



Illinois State Board of Education

Jesse Ruiz, Board Chair
Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

9:30 a.m.

100 North First Street
3rd Floor, Video Conference Room
Springfield, Illinois

and at

James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph
14th Floor, Video Conference Room
Chicago, Illinois

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Special Board Meeting Agenda

- A. Roll Call
- B. Public Participation
- C. Discussion and Recommendation of Spending Priorities for FY 06 Education Budget
- D. Adjourn

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MINUTES**

<p>CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Randy Dunn, Interim State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance via videoconference in Springfield.</p> <p><u>Member Present Via Videoconference in Springfield:</u> Ms. Brenda Holmes</p> <p><u>Members Present Via Videoconference in Chicago:</u> Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman Mr. Dean Clark Dr. Vinni Hall, Board Secretary Dr. Chris Ward, Vice Chairman</p> <p><u>Members Present Via Teleconference:</u> Dr. Andrea Brown Dr. David Fields Mr. Ed Geppert Ms. Joyce Karon</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> None</p>
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>There was no public participation.</p>
<p>Discussion of Spending Priorities for FY06 Education Budget</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz opened the discussion by informing everyone that the meeting was being held so that the State Board members could determine their FY06 budget priorities which would be relayed to the Governor's Office. He said that the two budget hearings held on January 28 in Mt. Vernon and on January 31 in Chicago were well attended and great feedback was received.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Geppert also commented that the budget hearings held in January and said that the number one priority that came out during the hearings is General State Aid and the formula of assistance there in the categoricals. He noted that there are concerns that the agency is properly staffed, especially in the areas of Certification, Bilingual, Special Education, Agriculture, and Career and Technical Education (CTE).</p> <p>Chairman Jesse Ruiz inquired how much it would cost to fund a \$100 increase in the GSA. Staff member Linda Mitchell informed him that it would be approximately \$160M for each \$100 increase. Staff member Dave McDermott informed the Board members that the State Board spends \$1.4B now on mandated categoricals.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz said that, under the best of circumstances, he would like to see the GSA increased like it was last year; however he doesn't know if that is possible this year. Dr. Vinni Hall agreed with him and added that she would also like to see the mandated categoricals increased as well. Mr. Dean Clark commented that he wants to see an increase in the funding for the Philip J. Rock School, which has had no increase for three years. The Board members agreed how difficult it was to pick and choose priorities, especially when the funds available are slim. They also commented regarding how important it was to identify their budget priorities and make sure they are asking for realistic funding.</p>

<p>Motion to approve the Board's budget priorities</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes moved that the State Board of Education prioritize the following items as its top two priorities for its FY06 budget request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General State Aid (GSA) • Mandated categoricals <p>Further, the following list of programs and line items will also be considered top priorities by the State Board of Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-Out Prevention/Outreach Grants: Regional Safe Schools Programs (RSSP) and Truant Alternative & Optional Education Programs (TAOEP) • Early Childhood Education programs • Career and Technical Education (could include Agriculture Education) • Technology • Special emphasis on special education personnel reimbursement and bilingual education mandated categoricals • Philip J. Rock School <p>She further moved that the State Board of Education recommend the funding of a School Construction Program with the Maintenance Grant Program included. The Board also strongly suggests that the Agency Administration line item reflect an increase in funding to support Certification staffing, CTE staffing, Technology staffing, and Bilingual staffing.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes amended the motion with the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA Block Grants will be included within the listing Board's budget priorities; • School district consolidation will be included within the Board's budget priorities; • The Board members will have a final opportunity to review this motion to ensure that it meets with everyone's approval; • Superintendent Dunn will keep the Board informed of the status of the State Board's budget throughout the legislative process. Members will be notified if a special meeting is necessary; • A memo will be sent from the State Board and State Superintendent to the Governor and John Filan, Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, which will include the priorities identified within this motion in final format; and • The closing paragraph of the memo should reflect that there are many other line items that are very important. However, this Board is cognizant of the current fiscal conditions in the State of Illinois that constrain the Governor and the General Assembly in their ability to fund state programs; as a consequence Board members have made clear their priorities for FY 2006. <p>Mr. Dean Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn said that he would keep the Board informed of the budget process and would recommend a special Board meeting if necessary.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Andrea Brown and seconded by Dr. Dave Fields. The February 8, 2005, Special Meeting of the State Board of Education adjourned at 10:45 a.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman