Update (*Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser*) (**pp. 5 – 64**)
4. School Restructuring, District Corrective Action, & Chronically Dysfunctional Districts (**pp. 65 – 80**)
(*Jon Furr, Ginger Reynolds*)
5. Quarterly Update on the FY2004 A-133 Audit Findings (*Deb Scheiter*) (**pp. 81 – 94**)
- *6. FY 2005 Audit Report—Finance and Compliance Audit (*Deb Scheiter*) (**Plenary Packet p. 70**)
- *7. Winthrop Harbor Update (*Deb Vespa*) (**Plenary Packet pp. 74 – 93**)
8. Additional Items
9. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 19, 2006
Board Room
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Edward Geppert, Chair
Dr. Andrea Brown
Ms. Brenda Holmes

Committee Member Absent:

Mr. Dean Clark

Staff Present:

Ms. Linda Riley Mitchell
Ms. Deborah Vespa
Mr. Ronny Wickenhauser
Mr. Jonathan Furr
Ms. Melissa Oller

Other Board Members Present

Dr. Vinni Hall
Dr. David Field
Ms. Joyce Karon
Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Dr. Chris Ward

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chair Geppert reported that there were no requests from the public for participation.

2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Geppert asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 15, 2006, meeting minutes. Hearing none, he announced that the minutes were approved and would be placed on file.

3. FY 2007 BUDGET UPDATE

Chief Financial Officer Linda Riley Mitchell and Division Administrator. Ronny Wickenhauser gave an update on the FY 2007 Budget. They discussed the State Board's budget request, which contains many linkages to the Board's Strategic Plan and specifically includes \$4.4 million for implementation of the Strategic Plan. They noted that at this time the State Board is awaiting approval of its FY 2007 Budget by the General Assembly. The staff members also said that they would continue to update the Board on the FY 2007 Budget as the General Assembly session draws to a close and would supply them information as it becomes available.

4. SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING, DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTION, & CHRONICALLY DYSFUNCTIONAL DISTRICTS

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ginger Reynolds, Chief of Staff Rebecca Watts, and General Counsel Jonathan Furr updated the Board members regarding next steps on School Restructuring and District Corrective Action. The staff members noted that the State Board had previously been provided with the background materials on the emerging issue of School Restructuring, District Corrective Action and Systemically Noncompliant

Districts. Mr. Furr and Dr. Reynolds identified and discussed the following key assumptions and requests for further direction by the Board regarding School Restructuring and District Corrective Action.

School Restructuring:

- At this time, the Board does not want to develop a framework for State takeover of schools.
- The Board does not want to limit the restructuring options for schools available under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.
- Does the Board want the Agency to continue Guidance “as is” or expand? If expand, how?
- Does the Board want the Agency to continue with technical assistance “as is” or expand? If expand, how?
- Does the Board want the Agency to continue System of Support “as is” or expand/change? If expand or change, how?

District Corrective Action:

- The Board/Agency may take Corrective Action on districts upon reaching Improvement Status.
- The Board/Agency is required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) to take Corrective Action on districts failing to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYPO) for four consecutive years.
- The Agency estimates close to 200 districts could be in Corrective Action under NCLB in FY 2007.
- Unless necessary to address Systemically Noncompliant districts, the Board/Agency will not take Corrective Action on Districts before required by federal law.
- Unless necessary to address Systemically Noncompliant districts, the Board/Agency will not take more severe Corrective Action authorized by law.
- Districts failing to make AYP for four consecutive years would have to direct, defer or decrease certain district funds, as authorized by federal law and would be required to have new curriculum and professional development for district staff.

Mr. Furr noted that if the state is going to take a strong action it would be at the district level to deal with a district that has dysfunctional issues as opposed to the school level, which is what is being talked about regarding School Restructuring.

Dr. Chris Ward asked what the capacity of the Agency was and that we need to be sensitive to that issue. He also asked what the minimum was that is needed to be done regarding restructuring. Mr. Furr stated that there is a district obligation to oversee the issue of School Restructuring under NCLB.

Dr. Andrea Brown noted that other states will be looking to us for direction/lead regarding this NCLB issue, especially regarding revenue.

Mr. Furr stated that we don't want to limit the options that districts have to meet their School Restructuring requirements under NCLB. Dr. Reynolds noted that the districts have many choices regarding what would work best for their district.

Ms. Joyce Karon asked what the next step would be if the district does not make AYP. Dr. Reynolds explained that the district would restructure and continue to offer choice and SES. Chair Geppert stated that the most important thing is if the district is making progress or not and what the State Board's role will be. Dr. Reynolds stated that generally if a district is healthy, then the district usually can figure out how to fix the school. She noted that if the district is not healthy, then that is when the District Corrective Action is utilized.

Ms. Holmes stated that as long as the State Board can provide options, make suggestions with the authority of oversight to ensure accountability, then she is very reluctant to go in with specifics that we don't even know yet. Dr. Vinni Hall said that one size does not fit all. Mr. Furr noted that this might steer us to look toward the workshop model where there can be small group or one-on-one discussions with the schools through experts in order to begin to look at their needs. Chair Geppert said that bringing schools together with similar problems is helpful because it gives them somebody else that they can share their struggles with and then they can build on the knowledge of each other.

Dr. Chris Ward asked staff to come back to the Committee with information regarding a plan that they feel will do service but won't stretch the capacity of the Agency to the point that it can't do anything else – mainly because this issue is only going to get bigger.

5. QUARTERLY UPDATE ON THE FY 2004 A-133 AUDIT FINDINGS

Staff members Linda Riley Mitchell and Deborah Scheiter discussed with the Committee and other Board members information regarding the progress of the Agency's resolution of the audit findings from the FY 2004 A-133 Statewide Single Audit. The staff members noted that the prior year audit had nine findings that relate to the Agency's financial statements, system of internal controls, and compliance with the Illinois School Code. Ms. Scheiter stated that all of the findings are being resolved. Ms. Riley Mitchell commended Ms. Scheiter for the work she and other staff members have done regarding the resolution of the audit findings.

6. FY 2005 AUDIT REPORT – FINANCE AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Staff members Linda Riley Mitchell and Deborah Scheiter discussed with the Committee and other Board members the issues identified by the Auditor General in the FY 2005 Annual Financial and Compliance Audit and the Agency's progress on resolving the findings. Ms. Scheiter noted that this audit was for FY 2005 and the scope includes finances, operations, statutory compliance, and information systems and technology security. She also explained that the audit has three findings, of which two relate to programs that are no longer at the State Board in FY 2006. Ms. Scheiter commented that the FY 2005 audit had 15 findings. Superintendent Dunn said that the Agency has shown a good faith effort in the resolution of the audit findings.

Ms. Riley Mitchell informed the Committee and other Board members that the Agency will take into account these issues as they work on the budget next year and will work with Governmental Relations to see what the Agency can do regarding the legislative concerns.

7. WINTHROP HARBOR UPDATE

Staff members Ms. Linda Riley Mitchell and Ms. Deb Vespa discussed with the Committee and other Board members the financial condition of Winthrop School District to potentially certify them in Financial Difficulty. Ms. Mitchell explained that for districts truly in financial difficulty, in accordance with Article 1A-8 of the Illinois School Code, certifying them as such enables staff of the Agency to provide financial and fiscal technical assistance to the school district and to assist them with the development of a financial plan that district budgets must be in alignment with.

Ms. Vespa stated that upon review of the district's Annual Financial Report (AFR) and discussion with the district superintendent, it was determined that Winthrop Harbor School District had incurred a negative fund balance in their four operational fund of \$4,200 for FY04, and \$65,904 for FY05. She noted that the 2006 budget projects that deficit spending will double to \$130,678 which in turn is projected to decrease the fund balance to \$196,582. She said that the district has attempted passage of several tax referendums, even holding a special election, and another tax referendum was held in March 2006. Ms. Vespa said that all these attempts have been unsuccessful.

Ms. Vespa said that Agency staff will submit the Financial Plan Guideline to the district within the next 14 days and the district will have 45 days after the date of certification to submit their Financial Plan to the State Board for approval. Ms. Vespa noted that staff will continue to provide technical assistance to the district to assist them with the development of their financial plan, and the district should submit a financial plan to the State Board by May 5, 2006, for approval at the May 18, 2006, State Board meeting.

Ms. Riley Mitchell commended staff members Deborah Vespa and Jay Grimes for all of their hard work with this district.

It was announced that Winthrop Harbor School District Superintendent Dr. Jim Tenbusch would be speaking to the State Board members at their meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2006.

8 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

8.1. Annual Financial Reports

Ms. Linda Riley Mitchell commented regarding the Agency's review of the Annual Financial Reports. She said that the only report that has not been received is from Huntley. She noted that Gavin, North Chicago, and Sauk Village reports have been received. Ms. Vespa said that the Huntley report should be received in the next couple of days.

8.2. Request of Ms. Brenda Holmes

Ms. Holmes commented that in reading the minutes of the March 15, 2006, Committee meeting, she was reminded that she had asked for a list of potential federal funds to be used for Corrective Action and wanted to know if that list was available now. Ms. Riley Mitchell said that she would look into it. (It was later determined that the information had been provided to the full Board.)

9. ADJOURN

Chair Geppert motioned for adjournment of the Committee meeting and it was seconded by Dr. David Fields. The Committee passed the motion unanimously.

Governmental Relations Committee

Thursday, April 20, 2006

8:30 a.m.

Board Conference Room, 4th Floor
100 N. First Street
Springfield, IL

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Minutes of the March Governmental Relations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2 – 4**)
3. Legislation that Passed Both Houses (*Nicole Wills & Josh Jacobs*)
 - a. SBE Legislation (**p. 5**)
 - b. General Assembly Legislation (**p. 6**)
4. Additional Items
5. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

April 20, 2006
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Brenda Holmes, Chair
Chris Ward
Jesse Ruiz
Dean Clark

Other Board Members

Ed Geppert
Andrea Brown
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Vinni Hall

Staff Present

Randy Dunn
Jon Furr
Nicole Wills
Josh Jacobs
Cleo Boswell
Becky Watts

Committee Members Absent

N/A

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation.

2. Information Item

Chairman Ruiz motioned to accept the minutes of the March committee meeting and Dean Clark seconded the motion.

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

General Assembly Legislation:

- Chairwoman Holmes requested staff relay the procedures for bills that have passed both chambers. Staff stated that once a bill has passed both chambers, the Legislature has 30 days to send the bill to the Governor and then the Governor has 60 days to sign, veto or amendatorily veto to the bill.
- Ed Geppert asked if there are any bills that have passed that will have a fiscal impact on the agency if signed by the Governor. Staff stated that any bills that pass this year will not have fiscal impact until the next year.
- There were several resolutions heard in the House Education Committee on Wednesday, April 19th that would require ISBE to create a task force or do a study.
 - HR 1078 urges ISBE to develop a process to collect and evaluate, both on a district and statewide level, the costs of providing special education services beyond that which is reimbursed by the State.
 - HR 1148 directs the State Board to prepare a report to the Governor and General Assembly surveying school districts to determine how many classrooms would require funding to reduce class sizes in grades K through 3 to no more than 20 students. This would include the costs of hiring additional teachers and staff and providing additional physical classroom space.
 - HJR 118 creates a task force to study special education funding and to make recommendations on how the State can increase funding and ease the financial burden on school districts. The Task force will consist of the State Superintendent & 16 other members. This Task force must be facilitated by ISBE and requires a report to the Governor and General Assembly in January 2007.
 - HJR 119 creates the Accountable Schools Task force to be facilitated by ISBE. Although the resolution consists of 23 members, the sponsor indicated in committee that it would be amended to include additional members. The Task force's duties include 1) evaluating the State's existing fiscal and performance accountability systems; 2) identify costs of mandates imposed on school districts and individual schools; 3) recommend a fiscal assessment process that includes criteria for examining and evaluating the current financial practices of all school districts and schools and determining the adequacy and efficiency of internal controls; 4) to recommend methods to improve and stabilize the State's system of

performance accountability; and 5) to recommend methods of by which the fiscal and performance accountability systems are more transparent and understandable for parents of students and taxpayers. The resolution is an initiative of the South Suburban Mayors Caucus and it requires the recommendations be reported to the General Assembly by January 8, 2007.

- SJR 87 creates a No Child Left Behind Growth-Model Task force to examine models proposed by other states and to explore the potential for a growth model in Illinois. The Task force shall be comprised of 10 members and ISBE shall provide staff assistance. The Task force must hold a minimum of four meetings with at least one in Chicago and one in Springfield. A Growth-Model Task force was already being formed by ISBE staff and an adjustment was made to the membership to account for the requirements of SJR 87.
- HR 1185 urges USED, with respect to measuring Adequate Yearly Progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, to create a pre-AYP classification.
- SJR 82 is the waiver resolution. By law, the General Assembly has sixty days to act on the resolution from the time the report is transmitted in the spring. The resolution limits the Warren THSD 121 driver's education fee increase to one year and disapproves the remaining four years and also limits the waiver request made by Aurora West USD 129 with respect to the Statement of Affairs to a two year approval and disapproves the remaining three years. It also entirely disapproves the waiver request for the Statement of Affairs for Huntley CSD 158. The waiver resolution passed the Senate almost unanimously. Representative Giles will carry the resolution in the House, where it will be heard in the House Education committee on April 25th.
- SB 585 – This bill is sponsored by Senator Cullerton and Representative Flider. The legislation amends the Open Meetings Act by redefining "meeting" to include telephone conference, email, instant messaging or video or audio conference. The bill requires that the number of public body members necessary to constitute a quorum must be physically present at an open meeting and permits participation and voting by other members by audio and video conference. If a public body with statewide jurisdiction has members who are physically present in Chicago or Springfield, they may count towards a quorum if the meeting is held simultaneously in both places through interactive videoconference and notice and public access requirements are met. There is an exemption provided for certain State bodies and boards with advisory or non-binding functions from the requirement of physical quorum. It also requires that a quorum of members of a public body without statewide jurisdiction be physically present at a closed meeting and permits participation and voting by other members by video or audio conference. This bill will impact Board Operations Committee phone calls, special and emergency meetings.
 - Ed Geppert asked for clarification on the impact for email exchanges. Jon Furr stated that under SB 585, essentially emails and instant messages cannot be used to hold a meeting. The Board will need to be much more careful about responding to email exchanges. Andrea Brown inquired regarding Board Operations Committee calls as to whether the quorum would be of the committee make-up or if it would have to be a quorum of the entire Board. Jon Furr stated that as he read the legislation, it would have to be a quorum of the entire Board. Chairwoman Holmes suggested as a part of legislative intent to have the sponsors say this applies to full Boards, not to committees.
- SB 858 is an initiative from Senator Collins and it contains many of the same aspects of Senator Lauzen's bill regarding private school background checks, except SB 858 does not require the FBI check. It passed the Senate unanimously. ISBE staff provided the Representative with legislative intent language for the House floor, because the bill allows for reimbursement of private schools for the costs if funds become available. Public schools can use funds from the ADA Block

Grant to pay for the checks and the legislative intent for this bill would simply say that there would have to be a specific appropriation for reimbursement for private school background checks required under SB 858. Chairwoman Holmes asked who would have to pay initially for these costs and staff clarified that it would be the private school that would have to pay and there is no cost to the State Board.

