



Illinois State Board of Education

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

Illinois State Board of Education announces special meeting

State Board of Education Chairman Ruiz hereby calls a special meeting under the Open Meetings Act.

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Special Meeting
Board Room, 4th Floor
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

Conference Call Phone Number: 1-866-297-6391
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July 6, 2006
10:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- A. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call
- B. Public Participation
- C. Rules for Initial Review
 - 1. New Part 265 (Grants for Arts Education and Foreign Language Education)
- D. Approval of Teacher Certification Board Appointments
- E. NCLB Accountability Workbook Changes
- F. Award Contract for State Superintendent Search
- G. Adjourn

NOTE: Chairman Ruiz will call for a break following Agenda Item F, at which time the Board will go into closed session in accordance with one or more of the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois. The Board will return following closed session only to adjourn the public meeting.

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100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777

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MINUTES
July 06, 2006
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<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Marsha Moffett, Board Office Secretary, 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 (arrived at 10:40 a.m.) Dr. Andrea Brown Mr. Dean Clark Dr. David Fields Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr. Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> None</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Mr. Terry Scrogum, Executive Director of the Illinois Arts Council stated that the Arts Council has been working in partnership with the State Board of Education on several Arts and Education Initiatives. Mr. Scrogum wanted the Board to be aware of what an enjoyable and cooperative relationship the partnership has been, and he looks forward to the opportunity to work together in the future. Ms. Brenda Holmes welcomed and thanked Mr. Scrogum and Ms. Karla Kunzeman, Legislative Liaison for the Illinois Arts Council.</p>
<p>RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW</p> <p>New Part 265 (Grants Arts Education and Foreign Language Education)</p>	<p>General Counsel Darren Reisberg reported to the Board on the rules for initial review. Mr. Reisberg noted that the rulemaking for New Part 265 responds to Public Act 94-835 which was signed into law on June 6, 2006. New Part 265 establishes the Arts and Foreign Language Education Grant Program. Mr. Reisberg stated that the Board is being asked today to authorize the solicitation of public comment on this proposed rulemaking. Mr. Reisberg asked Dana Kinley, Division Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction and ISBE staff member, Sally Vogl to explain the substance of the proposed rules.</p> <p>Dr. Vinni Hall inquired to the definition of a teaching artist. Mr. Scrogum explained that it is an artist who has the ability (not necessary the certification) to provide workshops that teach and work with other people. Mr. Scrogum noted that this information is included in the professional development section.</p> <p>Dr. Andrea Brown commented that she would like to see the proposals read by several different divisions in the agency so that they are supplied by need and not suppliant. Mr. Dean Clark agreed with Dr. Brown that the proposals should be read by several divisions so that the true need is identified and rewarded.</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes asked why these rules were not approved on an emergency basis? Sally Vogl responded by saying that the complexity involved in developing</p>

	<p>the RFP between the Illinois Arts Council and the ISBE would possibly cause the rulemaking time to readily elapse. Ms. Vogl further explained to the Board that another reason is one of a technical rulemaking issue, which involves the question of emergency rulemaking being the most prudent thing to do when appropriations of this nature arise. Ms. Holmes asked how soon it would be before the funding would be released? Ms. Vogl responded that they hope to have most of it in affect by the middle of the fall/end of the first semester. Ms Vogl also stated that in the meantime the preliminary work can occur; issuing the RFP, making any tentative statements that need to be made (because it isn't final), and if anything changes, all of the eligible recipients would be notified so as to leave enough time before the first semester.</p> <p>Ms. Joyce Karon stated that if the schools would be awarded an implementation grant she would want the timeframe of the evaluation of the planning grant to be properly planned so that the funding is still there when the time comes to implement the grant. Ms. Karon emphasized that established timelines are of the most importance in order to make these grants work. Dana Kinley responded by saying that she understood what Ms. Karon was saying and that the the target date for release of the RFP for implementation will be in January/February.</p> <p>Mr. Reisberg and Superintendent Dunn thanked the Illinois Arts Council and ISBE staff for all their work on the rulemaking for the Arts in Foreign Language Education.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Dean Clark moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Grants for Arts Education and Foreign Language Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 265), including publication of the proposed rules in the <u>Illinois Register</u>. Dr. seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF TEACHERS CERTIFICATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn gave a brief update on the recommended appointments to the Illinois State Certification Board.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the following recommended appointments to the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board:</p> <p><u>Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE)</u> Janet Pierce-Ritter (First Term)</p> <p><u>Illinois Education Association (IEA)</u> Linda Malone (Second Term – Completing Kay Acklin's second term) Tamara Smith (First Term) Richard Ammentorp (Second Term)</p> <p><u>Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT)</u> Lydia Bullock (First Term)</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>NCLB ACCOUNTABILITY WORKBOOK CHANGES</p>	<p>Dr. Ginger Reynolds commented that most of the changes to the Workbook this year are minor tweaks or clarifications to make the information clearer to those in the field.</p> <p>Dr. Andrea Brown asked that if a student is homebound the day of the test do they take the test. Gail Lieberman responded by saying that if a student is homebound it is usually for a longer period than a day and they do not have to take the test. Dr. Brown expressed concern that people would use the homebound status to reduce their enrollment and their numbers. Ms. Lieberman stated that the medically</p>

	<p>exempt and the homebound statements are being clarified in the 2006 Workbook. Dr. Vinni Hall moved the State Board approve the proposed changes to Illinois' Accountability Workbook, including implementing a backmapping process, a 95% confidence interval for the "all" group, a 75% confidence interval for Safe Harbor, the definition of "medically exempt" students, an alteration in the process for dealing with homebound students, and the continuation of the proxy process. Mr. Geppert seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>AWARD CONTRACT FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz asked General Counsel Darren Reisberg to explain the process of the RFSP. Mr. Reisberg stated that on May 23, 2006 the Board posted a request for sealed proposals to assist in the hiring of a State Superintendent of Education. The RFSP set out a proposed schedule culminating in the announcement of a new State Superintendent by February 28, 2007. However the RFSP made clear that the schedule may be extended by the Board for any reason in its sole discretion. The RFSP also stated that funding for any contract resulting from it, at least through February 28, 2007 will not exceed \$45,000.00. The deadline for submitting the proposals was June 22, 2006. ISBE received four proposals and after following the standard procedures of the agency's Fiscal division in which each Board member participated, the winning bid was that of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. out of Glenview, Illinois. General Counsel Reisberg recommended that the State Board approve the award of a contract to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.</p> <p>Dr. Chris Ward asked the Board members to review their schedules for a date the Board could meet to discuss further planning of the Superintendent search.</p> <p>Dr. Chris Ward moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the award of a contract to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. for an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to secure search services for the next State Superintendent of Education. Further, the Board authorizes the Chairman Jesse Ruiz to execute said contract. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
<p>Closed Session</p>	<p>Ms. Joyce Karon 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> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 3 for the purpose of considering the selection of a person to fill a public office;</p> <p>Ms. Joyce Karon further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote. The open meeting recessed at 11:25 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:45 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.</p>
<p>Motion for Adjournment</p>	<p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Dean Clark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman