

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mt. Vernon City Schools, District #80,  
Primary Center  
401 North 30th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL  
**October 17-18, 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, October 17, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**  
Core Room, Primary Center, 401 North 30th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL  
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**11:45 – 12:45 – Break for Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. Board Operations Committee**  
Core Room, Primary Center, 401 North 30th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL  
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**1:30 p.m. Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole:  
Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committees**  
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*(End of conference call)*

**4:00-6:00 p.m. Budget Hearing**  
Core Room, Primary Center, 401 North 30th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL

**Thursday, October 18, 2007**

**8:30 a.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**  
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**9:00 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**  
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**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**

Welcome from Superintendent Kevin Settle, Mt. Vernon District #808  
Wrap-up from Joe Fatheree, 2006-07 Teacher of the Year  
Staff Recognition (Superintendent Koch)

**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. August 22-24, 2007 (*Plenary packet pp. 3-10*)
  - b. September 20, 2007 (*Plenary packet pp. 11-20*)
- \*2. Rules for Initial Review
  - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (*Rules packet pp. 4-44*)
- \*3. Wellness Goal (PA 94-199) (*Plenary packet pp. 21-23*)
- \*4. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million
  - a. Technology Immersion Pilot Project Contract Amendments with Apple & Gateway  
*(Joint Committee packet pp. 62-63)*
  - b. ELL Math Test Development: Federal Grant with University of Wisconsin  
*(Joint Committee packet pp. 64-65)*
5. Approval of Closed Session Minutes (tentative)

**E. New Business**

**F. Announcements and Reports**

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

**G. Information Items**

1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (*Plenary packet pp. 24-26*)
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*Plenary packet pp. 27-43*)

**H. Adjourn**

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting  
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Primary Center, Core Room  
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**ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

On October 17, 2007, the State Board had the opportunity to go into closed session between committee meetings. At 11:15 a.m. Chairman Ruiz announced that he would like to call the plenary session to order for the sole purpose of hearing a motion to go into closed session.

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.

**Members Present:**

Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman  
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary  
Dr. Andrea Brown  
Dr. David Fields  
Ms. Brenda Holmes  
Ms. Joyce Karon

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Dean Clark  
Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman

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:

**Section c 1** for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;

**Section c 11** for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board; and

**Section c 21** for the purpose of discussing minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. **(Jean Do we delete Section c 21 because it has already been discussed yesterday)**

Dr. Hall further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.

Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The open meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:25 a.m. The open meeting was to be reconvened on Thursday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m.

On October 18, 2007, 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. The Board members, Dr. Koch and anyone who wished to join them faced the American flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board meeting was being audio-cast live over the Internet.

**RESOLUTIONS &  
RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Kevin Settle of Mt. Vernon School District #80 welcomed and thanked the Board and staff for holding the October 2007 Board meeting at Mt. Vernon Primary Center. Superintendent Settle shared with the Board a video presentation on District #80 Schools. Chairman Ruiz thanked Dr. Settle, and his assistant, Janet Miller, for making the arrangements for the board to meet in southern Illinois and the staff for their help, hospitality and kindness.

Chairman Ruiz commented that there was a Mt. Vernon District #80 staff member who was unable to attend the Those Who Excel Banquet held this past Saturday evening in Decatur. Chairman Ruiz, with the help of State Superintendent Chris Koch, presented Ms. Deanna Metje her Award of Merit in the Student Support Personnel Category. Ms. Metje is the Supervisor of Nurses of Mt. Vernon School District #80, and has played a major role in the care of students for the past eight years.

Superintendent Koch also took time to recognize other Mt. Vernon area staff who received awards at the banquet.

**Mt. Vernon School District #80  
Casey Middle School Instructional Support Team (IST)**  
Award of Recognition-Team Category

**Dr. Kevin Settle**  
Award of Merit-School Administrator Category

**Reverend Robert Whiteside**  
Award of Excellence- Community Volunteer Category

**Mt. Vernon Township HS Dist. 201  
Ann Garrett**  
Award of Merit-Classroom Teacher Category

**Joe Fatheree, 2006-07  
Illinois Teacher of the  
Year**

Mr. Joe Fatheree, 2006-07 Teacher of the Year, indicated there were many highlights of his past year, including opportunities to interact with members of the State Board. He received a tour given by Dr. Vinni Hall of Chicago Public Schools and as a result of this visit he was able to attend a Media Bridge Workshop with students from all over the world. The workshop allowed students to receive scholarships, as well as meet and work with professional filmmakers.