ISBE Board and Agency Legislation

- SB 2829 (Less Red Tape), SB 2336 (School Breakfast Clean-up) and HB 5550 (Textbook Bonding) have all passed both chambers and been sent to the Governor.
- SB 2795 (Reorg/Consolidation) was heard on Wednesday in the House Education Committee and passed unanimously. There is a House amendment that has to do with the taxing step-down rate for the optional elementary district. Once the bill passes the House, it must go back to the Senate for concurrence on the House amendment.
- SB 2796 (Due Process Legislation) passed the House Education Committee 15-3-0 on April 19th. The bill is now on 3rd Reading in the House and must also go back to the Senate for concurrence on the amendments. An amendment was worked out with the Speaker's staff that required ISBE to compromise on certain points in order for the bill to move forward. Staff felt these compromises were justified and did not move away from one of the core goals of the legislation, which was to do everything possible to keep from exceeding federal law. One additional issue that was brought up in the House education committee on Wednesday was the use of "may" instead of "shall" with regards to rulemaking for due process procedures. Certain individuals were concerned this was an attempt by ISBE to get rid of all special education rules. Concerns were also voiced that the change would reduce or eliminate the State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities (ISAC) and its role in the rulemaking process. However, the language that requires ISAC's advice and consent is maintained in the legislation and ISAC supported the bill. There will be one more technical amendment and then the bill will have to go back to the Senate for concurrence on both amendments.

School Construction

- Three bills have been introduced for school construction. Because school construction bills require increasing the State's indebtedness, it requires a 3/5 majority.
 - **SB 668** – Authorized \$1 billion in bonding that would be used for school construction. \$149 million would go to fulfilling the FY 02 priority list, \$751 million would go for other unranked schools and \$100 million would be for school maintenance grants. The bill would require 36 votes in the Senate and it lost 32-26-0.
 - **HB 3904** – Authorized \$500 million in bonding to be used for school construction. This bill passed out of the House Executive Committee on a partisan roll call and is on 3rd Reading in the House.
 - **HB 5782** – Would provide \$148 million needed to fulfill the FY 02 school construction list. This bill is in the House Rules committee.
 - Brenda Holmes asked when the window of time expires for the schools on the FY 02 list.

Adjournment

The House will be back in Springfield next Tuesday and Wednesday. The Senate will return on May 2nd.

5. **ADJOURN:** Chairman Ruiz made a motion to adjourn and Chris Ward seconded the motion. The committee adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

1:00 p.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor

100 N. First Street

Springfield, IL

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Minutes of the March Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting (**p. 2**)
- *3 Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 130 (Determining Special Education Per Capita Tuition Charge) (**Plenary pp. 16 – 27**)
(*Tim Imler*)
 - b. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education) (*Robin Lisboa*) (**Plenary pp. 28 – 55**)
 - c. New Part 560 (Parental Participation Pilot Project) (*Myron Mason*) (**Plenary pp. 56 – 62**)
4. Additional Items
5. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

10:00 a.m.

State Board Room-4th Floor
Springfield, IL

Committee Members Present

Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall
Brenda Holmes
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Chris Ward

Absent

Dean Clark

Others

Randy Dunn
Jonathan Furr
Sally Vogl
Tim Imler
Robin Lisboa
Myron Mason

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Furr asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Committee. No one came forward.

2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH AD HOC RULES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The March Ad Hoc Rules Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. DISCUSSION OF RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW

PART 130

(Determining Special Education Per Capita Tuition Charge)

Tim Imler, Division Administrator for Funding and Disbursements, generally described the proposed changes to Part 130, which include redefining what constitutes a program. Board Member Chris Ward asked if these changes will lower reimbursement to districts. Mr. Imler explained in further detail.

Board Member Vinni Hall needed further clarification.

Board Member Andrea Brown commented that the districts would be receiving actual costs.

