

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 N. First Street
Springfield, Illinois

March 21-22, 2007

NOTE: Staff presentations and detailed Board discussion typically take place during Committee meetings one month prior to State Board action in the plenary session.

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

- 10:30 a.m. Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 2 8 1 9 6 2
- 12:30 p.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 2 8 1 9 6 2
- *3:15 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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- *4:00 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 2 8 1 9 6 2
- *5:00 p.m. Board Operations Committee**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

Thursday, March 22, 2007

- 8:30 a.m. Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 2 8 1 9 6 3
- 9:00 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Thursday, March 22, 2007; 9:00 a.m.

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

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The Plenary Session will also be audio broadcast via the Internet.

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Plenary Business Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2007

A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

1. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

B. Resolutions & Recognition

1. Resolution of Thanks to DrinkerBiddleGardnerCarton Staff (*p. 3*)
2. Resolution for Schools Hosting Joe Fatheree, Teacher of the Year (*p. 4*)

C. Public Participation

D. 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. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Special Meeting: February 6-20, 2007 (*pp. 5-6*)
 - b. February 22, 2007 (*pp. 7-17*)
- *2. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 180 (Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools) (*pp. 18-50*)
 - b. Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan) (*pp. 51-54*)
 - c. New Part 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative Grants) (*pp. 55-69*)
- *3. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (*pp. 70-86*)
- *4. Approve Report on Financial Condition of School Districts (*pp. 87-92*)
- *5. Measurement Inc./MetriTech/Questar (IMAGE) Contract Amendments (*pp. 93-94*)
- *6. Charter School Annual Report (*pp. 95-125*)
- *7. 21st Century Community Learning Centers RFSP (*pp. 126-127*)
- *8. Memorandum of Understanding between Gates Foundation, ISBE & Governor's Office (*EPPC pp. 31-35*)

E. Announcements and Reports

1. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*)
2. Superintendent's Announcements
3. Chairman's Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Member Reports

F. Information Items

1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (*pp. 128-131*)
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*pp. 132-148*)

G. Adjourn

NOTE: Chairman Ruiz may call for a break in the Board Plenary Session at which time the Board will go into closed session.

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
March 22, 2007
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois**

<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Christopher Koch, Interim State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</p> <p>The Board members, Dr. Koch 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 Dr. Andrea Brown Dr. David Fields Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr. Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> Mr. Dean Clark</p>
<p>RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION</p>	<p>Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution of Thanks recognizing the Partners and Staff of DrinkerBiddleGardnerCarton for their hospitality and assistance as the State Board of Education conducted its search for a State Superintendent of Education. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote, with Chairman Ruiz abstaining.</p> <p>Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution of Thanks recognizing Salazar Elementary School and Montifiore Middle School for the privilege of allowing Joe Fatheree, Illinois Teacher of the Year and Illinois State Board of Education Member, Dr. Vinni Hall to visit their schools. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch introduced and welcomed Mr. Randy Niles who has joined ISBE staff as Division Administrator for Accountability. Dr. Koch commented that Mr. Niles comes to the Agency with many years of public school experience, most recently as former Principal of Atwood-Hammond High School.</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Paula Pergament discussed the Alder Planetarium science education programs linked to science field trips, scientists worldwide, lectures by astronauts, etc. Adler would like to continue these programs and needs ISBE funding and support to continue.</p> <p>Lisle Saukup from the Illinois Arts Alliance thanked the State Board for their interest in the arts and foreign language programs and asked that the investment continue for next year.</p> <p>Cynthia Woods from the Illinois Association of School Boards spoke on the</p>

<p>Superintendent's Announcements</p>	<p>members, three resigning board members and a new Chair taking her position next week. Dr. Nandi voiced his concern over for-profit institutions of higher education and global education.</p> <p>Dr. Koch took a minute to thank the Board of Higher Education and Community College Board for engaging in conversation regarding high school reform during the Education Policy Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday. There are many other issues on which the three boards can collaborate.</p> <p>Mr. Ruiz and Dr. Koch attended the Learning First Alliance which dealt with many policy issues relevant in Illinois such as closing the achievement gap and use of technology. One of the panelists from the national summit, Dr. Ronald Ferguson of Harvard University, will be the keynote speaker for the Superintendent's Conference here in Illinois.</p> <p>Dr. Koch also informed the Board that he will be attending the meeting of the Coalition for Illinois High Schools on Friday.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch highlighted the Data Quality Campaign and pointed out the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Competitive Work Force Study rated us low in terms of data quality. Dr. Koch pointed out, however, that Illinois received A ratings for Post-Secondary/WorkForce Readiness and 21st Century Teaching Force. These two ratings are in large part because of the Advance Placement quotient percent of students graduating and 9th graders' chances for attending college. In addition, Illinois' Basic Skills and Content Area tests and our Alternative Routes to Certification contributed to the scoring. Dr. Koch indicated that he believes our Data Quality grade will change when it is assessed again in August.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch then commented that senior staff had no further updates for the Board.</p>
<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz reported that the following Board Members will be attending out of state meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyce Karon will attend the CCSSO Secondary School Redesign National Meeting on April 1-3, 2007 in Austin, Texas. Joyce's expense will be paid by CCSSO. • Brenda Holmes will attend the Education Commission of the States Steering Committee on April 15-16 in Kansas City. Brenda's expenses will be paid by ECS. <p>Chairman Ruiz further reported that he had participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <p>February 24 Visited Orozco Academy for a redesign the community meeting</p> <p>March 7 Jesse Ruiz and Ed Geppert attended the Governor's State of the State Address/Budget Address</p> <p>March 9-11 Attended the Learning First Alliance National Summit In Washington, D.C.</p> <p>March 13 Illinois Arts Alliance Awards Presentation</p> <p>March 14 Healthy Schools Campaign Breakfast</p> <p>March 16 Re-Enrolling Task Force Meeting</p>

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Chairman Ruiz commented that the committee discussed the following topics:

- Approved the minutes of the February 2007 Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole.
- Deb Vespa briefed the committee on Part 180 (Health/Life Safety Codes for Public School)
- Melissa Oller briefed the committee on Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan)
- Beth Hanselman discussed New Part 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative Grants)
- Darren Reisberg briefed the committee on Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)
- Darren Reisberg reported and updated the committee on the Less Red Tape Initiative.

Board Operations Committee of the Whole

Dr. Ward commented that the committee discussed the following topics:

- Approved the minutes of the January 2007 Board Operations Committee.
- Reviewed a new nomination for Resolutions of Recognition.
- Locked in a retreat site and will be moving forward on the draft agenda.
- Recommendation to change the bylaws in relation to Committees of the Whole.

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

Dr. Fields commented that the committee discussed the following topics:

- Aurora School District: Marilyn Healy, Staff Developer for Instructional Technology and Technology Teachers, Ann Merk, Elizabeth Cerutti, Teralyn Gifford and Jackie d'Escoto addressed the committee on the Enhancing Education Though Technology Grant.
- Approved the minutes of the February 2007 Education Policy & Planning Committee Meeting.
- Nancy Schwartz and Paula Purdue from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shared with the Committee the Illinois NBCT Survey Summary Results.
- Elliot Regenstien of Holland & Knight reviewed with the committee the Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the Governor, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Gates Foundation.
- Judy Erwin of IBHE and Elaine Johnson of ICCB talked about data sharing and curriculum alignment.
- Myron Mason briefed the committee on the 21st Century Community Learning Centers RFSP.
- Jo Ann Price updated the Board on the Charter School Report.
- Committee asked the Superintendent to bring further guidance and his recommendation on the PSAE Pilot Program.

	<p>Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole Mr. Geppert reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Glasford addressed the committee on an issue of private facility for special education purposes. The Committee asked Superintendent Koch to intervene to see if a solution could be found. • Judy Pacey, representing the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS), addressed the committee on the issue of bus driver training funding. • Linda Mitchell and Ronny Wickenhauser updated the Committee on the on the FY08 Budget. • Tim Imler gave a power point presentation on the State Board’s role in Driver Education. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the General Assembly in support of Driver Education funding. • Lisa LaBonta briefed the committee on the ISBE Quality Assurance Self-Assessment Report. • The committee approved the minutes of the February 2007 Finance & Audit Committee Meeting. • Deb Vespa updated the committee on the Financial Condition of School Districts. <p>Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole Ms. Holmes reported that the members of the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the minutes of the February 2007 Governmental Relations Committee Meeting. • Nicole Wills and Kristi Kenney shared legislative updates with the committee. <p>Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee of the Whole Chairman Ruiz announced that there was no strategic plan meeting today.</p>
<p>Members’ Reports</p>	<p>Ms. Karon attended Illinois Computer Education Conference which this year had classroom teachers attending far out-numbering others in attendance. Ms. Karon also attended the DuPage Librarian Technology meeting the next day.</p> <p>Dr. Fields attended the March 7 budget briefing following the Governor’s State of the State Budget Address. Dr. Fields stated that he also had the opportunity to speak to the Champaign-Ford Regional Office in support of public education and the Governor’s Family Initiatives. Dr. Fields also thanked Judy Pacey, Regional Superintendent of the Champaign–Ford Regional Office of Education for the invitation to their IARSS Legislative Reception held in Springfield on March 21, 2007.</p> <p>Dr. Ward and Ms. Holmes attended the Coalition for Illinois High Schools Meeting in Bloomington on February 26, 2007.</p> <p>Dr. Ward traveled to the southwest providence of Guiyang City, China on March 5-9, 2007 for an educational exchange.</p> <p>Ms. Karon and Dr. Fields attended the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative in Springfield. They noted that the INTC website is most useful.</p>

	<p>Dr. Hall commented that she had the opportunity to speak with the Kelly High School faculty in Chicago. Dr. Hall also attended the NASBE Study Group on Language and Learning in Public Education on March 16-17, 2007 in Alexandria, Virginia.</p> <p>Dr. Brown attended the NASBE Study Group on Models of Success: Policies and Strategies for Reconstitution and Schools in Need of Improvement on March 16-17, 2007 in Alexandria, Virginia. Dr. Brown noted that the two presentations from Illinois were the highlights of the meeting.</p>
Information Items	<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>
Closed Session	<p>Dr. 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> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;</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 style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board; and</p> <p>Dr. Hall further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 10:35 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	<p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

Board Operations Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

5:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Minutes of the January Board Operations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
 - *b. Review New Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition
 - 1) Resolution of Thanks to DrinkerBiddleGardnerCarton Staff (*Chris Ward*) (**Plenary p. 3**)
 - 2) Other New Nominations
 - c. 2007 Retreat Planning (*Chris Ward, Joyce Karon*) (**pp. 5**)
 - d. Discuss Operation of Committees of the Whole (*Chris Ward*) (**pp. 6-7**)
 - e. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
5. Decision Items
6. Adjourn

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BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 21, 2007

Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Chris Ward, Committee Chair
David Fields, Committee Member
Vinni Hall, Committee Member
Joyce Karon, Committee Member
Jesse Ruiz, Committee Member
Brenda Holmes, Board Member
Ed Geppert, Board Member

Members Absent

Andrea Brown, Board Member
Dean Clark, Board Member

Staff Present

Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Christopher A. Koch
Darren Reisberg

1. **ROLL CALL**

Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and asked members to introduce themselves for purposes of roll call. (See above.)

2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS**

There was no participation from Board members through any other means for this committee meeting.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

As a member of the public, Mr. Ronny Wickenhauser asked that the committee consider the Recommendation of Recognition for Mr. Larry Wickenhauser that was submitted by Superintendent Randy Merker of Community Unit School District #4 in Heyworth, Illinois. Mr. Wickenhauser is retiring from his position as custodian from Heyworth School District after 23 years of service.

4.a. **COMMITTEE MINUTES,**

Dr. Fields moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the January committee meeting be approved. Dr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion to approve the committee minutes passed with voice vote approval.

4.b. **REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION.**

Dr. Ward asked that the committee consider two recommendations for Resolutions of Recognition. The first one for consideration is to the Partners and Staff of DrinkerBiddleGardnerCarton for their hospitality and assistance as the State Board of Education conducted its search for a State Superintendent of Education. The second is a resolution to thank the Chicago schools for hosting Teacher of the Year Joe Fatheree.

Mr. Geppert moved to recommend Board approval for these resolutions and Ms. Karon seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote. Chairman Jesse Ruiz abstained from the vote. Dr. Ward will make a recommendation for Board approval during plenary session. In addition, the Wickenhauser resolution will be recommended at the April Board meeting.

4.c. **RETREAT PLANNING**

Dr. Ward reviewed the information in the plenary packet regarding retreat planning. The dates chosen for the retreat are August 22-24, 2007 and the framework for the retreat is to start the meeting by 10:00 a.m. on the 22nd and end by 12:00 p.m. on the 24th. Dr. Ward asked if there were any topics that the Board members would like include on the agenda for the retreat.

- Ms. Holmes asked that the procedure by which the Board receives information be reexamined. She would like to talk through the possibility of a plan that some of the information be sent to members as soon as it is ready. This would reduce the volume of materials members need to review within five days of a meeting
- Dr. Fields stated that he would like to see an evaluation process determine how effective the Board has been.

- Dr. Ward suggested that a NASBE representative attend the retreat and speak to the Board on how other states are dealing with the restructuring issue.
- Chairman Ruiz commented that he would like to spend at least a half-day on substantive material and the other half-day on process and operations.
- Dr. Ward asked that Board members email any additional suggestions to him or to Joyce Karon so they can be added to the retreat agenda.

4.d. OPERATIONS OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Dr. Ward commented that the Bylaws state that a Committee Chair with the consent of the Board President, can convene Committees of the Whole to discuss important Board matters, but the Bylaws appear to preclude the members who are not officially appointed to the Standing Committee from voting on the issue. Dr. Ward stated that he recommends the Committee make a recommendation at the April meeting to revise the Bylaws so that all Board members legally attending (i.e., not just those officially appointed to the relevant Standing Committee) are able to vote and have their respective votes counted towards the Committee's recommendation to the Board. The Committee gave their consent to Dr. Ward to recommend revision of the Bylaws at the next Board meeting. Darren Reisberg assured that Board that he would get the revisions to them well in advance of the meeting for their review.

4.e. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The April Board Operation Committee meeting will include the Board Retreat Planning with additional topics to be added to the agenda, as well as, the suggested Bylaw changes. Jean Ladage noted that she would have a draft 2008 Board Meeting Calendar ready for the April board meeting.

Dr. Koch asked the Board how often they would like him to schedule meetings with educator groups, unions and management. Dr. Ward responded that Dr. Koch should make this decision using his own judgment and time permitting.

Dr. Koch asked how often the Board would like to be updated on the Strategic Plan. Ms. Holmes stated that she would like an update on the retreat decisions and that the updates could be easily added to Board's Weekly Update.

5. DECISION ITEMS

Some items were moved from discussion to immediate decision per above notes.

6. ADJOURN

Ms. Karon moved to adjourn the committee meeting. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, March 21, 2007
12:30 p.m.
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the February Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
5. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Presentation (**pp. 5-26**)
6. High School Emerging Issue Discussion (*Chris Koch*) (**pp. 27-35**)
Discussion Participants:
Judy Erwin, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)
Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, Associate Director for Academic Affairs, IBHE
Elaine Johnson, Vice President for Instruction & Policy Studies, Illinois Community College Board
- *7. Charter School Annual Report (*Gary Greene & Jo Price*) (**Plenary pp. 95-125**)
8. District 211 PSAE Pilot Proposal (*Becky McCabe*) (**pp. 36-38**)
- *9. Measurement Inc./MetriTech/Questar (IMAGE) Contract Amendments (**Plenary pp. 93-94**)
(*Becky McCabe*)
- *10. 21st Century Community Learning Centers RFSP (*Myron Mason*) (**Plenary pp. 126-127**)
11. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
12. Adjourn

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**EDUCATION POLICY PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 21, 2007
12:30 p.m.
Board Room, 4th Floor
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Dave Fields, Chair
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon

Other Board Members Physically Present

Brenda Holmes
Jesse Ruiz
Chris Ward

Committee Members Participation Via Phone Conference

Andrea Brown

Board Members Absent

Dean Clark

Others

Interim Superintendent Koch
Darren Reisberg
Ginger Reynolds

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 12:50 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. David Fields requested roll call to be taken. See above.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** Dr. Vinni Hall moved for Dr. Andrea Brown to participate via phone conference. Mr. Ed Geppert seconded the motion. The Committee approved Dr. Brown's participation via phone conference.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Representatives from Aurora East District #131 were in attendance to discuss with the Committee their success with the E2T2 grant.
4. **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2007 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes for the February 2007 EPPC Meeting.
5. **NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS (NBPTS) PRESENTATION:** Paula Johnson-Purdue and Nancy Schwartz were in attendance to present to the Committee their support of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards program. The presentation also provided the Board with additional information about the program and the work the teachers are doing in schools, especially as it relates to mentoring.
6. **HIGH SCHOOL EMERGING ISSUE DISCUSSION (Chris Koch):**
Discussion Participants:
Judy Erwin, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)
Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, Associate Director for Academic Affairs, IBHE
Elaine Johnson, Vice President for Instruction & Policy Studies, Illinois Community College Board (ICCB):

The Committee heard from Elliot Regenstein of Holland and Knight, Judy Erwin of the Illinois Board of Higher Education and Elaine Johnson of the Illinois Community College Board as participants to speak on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Gates Foundation, the Governor's office and the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Committee determined that this item should go to the full Board at the plenary session for approval.

7. **CHARTER SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT (Randy Niles and Jo Ann Price):** Jo Ann Price was in attendance to discuss with the Committee the State Board of Education's required 2007 Charter Schools Annual Report, which is submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor's office regarding Illinois charter schools in 2005-06.

The Committee approved this item to go to the full Board at the plenary session.

8. **DISTRICT 211 PSAE PILOT PROPOSAL (Becky McCabe):** There was discussion among the Board and staff about how to proceed with this pilot proposal, and whether the Board intended staff to move forward with a pilot for District #211 only or intended staff to include a representative sample of districts in the pilot project. Board Member Fields recommended that Interim Superintendent Koch make a recommendation for how to proceed at the April EPPC meeting.

9. **MEASUREMENT INC./METRITECH/QUESTAR (IMAGE) CONTRACT AMENDMENTS (Becky McCabe):** Becky McCabe was in attendance to obtain the Board's authorization of contract amendments and extension of services related to test development, administration, and scoring for the Illinois Measure of Annual Growth in English (IMAGE).

The Committee approved this item to go to the full Board at the plenary session.

10. **21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS RFSP (Myron Mason):** Myron Mason was in attendance to obtain the Board's approval for the release of an RFSP to contract for the provision of state-level technical assistance, professional development, and monitoring activities required by the U. S. Department of Education for the 21st Century Community Learning Center grantees.