Mr. Fatheree also toured the Southern part of Illinois with Dr. Andrea Brown and has continued to visit schools in that area and assist children in need. He has been mentoring several teachers that provide professional development in that part of Illinois and will continue to do so.

Mr. Fatheree commented that he visited with David Fields and his family in the community of Danville and congratulated Dr. Fields on being a great role model for his community. He attended the Education Commission of the States (ECS) annual conference in Philadelphia where he had an opportunity to speak with Brenda Holmes about her career in education and the legislative process. The Teachers of the Year nationwide are working on a bill to pull together their thoughts on NCLB. They will be traveling to Wyoming in November to meet with national policy makers. The ECS Teacher of the Year report was very informative.

He has been asked to take over the leadership of the Illinois Teacher of the Year Organization and they hope to continue to work with the Illinois State Board of

<p><b>Superintendent Recognition of Staff</b></p> <p><b>Resolutions</b></p>	<p>Education.</p> <p>Mr. Fatheree closed by saying that he is thankful for the opportunity he has been given as Teacher of the Year and will continue to help the children of Illinois to succeed to their highest level. Mr. Fatheree commented that he was honored to pass the torch on to the 2007-08 Teacher of the Year.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch introduced and welcomed new employee Ms. Linda Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent of School Support Services. Ms. Tomlinson stated she appreciates the opportunity and looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead.</p> <p>Ms. Karon moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolutions recognizing Mr. Grant Seaholm of Lake Zurich School District #95 and Ms. Patricia Welch of Hillcrest High School for their leadership and dedication to the field of Education. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p>	<p>Ms. Linda Drust, Director of the Williamson County Early Childhood Cooperative (WCECC) addressed the Board. Ms. Drust stated that they are very pleased with the support they have received in the previous years for early childhood education. However, there are 250 children on the wait list for WCECC. She encouraged the Board to support the building of better schools in Carterville School District and to continue to increase funding for Early Childhood.</p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Consent Agenda Items and Motion</b></p> <p><b>Revision of consent agenda motion for #4a Technology Immersion Pilot Project Contract Amendments</b></p> <p><b>CONSENT AGENDA MOTION</b></p> <p><b>The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion:</b></p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz commented that all items listed with an asterisk (*) on the agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion and vote. Any board members who wishes separate discussion on any item listed on the consent agenda may remove that item from the consent agenda , in which the event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that as discussed in yesterday's joint Finance &amp; Audit/Governmental Relations Committee meeting, the motion for agenda item #4a. (Technology Immersion Pilot Project Contract Amendment) is amended as indicated in the revised consent agenda motion below.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes moved that with regard to the Technology Immersion Pilot Program, the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to enter into contract amendments with both Apple Inc. and Gateway Inc., with the amount of each amended contract being no more than \$1,770,992 and \$2,279,288 respectively for FY 2008.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby approve the consent agenda items, including the revised motion for #4a. Technology Immersion Pilot Project contract amendments. Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Approval of Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meetings of August 22-24 2007 and September 20, 2007 Board meetings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Rules for Initial Review</u></b></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)</b></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for:  Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1.)  including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wellness Goal (Public Act 94-199)</b></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby adopts the State goal for Wellness Policy as printed in the meeting materials. The goal instructs all public school districts to establish a School Wellness Policy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Contracts &amp; Grants Over \$1 Million</u></b>  <b>Technology Immersion Pilot Contract Amendments with Apple &amp; Gateway REVISED</b></p> <p>With regards to the Technology Immersion Pilot Program, the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to enter into contract amendments with both Apple Inc. and Gateway Inc., with the amount of each such amended contract being no more than \$1,770,992 and \$2,279,288 respectively for FY 2008.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Contracts &amp; Grants Over \$1 Million</u></b>  <b>ELL Math Test Development: Federal Grant with University of Wisconsin</b></p> <p>The ISBE staff is directed to develop a grant agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (WIDA Consortia of the Wisconsin Center for Education Research) to implement the provisions of the United States Department of Education grant to the Illinois State Board of Education to develop improved assessment measures for English Language Learners, termed ONPAR Mathematics. The amount of the grant is expected to be \$1,890,491, though the Board authorizes staff to enter into a grant agreement with WIDA up to \$2,000,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b>Approval of the Closed Session Minutes</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Approval of the Closed Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Holmes moved that the following motion be adopted:</p> <p>Whereas, pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act, the State Board of Education has reviewed the minutes of its closed sessions from January through September, 2007; and</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act allows for the destruction of the verbatim recordings of closed sessions (no less than 18 months after the completion of the meeting recorded);</p> <p>I move that the State Board of Education hereby certify that the need for confidentiality still exists for the closed session minutes for the time period reviewed.</p> <p>Further, the State Board of Education approves the destruction of all closed session verbatim recordings prior to April 2006.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND</b></p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi who has been joining the Board</p>