Dr. Hall thinks the districts should get more, not less. She said the bottom line is reducing costs to the state and Mr. Imler responded that it was for the orphan population and students who generate excess cost under Section 7.02(b). He explained that excess cost is a new provision and he also gave a scenario as to how the reimbursement is figured for districts.

Dr. Hall had questions regarding time in special education in relation to reimbursement of claims. Mr. Imler gave a detailed explanation of how the process works.

PART 228
(Transitional Bilingual Education)

Robin Lisboa, Division Administrator for English Language Learning, generally described the Part 228 rules and suggested changes to streamline the rules. Ms. Lisboa said it had been a joint effort with the Bilingual Advisory Council.

Dr. Brown asked Ms. Lisboa if she was going to develop criteria for what would be appropriate professional development for those administrators in very small programs.

NEW PART 560
(Parental Participation Pilot Project)

Myron Mason, Acting Division Administrator for Federal Grants and Programs, generally described the proposed new Part 560. This rulemaking is in response to P.A. 94-507 (2005), which created the Parental Participation Pilot Project as a four-year grant program designed to help the "lowest-performing" districts improve their performance through activities that stimulate or rely on parental participation. The agency is to identify the grant recipients assigned the task of reviewing districts' "academic improvement plans".

Ms. Holmes complimented Mr. Imler, Ms. Lisboa, and Mr. Mason for the decision-making represented in their proposals.

4. Informational Update: Less Red Tape

Mr. Furr stated that Less Red Tape would be a quarterly update. Mr. Furr and Shelley Helton will discuss whether they would provide an update at the May or June Board meeting.

Dr. Brown asked about the special education hearings that were cancelled and asked if they would be coming up in August or September. It was stated that those hearings would be rescheduled this summer.

5. Adjournment

Chris Ward made the motion to adjourn. Vinni Hall seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Board Operations Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

2:00 p.m.

(This meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.)

Board Room, 4th Floor
100 N. First Street
Springfield, IL

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AGENDA

- 1 Public Participation
- *2. Discussion Items
 - a. Minutes of the March Board Operations Committee Meeting (**p. 2**)
 - b. Review New Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition (*Chris Ward*) (**p. 3**)
 - 1) Sullivan School District (**pp. 4 – 5**)
 - **2) Memorial Resolution for Russell Cotton, St. Anne School Board President (**p. 6**)
 - c. Status Report:
Increasing High School Student Performance in Literacy and Numeracy (**pp. 7 – 9**)
(*Dana Kinley, Mark Williams and Becky McCabe*)
 - d. Board Retreat Planning (*Joyce Karon*) (**p. 10**)
 - e. BHE Liaison Role (*Randy Dunn*) (**p. 11**)
 - f. Review Updates to 2006-2007 Board Calendar (*Jean Ladage*) (**pp. 12 – 13**)
 - g. NASBE 2007 Election (*Chris Ward*) (**pp. 14 – 24**)
3. Decision Items
4. Additional Items
5. Adjourn

* At the conclusion of any discussion item in which the committee is ready to make a decision, a discussion item may be immediately moved for a decision.

** Items listed with a double asterisk (**) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.

BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Chris Ward, Chair
David Fields
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon
Jesse Ruiz

Other Board Members Present

Andrea Brown
Ed Geppert
Brenda Holmes

Staff Present

Randy Dunn
Jean Ladage
Jon Furr
Marsha Moffett
Becky Watts

Committee Members Absent

None

Other Board Members Absent

Dean Clark

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

2.a. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the March committee meeting be approved. Dr. Dave Fields seconded the motion. Ms. Brenda Holmes asked for a correction on page 2 of the minutes. The motion to approve the committee minutes, as corrected, passed with voice vote approval.

2.b. REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION. Dr. Hall moved to recommend a resolution for adoption at the May Board meeting for recognition of the Sullivan SD. Mr. Ed Geppert seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

The second resolution is in remembrance of Russell Cotton, Board President at St. Anne S.D. Dr. Fields moved that the resolution be recommended for adoption during plenary session tomorrow. Mr. Geppert seconded the motion. It passed with a voice vote.