The Committee approved this item to go to the full Board at the plenary session.

11. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Postpone the Early Childhood Policy Discussion;
- Postpone the SES Item;
- Obtain information on Report Card Results;
- Obtain information on the Educator Supply and Demand Report;
- Discussion on Statewide Demographics of Teachers and Administrators;
- Discussion on Special Education Identification Data;
- Discussion on International Teacher Recruitment and Exchanges (tentative);
- Further discussion on the High School Coalition.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Ed Geppert moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting and Andrea Brown seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Discussion Items
 - a. FY 08 Budget Update (*Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser*) (**pp. 4-57**)
 - b. Driver Education (*Tim Imler*) (**pp. 58-65**)
 - c. ISBE Quality Assurance Self-Assessment Report (*Lisa LaBonte*) (**pp. 66-67**)
5. Decision Items
 - a. Minutes of the February Finance and Audit Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
 - *b Report on Financial Condition of School Districts (*Debby Vespa*) (**Plenary pp. 87-92**)
6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
7. Adjourn

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FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

March 21, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Ed Geppert, Chair
Andrea Brown (by telephone)
Brenda Holmes

Other Board Members

Chris Ward
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Jesse Ruiz

Staff Present

Chris Koch
Linda Riley Mitchell
Ronny Wickenhauser
Darren Reisberg
Jean Ladage
Deb Vespa
Lisa LaBonte
Tim Imler

Committee Members Absent

Dean Clark

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Joe Glassford from SASSED spoke regarding private placement reimbursement. He asked to be able to come back and present a case to the board for approval for a placement of a child in a special education situation.
2. Judy Pacey, an ROE Superintendent, spoke regarding Bus Driver Training Funds. She would like ISBE to help lobby for the line item to be put back into legislation for the Bus Driver Training.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY08 Budget Update

Linda Mitchell thanked the Board for their participation in the House and Senate Budget Hearings. She reviewed the Appropriation Committee meetings that had taken place since the last Board meeting.

Ronny Wickenhauser discussed the funding for the Bus Driver Training Funds. Ronny then discussed budget information presented to the General Assembly as well as responses by the agency to questions from the House. Ronny discussed the difference between the Governor's Budget proposal and that of ISBE. He noted operations will suffer significantly next year if the budget passes at a flat administration level. Ronny also noted that a flat administration budget level would eliminate the funding the board had requested for the data warehouse as well as technology funding requested to update our servers.

Ed Geppert noted that ISBE needs the minimum of the 60 headcount, data warehouse and the improvements of the computer equipment to be able to do the job. He emphasized support for the Governor's increase to education funding and discussed similarities between the ISBE budget and the budget proposal made by the Governor.

B. Drivers Education

Tim Imler gave a presentation on Drivers Education. Tim discussed the history of the program, funding, curriculum and the Graduated Driver's License Task Force.

C. ISBE Quality Assurance Self-Assessment Report

Lisa LaBonte stated that ISBE was required to have an external quality assurance review to look at compliance standards and to determine whether ISBE is following the standards. The external evaluator looked at agency compliance with the code of ethics and also compliance with the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act.

The external evaluator noted that ISBE partially conformed to professional standards, conformed to code of ethics and did not conform to the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (FCIAA) requirements. The state internal audit advisory board, in reviewing the report and documentation that was presented to them, did not agree with the opinion, primarily because only one audit was done during the year and a half time period that was reviewed due to the absence of internal audit staff. One audit was not sufficient to meet the requirements of an internal audit department.

Lisa also noted that the audit department staff has declined from eight staff to three staff from the time period of 2001 to the current year.

In order to meet requirements of FCIAA to cover major systems of internal control, ISBE will have to contract out some of the remaining audits in FY07.

3. DECISION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the February Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved and accepted.

B. Report on Financial Condition of School Districts

Deb Vespa discussed the annual school financial profile. Profile information was received for all school districts, with the exception of Cicero. There have been some legal issues with the Treasurer in that community. Deb stated that she hoped to present Cicero at next month's Board meeting. There has been overall improvement in the scores for the financial profile. There are more school districts on the financial recognition category, which is the highest category for the profile, and fewer districts on the watch category.

Deb noted that the agency has started to receive and review FY07 budgets.

4. ADJOURN

Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, March 21, 2007
4:00 p.m.

This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the February Governmental Relations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
5. Legislative Update (*Nicole Wills, Kristi Kenney, Sumantra Lahiri*) (**pp. 5-151**)
6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
7. Adjourn

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GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 21, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Brenda Holmes, Chair
Chris Ward, Committee Member
Jesse Ruiz, Committee Member

Board Members Absent

Dean Clark, Committee Member
Andrea Brown, Board Member

Others Present

Supt. Chris Koch
Jean Ladage
Darren Reisberg
Kristi Kenney
Nicole Wills
Marsha Moffett
Matt Vanover
Ginger Reynolds
Sumantra Lahiri

Other Board Members Physically Present

Joyce Karon, Board Member
Vinni Hall, Board Member
Dave Fields, Board Member
Ed Geppert, Board Member

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

2. INFORMATION ITEM:

The February Governmental Relations committee notes were made a part of the record. The motion was made by Chairman Jesse Ruiz and seconded by Dr. Chris Ward.

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

- HB 115 (HPV vaccine) – Bill was amended and passed out of committee. It is on second reading in the House.
- HB 146 (Diabetes management care plan) – Several groups testified expressing concerns about this legislation. The sponsor has indicated a willingness to discuss the bill with interested parties, but did not promise to hold the it if a compromise could not be reached.
- HB 193 (HIV testing/school health examinations) – This bill is similar to HB 1340 and HB 1341. The sponsor amended HB 193 to address concerns committee members expressed in the Health Care Availability and Access committee and the bill passed out of committee and moved onto second reading.
- HB 232 (Virtual Schools) – A fourth amendment was added to this bill that would create an advisory committee whose purpose will be to develop a frame work for virtual education. There would be no elimination or prohibition of any virtual school or classrooms under the bill as amended. With amendment 4, ISBE removed its opposition and the bill moved to the House floor. .
- HB 412 (Tax equivalent grants) – Allows, subject to appropriation, any school district with state owned property to receive a tax equivalent grant.
- HB 750 (“tax swap”) – A hearing was held with many individuals coming to testify, both in support and opposition. A vote was not taken before the end of the committee, so it is assumed the sponsor will seek a deadline extension so that the bill can be voted on at a later date.
- HB 877 (School construction/grant indexes) – This bill was recently amended to prohibit any of the twenty three districts on the FY 02 construction list from having any grant indexes recalculated.

- HB 1007 (Type 73 certificate professional development) – This bill would require professional development hours for renewal of the Type 73 certificate. ISBE worked with the sponsor, teachers unions and other interested parties to make renewal requirements for this certificate similar to requirements for other certificates. In addition, the bill will not be effective until July 1, 2008, giving ISBE staff and ROEs time to implement such requirements. The bill passed out of committee as originally introduced but will be amended on the House floor to address these changes.
- HB 1030 (Special education expenditure/reimbursement tracking) – Requires ISBE to collect data on special education expenditures and reimbursement from federal and state resources. ISBE staff has met with the sponsor and interested parties and are working together to find away to address this need while placing as few new mandates on school districts and the agency as possible.
- HB 1141 (Stipends for teachers in hard to staff schools) – Requires ISBE to develop a list of hard-to-staff schools and establishes a stipend program for individuals teaching in that school.
- HB 1142 (TAOEP formula) – This bill would change the formula for distributing truants alternative and optional education grant funds. ISBE opposed the bill as introduced because it would put smaller school districts at a huge disadvantage. Committee members expressed similar concerns when the sponsor tried to move the bill out of committee and members asked the sponsor to try to work out a compromise with the State Board. Staff has engaged in conversations with the bill sponsor's staff, but no amendment has been forthcoming.
- HB 1466 (Academic Oversight Panels) – This bill would give the State the ability to go into consistently failing school districts and make the appropriate changes needed to rectify the situation through an Academic Oversight Panel. Staff is engaged in conversations with the sponsor about this bill.
- HB 1648 (P-20 Council) – This bill creates a P-20 council comprised of members of the K-12 and higher education community. ISBE has expressed support of the legislation, but indicated we would like to sit on the council (current language does not have an ISBE employee or board member sitting on the council) and also expressed concerns with some of the wording of the Council's duties. The sponsor indicated that he intended to amend the bill to expand the membership and work on any areas of concern.
- HB 1652 (ISAT test results) – This bill would require test results with written reports to be distributed to districts by August 1. State Board has expressed support for getting reports and test results in district's hands as soon as possible and has engaged in a discussion with the sponsor.
- HB 1653 (H/L/S outside of P-TELL with referendum approval) – Legislation would allow expenditures to fix violations of health/life/safety to go outside of P-TELL if approved at referendum by the voters of the school district. The bill passed out of the House Committee unanimously and is on second reading in the House.
- HB 1663 (I-Connect) – This initiative is spearheaded by the Lt. Governor's Office and would create the I-Connect computer program that would be administered by the Math and Science Academy.
- HB 1680 (Regional Inspector General of Schools) –Creates a regional inspector general of schools for each Regional Office of Education. This bill is an initiative of the Cook County State's Attorney's office and numerous concerns were expressed by education groups and committee members. The bill did not pass out committee when called for a vote.

- HB 1771 (Prohibition on full year calendar schools) –ISBE expressed opposition to this legislation because it would limit school district flexibility. The bill was held in committee.
- HB 1825 (Autism voucher study) – The introduced legislation would create a voucher program for students who have been identified with autism. ISBE expressed a number of concerns about the programmatic and practical implications of the bill as introduced. The sponsor passed the bill out of committee with a promise that the bill would be amended on the House floor that would only require ISBE to study a voucher program in Ohio and make recommendations to the General Assembly about the feasibility of such a program in Illinois.
- HB 1964 (Summer food service program) – This bill would mandate school districts operate a Summer Food Service Program if more than 40% of the population is eligible for free or reduced lunch. The sponsor has had discussions with several interested parties and it is anticipated the bill will be amended further.
- HB 2787 (Civic Education grants) – ISBE has worked with the Regional Offices of Education and the Lt. Governor’s office to amend this legislation to create a grant for purposes of civics education that would be administered entirely by the ROEs. ISBE would act only as a flow through for any appropriation.
- SB 10 (HPV vaccine) – This bill does a number of things, but would require an HPV vaccination as part of the requirements for girls during school health examinations. The bill is on 3rd reading in the Senate.
- SB 79 (IEP) – This bill would put into statute certain items that must be considered when evaluating a student identified with autism for special education services. ISBE opposed the legislation.
- SB 118 (Seat belts on school buses) –Bill would require seatbelts on all school buses beginning July 1, 2007.
- SB 172 (Graduated Driver’s License Taskforce recommendations) – Legislation incorporates recommendations from the Secretary of State’s Graduated Driver’s License Task Force and passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee unanimously.
- SB 194 (Supplemental General State Aid Payments) – This bill is special legislation for one school district and would provide the district with a supplemental general state aid payment of around \$800,000. ISBE is opposed to the legislation because it is special legislation for one district so it receives money it was not entitled to.
- SB 306 (Alternative teaching certificate) – This is an initiative of Teach for America. Although it passed out of the Senate Education committee, another amendment is expected.
- SB 424 – The sponsor’s intent for this legislation is to allow students who take high school courses while in middle school to have those courses counted towards state graduation requirements. ISBE discussed the legislation with the sponsor and helped to write an amendment that meets the sponsor’s intent.
- SB 543 (Mandatory Kindergarten) – This bill makes kindergarten mandatory, but does not lower the compulsory attendance age.
- SB 641 (Eye examinations) – Bill would require vision examinations as apart of the school health exam.
- SB 750 – Twin bill to HB 750.
- SB 1165 (ROE clean-up bill) – This bill is an initiative of the Regional Superintendents and would clean up parts of the School Code and eliminate

potential or current audit findings. This bill passed out of the Senate Education committee with leave.

- SB 1557 (Driver's education) – Requires driver's education courses to contain information on distracted driving as a safety hazard.
- HB 1559 and SB 1720 (Biometric data collection) –These bills require districts to develop policies for collecting and destroying any biometric data information collected.

5. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Committee asked to receive a simple chart of all bills with bill numbers, sponsor and status as an interim update.

The April Governmental Relations Committee will include an update on ISBE initiatives and other education-related legislation introduced by the General Assembly.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee member Chris Ward made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Chairman Jesse Ruiz.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

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AGENDA

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 4. Minutes of the February Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
 - *5. Rules for Initial Review
 - *a. Part 180 (Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools) (*Debby Vespa*) (**Plenary pp. 18-50**)
 - *b. Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan) (*Melissa Oller*) (**Plenary pp. 51-54**)
 - *c. New Part 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative Grants) (*Beth Hanselman*) (**Plenary pp. 55-69**)
 - *6. Rules for Adoption
 - *a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (**Plenary pp. 70-86**)
(*D. Reisberg*)
 7. Information Item
 - a. Less Red Tape Update (*Shelley Helton*) (**pp. 5-24**)
 - b. Quarterly Report: Comprehensive Rules Review and Less Red Tape Initiative (**pp. 25-32**)
(*Darren Reisberg*)
 8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
 9. Adjourn
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Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

3:15 p.m.

State Board of Education Office
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown (*participating by phone*)

David Fields
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall
Brenda Holmes
Joyce Karon
Chris Ward

Absent

Dean Clark

Others

Christopher Koch
Darren Reisberg
Sally Vogl
Deb Vespa
Melissa Oller
Beth Hanselman
Kelly Rauscher
Connie Wise
Shelley Helton

1-2. Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. and noted that Dr. Brown was participating by telephone, as approved earlier in the day.

3. It was announced that no one had signed up for public participation.
4. Vinni Hall moved approval of the minutes of the February 2007 meeting. Chris Ward seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented. Discussion moved to the remaining agenda items, beginning with item 5. General Counsel Darren Reisberg indicated that three sets of rules were being presented for initial review, as well as one for adoption.

5. RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW

PART 180 (Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools)

Division Administrator Deb Vespa explained that the changes in Part 180 were mainly being made to accommodate the recommendations of the task force that had been established to recommend requirements for the qualifications of the individuals who review plans for school construction and those who conduct inspections at the various stages of construction. She noted the composition of the task force and added that another noteworthy change in the rules was the update that would incorporate the 2006 version of the International Building Code and its sub-codes as opposed to the 2003 version.

Dr. Hall inquired whether any portion of the rules would eliminate the potential for conflicts of interest as far as the roles of the plan reviewers and inspectors are concerned. Ms. Vespa noted that the task force had recognized a third-party review to be ideal but impractical in light of the absence of funding to support the involvement of additional professionals in the process. For this reason, the rules would not include such a requirement.

In relation to the updated building code, Ed Geppert mentioned a recent incident in which a child had been killed when a car was driven through the exterior wall of a school cafeteria. It could only be speculated whether this tragedy could have been prevented by new construction requirements. Ms. Vespa clarified that existing buildings generally continue to be subject to the building codes under which they were constructed.

PART 350 (Secular Textbook Loan)

Division Administrator Melissa Oller noted that a change in the law had eliminated the bonding requirement for vendors in the textbook loan program and that the amendment to Part 350 was being undertaken for the purpose of conforming the rules to the current law. Joyce Karon asked for a reminder as to whether the request forms for participation in the program must be signed by each child's parents, to which the answer was that, by virtue of an earlier amendment to the rules, they no longer do.

PART 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative Grants)

Division Administrator Beth Hanselman introduced new staff member Kelly Rauscher, who would be serving as the coordinator for the mental health initiative, and Darren Reisberg noted the distribution of several replacement pages for the Board's consideration during the discussion. Ms. Hanselman noted the preparatory work that had been going on in cooperation with the Mental Health Partnership for the last several years and indicated that these new rules would prepare ISBE for on-going implementation of grants to districts related to mental health.

An explanation was provided for the replacement pages, to the effect that the change displayed in each set of review criteria would bring additional balance to the criteria. That is, not only districts' financial need should be given weight in the review of proposals, but also their program-specific needs.

Vinni Hall noted the need for access to the resources of mental health agencies, and Brenda Holmes asked for confirmation of her impression that the grants issued under Part 555 would not be restricted to serving students with disabilities. Ms. Hanselman stated that Ms. Holmes' understanding was correct.

6. RULES FOR ADOPTION

PART 1 (PUBLIC SCHOOLS EVALUATION, RECOGNITION AND SUPERVISION)

Darren Reisberg noted the substantial number of comments that had been included in the summary and voiced the hope that the Board members had found the extensive illustrations helpful in their review of the rulemaking. He indicated that a slight modification was being recommended for adoption in order to ensure services to homeless students. He reiterated information provided earlier, i.e., that the purpose of this entire amendment was to re-emphasize existing requirements rather than to expand on the law. He explained that equal protection for immigrant students had been required since 1982. However, he stated that, immigration status aside, each student's residency must still be established and that that requirement would not change due to this rulemaking. Board members commented on the variety of comments and the issues related to integrating students from other cultures.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Reisberg asked whether Board members had any questions regarding the "lessredtape" update in the packet and noted that Division Administrator Connie Wise was available to provide information regarding the immunization issue, as well as Shelley Helton of the Rules and Waivers staff. He noted that the volume of submissions had greatly diminished in recent months and mentioned the other avenues that also exist for sending inquiries and exchanging information.

David Fields hypothesized that possibly interest had waned once the opportunity had been offered, while Brenda Holmes noted that its availability was no longer being so strongly emphasized and perhaps that emphasis should be re-established. Dr. Fields indicated he would like to think that agency staff had made a strong effort resulting in less hesitancy to ask for changes. Vinni Hall voiced the hope that there would be no suggestion to do away with "lessredtape" in light of the low volume. She expected that interest and the level of submissions might prove cyclical. Mr. Reisberg complimented Ms. Helton for the excellent work she had done with the system.

8. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING

Ed Geppert asked why the forecast of rulemaking for April included both an item for initial review and an item for adoption with respect to Part 25 (Certification). Sally Vogl explained that identical text would make up both items and that ordinary proposed rulemaking would be needed to replace the emergency rulemaking when that expired. She provided an overview of the expected rules for the mentoring program for new principals that ISBE must establish pursuant to P.A. 94-1039.

In addition to the rules for this mentoring program, only two other items for initial review were expected for April: amendments to Part 110 (Program Accounting Manual) and Part 401 (Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code). On that basis, it was agreed that one-half hour should suffice for the April meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chris Ward moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ed Geppert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.