	<p>Committee Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalized the guidelines and rules for public participation.</li> <li>• Coordinated the tracking of Board priorities with upcoming committee agendas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Education Policy Planning Committee</b>  Dr. Fields reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved the minutes of the September 2007 Education Policy and Planning Committee Meeting.</li> <li>• Introduced the Student Advisory Council Members attending the Committee Meeting, Emma LePere of Belleville Township High School and Lian States, Fairfield Community High School.</li> <li>• Connie Wise and Richard Yong reported on the 2007 Report Card.</li> <li>• Connie Wise and Shuwan Chiu updated the committee on the Adequate Yearly Progress.</li> <li>• Superintendent Koch updated the Committee on the Illinois College &amp; Work Readiness Partnership: Data Systems Update.</li> </ul> <p><b>Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole: Governmental Relations and Finance and Audit Committees</b>  Ms. Brenda Holmes reported on both committees due to the absence of Mr. Clark. Ms. Holmes stated that the committees discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Participation from Paula Purdue and Deborah Wolf of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation &amp; Dance (IAHPERD) addressed the Committee on physical education waivers.</li> <li>• Approved the minutes of the September 2007 Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole: Governmental Relations and Finance &amp; Audit Committees.</li> <li>• Linda Mitchell, Ronny Wickenhausen and Nicole Wills updated the Committee on the veto session legislation.</li> <li>• Nicole Wills updated the Committee on the legislative proposals.</li> <li>• Winnie Tuthill reported on waiver policies.</li> <li>• Linda Mitchell updated the committees on the FY 09 Budget Hearings.</li> <li>• Ms. Holmes announced that the first budget hearing would be held following committee meetings today and invited everyone to attend. She also encouraged the audience to attend the other upcoming budget hearings.</li> <li>• Reviewed the Technology Immersion Pilot Project contract amendments with Apple and Gateway and the ELL Math Test Development (ONPAR) Grant with the University of Wisconsin.</li> <li>• Welcomed the Student Advisory Council Members that participated in this month's committee meetings, Emma LePere of Belleville Township High School and Lian States, Fairfield Community High School.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Members' Reports</b></p>	<p>Ms. Karon commented that in addition to the Illinois Board of Higher Education's adoption of the IBHE 2011 Strategic Plan they are undertaking what they call a Master Plan, which is a broader scenario for what the Board of Higher Education would like as a goal in education. Ms. Karon believes that in the future the IBHE Master Plan will tie into our high school graduation requirements, as well as crossover into other areas of high school education and junior colleges. Ms. Karon</p>

	<p>thinks it would be a good idea to pay close attention to the IBHE Master Plan because it could be very helpful to us in the future.</p> <p>Dr. David Fields attended a press conference at the University of Illinois on school construction dollars. Dr. Fields indicated that he and Dr. Hall are working on demographics studies, in particular; how to get more males in the education field.</p> <p>Dr. Brown attended the School Law Conference at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and the Adult Planning Council meeting. She indicated that she continues to focus her attention on the issue of SES Providers and Restructuring. Dr. Brown also asked that all Board members review the NASBE study, which Dr. Ward participated in, titled "Meeting the Challenge: The State's Role in Improving Low –Performing Schools through Restructuring."</p> <p>Dr. Hall stated that she continues to work as a member of the Early Learning Council and serve as a Co-Chair for Special Populations. Their next meeting will be October 22, 2007. Dr. Hall said she accompanied Kay Henderson to an evaluation on the Early Childhood Programs that was held in Chicago on October 15, 2007. She attended the NASBE Annual Conference on October 11-13, 2007 in Philadelphia as a voting delegate. She encouraged everyone to read the two NASBE reports that were just released at the conference. The two reports address the issues of Restructuring and English Language Learning. Dr. Hall also presented a Milken Educator Award to Katherine Whittington at La Casas Occupational High School in Chicago and had the opportunity to visit the School of the Future in Philadelphia. She will continue to work on the demographics study with Dr. Fields and make her visits the Chicago ISBE office. Dr. Hall will soon be sharing the Early Learning Council Progress Report.</p> <p>Mr. Ruiz indicated that he has distributed copies of the work plans to each Board member and he will soon get the Re-Enrolling Task Force information to the Board and to Rene Valenciano. He will share the Career and Technical information packet with Jonathan Furr and Elliot Regenstein. He will also provide Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic with the contact to El Valor School.</p>
<p><b>Information Items</b></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. (Reports start on page 24 of your Plenary packet.). There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz took a minute to introduce recently retired Regional Superintendent P.E. Cross and his son Bryan Cross. Bryan is now the Regional Superintendent of Hamilton/Jefferson Counties.</p>
<p><b>Closed Session</b></p>	<p>Ms. 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="text-align: center;"><b>Section c 1</b> for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;</p> <p>Ms. Karon further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>

	The open meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 10:50 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m.
<b>Motion for Adjournment</b>	Dr. Fields moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Dr. Vinni Hall**  
**Board Secretary**

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**Mr. Jesse Ruiz**  
**Chairman**

## Board Operations Committee

Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
1:00 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 September Board Operations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-5**)
  - \*b. Review New Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition (**p. 6**)
  - c. Guidelines for Public Participation (**pp. 7-9**)
  - d. Coordination of Board Priorities with Committee Agendas (**p. 10**)
  - e. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
5. Decision Items
  - \*a. Recommend Resolutions for Board Approval
6. Adjourn

NOTE: 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 an asterisk (\*) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.

## BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 17, 2007

Mt. Vernon, Illinois

### Members Physically Present

Joyce Karon, Acting Chair  
David Fields,  
Vinni Hall  
Jesse Ruiz  
Andrea Brown  
Brenda Holmes

### Members Absent

Chris Ward, Committee Chair  
Dean Clark, Board Member

### Staff Present

Jean Ladage  
Marsha Moffett  
Christopher A. Koch  
Darren Reisberg  
Matt Vanover  
Don Evans  
Rene Valenciano  
Connie Wise  
Linda Mitchell

#### 1. **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Joyce Karon served as Interim Chair of the Board Operations Committee and asked Jean Ladage to call the roll. (See above.)

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

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

#### 3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### 4.a. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Dr. Fields moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the September committee meeting be approved. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding a correction in the minutes for agenda item 4.e. Clarification was made that no vote was taken with regard to national standards. The motion to approve the committee minutes, as corrected, passed with voice vote approval.

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

The Board Operations Committee reviewed a resolution for Grant Seaholm who was recently named a National Distinguished Principal of the Year by USDE and NAESP. Also reviewed was a resolution for Patricia Welch, for being named IPA Principal of the Year.

##### 4.c. **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Karon asked that the sign-in sheet be revised to include names of all those attending the Board meetings and those who wish to speak would be able to check a box. Ms. Karon indicated that the Board receives a listing of people who have dialed in to listen by phone, and she would like to have a record of those who are in attendance at each meeting. Ms. Holmes moved to recommend approval of the procedures as well as the revision to the sign-in sheet. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

##### 4.d. **COORDINATION OF BOARD PRIORITIES WITH COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

It was suggested that the Chair of the Board Operations Committee periodically poll members to see if they feel the Board is staying focused on their priorities as determined at the retreat. The mechanism for doing so would be the work sheet Chairman Ruiz developed. Dr. Hall moved that we accept this proposal, Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

##### 4.e. **COMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Chairman Ruiz asked members if they are interested in participating in the NASBE Study Groups they are in the process of pulling together.

- Dr. Hall indicated she is interested in the Career-Tech study group.
- Dr. Fields is interested in the Public Policy Committee.

- It was noted that Mr. Clark has participated in the Governmental Relations Committee in the past years. Ms. Holmes indicated she would back-up Mr. Clark for that committee.
- Ms. Karon commented that she would be willing to participate in the Middle School/High School Reform Study Group.

### **NASBE Annual Meeting Report**

Dr. Hall took the opportunity to thank the members of the Board for renewing membership in NASBE. She indicated that the annual conference was terrific with a myriad of discussions.