2.c. Status Report: Increasing High School Student Performance in Literacy and Numeracy

Becky McCabe, Mark Williams and Dana Kinley provided an update on the status of the High School Challenge conference. Mark Williams is going to be taking over as lead contact for the conference. Other members of the planning committee attending this committee meeting were recognized: Jon Ourth from IPA, Darrell Morrison from IEA, Robin Miller from LUDA, Angie Peifer and Cynthia Woods from IASB.

Mark Williams indicated that confirmation has been received from several speakers.

Monday, June 19:

Dr. Willard Daggett, International Center for Leadership in Education
Ed Rust, President of State Farm
Craig Drennen, nationally known for high school turn-around

Tuesday, June 20:

Kati Haycock of Education Trust,
Becky McCabe and John Nelson will be addressing PSAE, ACT and Work Keys.
Ralph Martiere will be speaking on his study regarding where students are going, and what issues educators might be thinking about to ensure their students are better prepared.
Harvey Smith, Illinois Interactive Report Card

Closing panel: Discussions are still taking place regarding a panel to close the conference and discuss what the next steps might be.

Ms. Holmes suggested a change in reference from "High School Reform" to perhaps "Improving Outcomes for High School Students in Illinois."

Discussion followed in regards to the Board remaining on top of the discussion following this conference. There will be individuals or groups that may introduce legislation prior to the issues being vetted out with educational groups that need to be involved.

Ms. Joyce Karon suggested that the IASB/IASA/IASBO Annual Conference be a venue to provide a video of the conference or to offer a follow-up discussion for attendees in November.

Mr. Geppert commented that in the Metro East area, there is a coalition of business groups that would likely be supportive of hosting a regional meeting. This is a group of business leaders in the area that are very interested in work force issues. Dr. Dunn indicated that he will also try to find additional funding for follow-up meetings.

Mark Williams wrapped up by indicating that committee looks forward to the Board members attendance at this conference. The follow-up regional meetings will likely not begin until the PSAE data is available in November.

2.d. BOARD RETREAT PLANNING

Ms. Karon has received suggestions for topics for review during the Board Retreat in August. She will move forward with preparing an agenda based on what she has received.

Dr. Chris Ward asked Ms. Karon to ensure that for the closed session there is a phone linkage to a national organization for purposes of Board self-evaluation.

2.e. BHE Liaison Role

Dr. Dunn indicated that Dr. Proshanta Nandi was present earlier today to begin monitoring the State Board meetings. This Board is invited to assign a member to monitor Board of Higher Education meetings.

Ms. Karon commented that as a member of the Joint Education Committee, it was very helpful to be aware of what issues are before the various education boards. She acknowledged that the JEC had not met in quite some time. Ms. Holmes noted that this Board should proceed carefully, as the Community College Board is much more closely aligned to the issues that immediately face the same issues as this Board. Statutorily, the Joint Education Committee is the venue for this type of cross communication to occur.

Dr. Ward asked members if they are in favor of moving forward with a liaison to the Board of Higher Education. It was determined that a couple of our Board officers and Dr. Dunn should meet with a couple of BHE members and Judy Erwin to work out the details of the role the respective liaison members.

2.f. Review Updates to 2006-2007 Board Calendar

It was determined that the dates and locations as printed will be recommended for approval.

2.g. NASBE 2007 Election

Joyce Karon indicated that she is familiar with both of the nominees for President-Elect. Vinni Hall also commented on the communication she had experienced through NASBE. Vinni Hall expressed her recommendation for the position of President-Elect. The committee expressed support for Jim Craig as Central Area Director.

Joyce Karon reminded members that the NASBE Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held in Louisville, Kentucky in October.

Dr. Vinni Hall moved to adjourn the committee meeting. Mr. Dave Fields seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.