The topics for the 2007 study groups were:

*Models of Success: The State's Role in Improving Schools in Corrective Action and Restructuring under NCLB* (Dr. Chris Ward served on this study group)

*E Pluribus Unum: English, Language Education, and America's Future* (Dr. Vinni Hall served on this study group)

At this year's conference, Dr. Hall served on the panel presenting the findings of the report on Language and Learning. The session was well attended and was moderated by NASBE President-Elect Ken Willard. The study group's findings centered on two important concepts: 1) It is essential that every student, not just immigrant students, learn how to speak, read, write and comprehend the English language in order to live, thrive, and contribute to American society. 2) There is a need to nurture and preserve students' native languages. Not only are these languages important components of a student's identity, but they can also be assets in an ever-growing global economy.

Dr. Hall indicated that the session on the second study group on Restructuring was also very well attended. She encouraged staff to read both reports.

Mr. Reisberg commented that he, too, appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference to interact with his counterparts from other states and see how other attorneys are dealing with common issues.

### **Committee agenda planning**

Incoming Nominations

Coordination of Board Priorities with Committee Agendas

It was suggested that if there are no pressing items for a November committee meeting, the Board Operations Committee would not need to meet. That will be at the discretion of Committee Chair Chris Ward.

### **5. DECISION ITEMS**

Both resolutions were recommended for approval in plenary session on Thursday. The guidelines for public participation will be recommended for approval at the November plenary session, as well as a revision to the sign-in sheet.

### **6. ADJOURN**

Dr. Fields moved to adjourn the committee meeting. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**

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3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the September Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
5. Variables from the 2007 Report Card (*Connie Wise & Richard Yong*) (**pp. 4-47**)
6. Adequate Yearly Progress (*Connie Wise & Shuwan Chiu*) (**pp. 48-52**)
7. Illinois College & Work Readiness Partnership: Data System Update (**oral presentation**)
8. Committee Agenda Planning
9. Adjourn

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

Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
10:00 a.m.

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Mt. Vernon, Illinois

**Committee Members Physically Present**

Dave Fields, Chair  
Andrea Brown  
Vinni Hall  
Joyce Karon

**Other Board Members Physically Present**

Brenda Holmes  
Jesse Ruiz

**Committee Members Participation Via Phone Conference**

None

**Board Members Absent**

Dean Clark  
Chris Ward

**ISBE Staff**

Superintendent Chris Koch  
Darren Reisberg  
Rene Valenciano

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 10:05 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. David Fields requested a roll call. See above.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** There was no participation from Board members by any other means.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There was no public participation.
4. **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2007 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes from the September 2007 EPPC Meeting.
5. **VARIABLES FROM THE 2007 REPORT CARD (Connie Wise and Richard Yong):** Connie Wise and Richard Yong provided the Committee with a summary of the findings from the 2007 Report Cards as well as statewide trend data since the inception of the Report Cards.

Dr. Fields introduced two Student Advisory Council members that were in attendance.

6. **ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (Connie Wise and Shuwan Chiu):** Connie Wise and Shuwan Chiu were in attendance to inform the Committee of the number of schools and districts not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2007. She summarized the four conditions required for making AYP. Connie forewarned the Board that the targets will also increase for 2008.
7. **ILLINOIS COLLEGE & WORK READINESS PARTNERSHIP: DATA SYSTEM UPDATE:** Superintendent Koch gave the Board an update on the following:
  - October 22: ISBE staff will be meeting with David Driscoll, retired Massachusetts Commissioner of Education, along with Jon Furr, to discuss FERPA issues;
  - October 22: meeting with Harvey Smith on Illinois Interactive Report Card;
  - October 23: Superintendent Koch will be meeting with ACT regarding 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Plans;
  - Achieve has begun a review of Illinois Learning Standards; (*Superintendent note: Since the board meeting we have learned that work has not yet commenced, ACHIEVE does intend on doing so soon and we are working to obtain a modified timeline*)

- Susie Morrison met with Jeff Mays to discuss the Data Quality campaign;
- October 29: Susie Morrison will be traveling to Boulder, CO to attend a workshop to gain knowledge and strategies used in P16-20 councils;
- ISBE staff will convene a meeting with stakeholders to gather input on appropriate ways to use the limited targeted intervention dollars to guide our decision-making.

**8. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING (for November):**

- NCLB Restructuring
- Update on Illinois College Work Readiness Project

Board Member Andrea Brown requested written information on Reading First issues. This can be a written update.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** Andrea Brown moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting and Vinni Hall seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole  
Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committees**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
1:30 p.m.**

**Core Room, Primary Center, 401 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois**

**Public Conference Call Access Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only);  
Confirmation # 1 9 4 3 7 8 0 6**

**JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
  2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
  3. Public Participation
  4. Minutes of the September Joint Committee Meeting: Finance & Audit Committee/Governmental Relations **(pp. 2-6)**
  5. Legislative Update *(Nicole Wills)* **(pp. 7-31)**
  6. Legislative Proposals Update *(Nicole Wills)* **(pp. 32-43)**
  7. P.E. Waiver Policy Discussion *(Winnie Tuthill)* **(pp. 44-56)**
  8. Budget Process
    - a. FY 08 Budget Update *(Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser)* **(pp. 57-59)**
    - b. FY09 Budget Hearings *(Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser)* **(pp. 60-61)**
  9. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million
    - a. Technology Immersion Pilot Project Contract Amendments with Apple & Gateway **(pp. 62-63)**  
*(Connie Wise)*
    - b. ELL Math Test Development: Federal Grant with University of Wisconsin **(pp. 64-65)**  
*(Connie Wise)*
  10. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items for Finance & Audit Committee
  11. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items for Governmental Relations Committee
  12. Adjourn
- \* Items listed with an asterisk (\*) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.

***(End of conference call.)***

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**Budget Hearing  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
4:00 p.m.  
Core Room, Primary Center  
Mt. Vernon City Schools  
401 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois**

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**JOINT FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

**Committee Members Present**

Brenda Holmes, Chair  
Jesse Ruiz  
Andrea Brown  
Vinni Hall  
Joyce Karon  
David Fields

**Staff Present**

Chris Koch  
Linda Riley Mitchell  
Susie Morrison  
Darren Reisberg  
Connie Wise  
Linda Tomlinson  
Rene Valenciano  
Matt Vanover  
Ronny Wickenhauser

Nicole Wills  
Sally Vogl  
Shelley Helton  
Winnie Tuthill  
Jean Ladage  
Marsha Moffitt

**Student Advisory Members Present**

Emma LePere  
Lian States

**Meeting was called to order by Brenda Holmes at 1:20 p.m.**

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Dean Clark and Chris Ward were absent.
- 2. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** None
- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Paula Purdue and Deborah Wolf, representing the Illinois Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) spoke to the Board regarding the new philosophy for physical activity and the strong link between this and academic performance. They were also concerned about what is rational regarding new amendments for waivers, the importance for data to be collected, and the physical education policy and House Bill 1839.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER JOINT FINANCE AND AUDIT AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** The motion to accept the minutes, made by Jesse Ruiz, was seconded by David Fields. The motion carried.
- 5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** The Committee discussed House Resolution 749, House Bill 4149, and House Bill 1647. They also talked about adding a section to the ISBE Budget book that describes Agency staff impact/cost of new legislation. Board Member Andrea Brown asked what ISBE needed to do to implement SB 543 and what the legal ramifications will be if the legislation is challenged legally. General Counsel Darren Reisberg told the Committee that he would follow up with the Board regarding his findings.
- 6. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS UPDATE:** Board members reviewed changes to the school holidays section of the School Code, parent-teacher conference requirements and the driver's education fee as potential Board legislative proposals. The Committee members agreed that proposals for school holiday waivers and parent teacher conferences should go forward similarly to the recommendations made in the Cumulative Waiver Report. The Board also agreed that a proposal to increase the maximum allowable driver's education fee up to \$250 should move forward in the spring legislative session.
- 7. BUDGET PROCESS**
  - A. FY 08 BUDGET UPDATE**

Linda Mitchell stated that since July 2007, ISBE has paid General State Aid (GSA) at the FY2007 level. Disbursements have been made at 1 /24 of the FY2007 GSA amount. Since updated EAV and average daily attendance information is now available, ISBE must revise the calculation to reflect that information. This results in a decrease in the GSA payment for over 700 school districts. ISBE will have to start paying based upon the prior year foundation level of \$5,334. ISBE will not be able to make the payments based on the new \$5,734 amount approved by the

General Assembly because the new budget implementation legislation has not yet passed. Payments will be reduced beginning with the November 10 GSA payment.

Ms. Mitchell stated that ISBE will be making the new foundation level payment once the budget implementation legislation has been approved. There will be an adjustment made to "true up" the payments so that each district receives what they would have gotten had the budget implementation legislation been passed at the same time as the increase in GSA was approved.

**B. FY 09 BUDGET HEARINGS:** Linda Mitchell stated that ISBE is planning on having eight hearings this year. Ms. Mitchell indicated that the first hearing is immediately following today's committee meeting. Most of the board will be present at this Mt. Vernon hearing as well as the hearing to be held in Springfield in conjunction with the November Board meeting. The Finance and Audit Committee Chair, Dean Clark, will attend most of the hearings. Other members will attend depending upon the location of the hearings. Ms. Mitchell will provide the board with a summary of testimony received at all of the hearings.

**8. CONTRACTS & GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION:** The following contracts and grants were reviewed by the Joint Committee. The Committee will recommend approval during the plenary session on Thursday.

**a. (revised recommended motion): Technology Immersion Pilot Project contract amendments with Apple and Gateway**

Darren Reisberg recommended revising the motion for these contract amendments as follows: "The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to enter into contract amendments with both Apple Inc. and Gateway Inc., with the amount of each amended contract being no more than \$1,770,992 and \$2,279,288 respectively for FY 2008."

**b. ELL Math Test Development: federal (ONPAR) Grant with University of Wisconsin** (recommend approval as presented in packet)

**9. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR FINANCE AND AUDIT**

**COMMITTEE:** Linda Mitchell stated that as in prior years, the board will have a presentation on tax revenue projections from Commission on Government Forecasting & Accountability in December. The board will also receive an update on the status of districts in financial difficulty.

**10. P.E. WAIVER POLICY DISCUSSION:** Winnie Tuthill and Shelley Helton provided background information on the history of the Board's physical education waiver policy and changes that have taken place with the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) that make it difficult for districts to submit assessment data. Staff explained that ISBE simply reviews that the assessment material as submitted. There is no further check of the appropriateness, validity or alignment with the Illinois Learning Standards due to both a lack of time and expertise by ISBE staff. Board members also questioned the purpose of the policy and the disconnect with action of the General Assembly, which has reviewed a total of 415 waiver applications for physical education but denied only seven applications. The Committee then asked staff to come back in November with recommendations on how to proceed with revising, maintaining or eliminating the current P.E. Policy.

**11. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**COMMITTEE:** The Board will receive an updated public act chart that includes requested information on the fiscal and staffing impact on the Agency as a result of new public acts.

**12. ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made by Jesse Ruiz, and was seconded by Vinni Hall. The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

**Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**

**Thursday, October 18, 2007  
8:30 a.m.**

**Core Room, Primary Center, 401 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois**

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

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the September Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meetings (**pp. 2-3**)
- \*5. Rules for Initial Review
  - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (**pp. 4-44**)
6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
7. 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**

**Thursday, October 18, 2007**

**8:30 a.m.**

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

**Committee Members Present**

Jesse Ruiz  
Andrea Brown  
  
David Fields  
Vinni Hall  
Brenda Holmes  
Joyce Karon

**Absent**

Dean Clark  
  
  
Chris Ward

**Others**

Chris Koch  
Darren Reisberg  
Randy Niles  
Shelley Helton  
Winnie Tuthill  
Chris Schmitt  
Mark Haller  
Sally Vogl

**Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and noted that no members were participating by other means. He also announced that no one had signed up for public participation.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Joyce Karon moved approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2007, meeting. David Fields seconded the motion. It was adopted unanimously and the minutes were approved as presented.
5. **RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW:** General Counsel Darren Reisberg introduced the set of amendments to Part 1 that was being presented, noting that it included a number of provisions not related to one another. He indicated that Division Administrators Randy Niles, Chris Schmitt, and Mark Haller were available for the discussion.

**PART 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)**

Rules Coordinator Sally Vogl provided an overview of the revisions being proposed in Section 1.100 as a result of P.A. 95-223, which established limits on waivers and modifications of Section 27-6 of the School Code with respect to daily physical education. She noted that there was no acknowledgment in the law of waivers and modifications approved prior to January 1, 2008. However, because the law is not retroactive, she indicated that the proposed rule would “start the clock” as of that date. That is, the first waiver or modification to be counted for each applicant would be the first one approved on or after that date; each subsequent request would be considered a renewal; no more than two renewals would be permitted per applicant; and no more than six cumulative years of approval could be granted.

Moving to Section 1.245, Waiver of School Fees, Ms. Vogl outlined the overlap between students’ eligibility for fee waivers and their eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and identified the challenge now faced by districts connected to verifying that eligibility. She explained that new limits on verification of eligibility for the meals programs had been established at the federal level and that these would have an effect on how districts approached verifying eligibility for fee waivers as well. The purpose of the revision in Section 1.245 was to clarify this matter for districts.

Mr. Reisberg noted that the updating in Section 1.310 was straightforward and did not require discussion. Sections 1.430 and 1.440 were being revised in response to questions from the field regarding whether a “Constitution test” was required for graduation from the eighth grade and/or high school. Division Administrator Randy Niles stated that clarification had also been requested

as to whether an exam *per se* is required or whether any other type of evaluation would suffice. Sally Vogl highlighted the need to review several different statutory provisions and determine their applicability to eighth grade and high school graduation. Specifically, there is no single “Constitution test” that is required by the State. An entire list of topics is required to be covered, and an examination is required for both eighth grade graduation and high school graduation. The examination would need to be broader than simply addressing the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions. She concluded by indicating that, when it becomes clear that the language of a rule does not make clear what is required, a change is warranted.

As a former history and government teacher, Brenda Holmes validated the need for stating these points clearly. Sally Vogl contrasted the “examination” referred to previously with the requirement for “evidence of comprehensive knowledge” in connection with U.S. history, illustrating how the two could easily be confused. Darren Reisberg mentioned that a reporter had raised this question with the Public Information office also.

Ms. Vogl then explained the origins of the amendments to Sections 1.510 and 1.515, both of which dealt with transportation. She stated that Section 1.510 needed to acknowledge the new requirements put in place by P.A. 95-260 to prevent children from being left on school buses. That Act is very explicit and, in and of itself, would not require rulemaking, but because an existing rule covered supervision of passengers, that rule would now be incomplete without a reference to the new requirements. She added that discussing this rule change with Division Administrator Tim Imler had prompted him to identify the need for the proposed change in Section 1.515 regarding recent first aid training for the individuals who train the instructors who, in turn train school bus drivers.

Finally, Darren Reisberg explained the origins of the proposed revision to Section 1.420(o), Media Programs. Questions from the field had led to a review of the compliance probe and, in turn, to the realization that the points covered in that document did not actually correspond to the rule because the rule provides no specifics. Regional superintendents voiced the concern that districts should not be cited for failure to meet requirements that were not specifically stated, so it was decided to review this area and determine what really should be included in these programs.

Randy Niles discussed the survey that had been sent to regional superintendents in an effort to gather information on how districts around the state were currently providing library media services. There had been wide variety in the responses, which was not surprising given the questions that had been raised in the field. An advisory committee had then been convened for the purpose of developing recommendations for what the required program of library media services should entail. Those recommendations were reflected in the rule being presented for consideration, and Mr. Niles indicated that there were some significant changes included. He acknowledged that districts currently have difficulty securing the services of qualified personnel and that more preparation programs would likely be needed to satisfy the demand.

Joyce Karon, who had been instrumental in convening the advisory committee, commented that, although she had stepped away from the deliberations after delivery of the charge to the group, she felt that what had come out of the work would resolve the conflicting interpretations and vacillation in this area that had prevailed for the many years she had been involved. In her view, it was also significant that questions from the field in general were being broadly viewed and steps taken to address areas of inconsistency or insufficiency. She stated her appreciation for these efforts.

Andrea Brown voiced her concern for understanding the requirements for library media specialists, the three-year phase-in of the proposed requirements, and their effects on small school districts. She wanted to ensure that the agency had measured their impact and identified what services would be available in the various parts of the state. She noted that staff currently serving in some school libraries hold differing credentials and that some do not hold master’s degrees. Further, she expressed the hope that responses from the field would be forthcoming

during the comment period so that the implications of the proposal could be well understood. Of particular concern was the question of whether three years would be enough time to allow the requirements to be met. Randy Niles agreed with Dr. Brown's concern for the reality of the situation in districts and indicated he thought the comments would improve the agency's understanding of what would be feasible to require, particularly in small rural districts.

Sally Vogl offered the clarification that staff who met previous versions of the required qualifications for library positions would continue to be considered qualified and that use of the newer term "library information specialist" did not mean individuals with older endorsements would become ineligible. The long-standing agency policy had been "once qualified, always qualified", and this field would be no exception. The other personnel-related aspect of the situation would involve the appropriate role and functions of non-certified individuals who assist in the library media program. Ms. Vogl also noted that various requirements stated in the proposed rule could be seen as "movable parts" to which appropriate exceptions or alternatives could be identified via public comment.

6. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Darren Reisberg noted that a number of pieces of legislation enacted in 2007 would require rulemaking and that the process of identifying those was ongoing. Sally Vogl identified several specific items that had been drafted and would be coming forward in the next several months, including updates to the rules for special education and driver education arising out of legislation.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Brenda Holmes moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Fields seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.