

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

September 19-20, 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, September 19, 2007

**10:30 a.m. Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole:
Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committees**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 9 1 0 9 9 9 7

11:30 – Break for Lunch

**12:00 Noon Reconvene Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole
Finance & Audit and Governmental Relations Committees**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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***1:45 p.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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***4:00 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
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* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

Thursday, September 20, 2007

8:30 a.m. Board Operations Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor
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9:30 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, September 20, 2007
9:30 a.m.

Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*);
Confirmation #: 19109999

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

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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 (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: August 8, 2007 (**pp. 5-9**)
- *2. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 25 (Certification) (**Rules pp. 5-27**)
 - b. Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program) (**Rules pp. 28-35**)
 - c. Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services) (**Rules pp. 36-61**)
- *3. Rules for Adoption
 - a. New Part 100 (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing) (**Rules pp. 71-148**)
 - b. Part 110 (Program Accounting Manual) (**Rules pp. 149-150**)
 - c. Part 125 (Student Activity Funds and Convenience Accounts) (**Rules pp. 151**)
- *4. Contracts and Grants over \$1 million (**FAC & Gov p. 15**)
 - a. Erikson Institute for Early Childhood Block Grant Mental Health Consultation and Training Contract
- *5. A-133 Statewide Single Audit (**FAC & Gov pp. 10-14**)
- *6. Teacher Cert Board Recommendations
 - a. Institution Accreditation and Program Approvals (**pp. 10-16**)
 - 1) Lewis University
 - 2) McKendree University (formerly McKendree College)
 - b. Approval of New Teacher Program (**pp. 17-18**)
 - 1) North Park University
- *7. Fall 2007 Waiver Report (**FAC & Gov pp. 18-118**)

(end of consent agenda)

8. Approval of Closed Session Minutes (tentative; following closed session)

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 Reports
 - a. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (*pp. 19-21*)
 - b. Annual Report on Status of Agency Rulemaking (*pp. 22-27*)
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*pp. 28-45*)

H. Adjourn

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
September 20, 2007
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois**

<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 Mr. Dean Clark Dr. David Fields Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> None</p>								
<p>RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITIONS</p>	<p>Dr. Chris Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Mr. Stanley Smith of Wilmington Community School District #209U for his leadership and dedication to the field of Education. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch introduced and welcomed new employees Ms. Susie Morrison, Special Assistant to the Superintendent and Ms. Marcy Dutton, Deputy Legal Counsel. Dr. Koch also announced staff changes, Dr. Connie Wise will be Assistant Superintendent of Standards and Assessment, Mr. Patrick Murphy will be Division Administrator of Educator Preparation & Recertification and Ms. Joyce Zurkowski will be Division Administrator for Student Assessment.</p> <p>Dr. Koch also took a minute to recognize and thank agency staff that were responsible for getting the Assessment Data out and the Report Card information compiled in record time. Staff who were asked to stand and be recognized included:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 1528 1562 1806"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="488 1528 761 1583">Data Analysis & Progress Reporting</th> <th data-bbox="761 1528 1073 1583">Data Systems</th> <th data-bbox="1073 1528 1336 1583">Student Assessment</th> <th data-bbox="1336 1528 1562 1583">Legal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="488 1583 761 1806"> Connie Wise Schuwan Chiu Richard Yong Shangte Shen Kiran Desai Mark Hobneck Jim Sweeney </td> <td data-bbox="761 1583 1073 1806"> Madan Damodaran Alan Hinricks Lakshmi Brahmamdam Durga Gorantula John Shake </td> <td data-bbox="1073 1583 1336 1806"> Joyce Zurkowski John Craig Andy Metcalf Gayle Johnson Barry Pederson Megan Forness Dennis Goedecke </td> <td data-bbox="1336 1583 1562 1806"> Darren Reisberg Wilma Vanscyoc English Language Learning Naomi Valezquez-Green </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Data Analysis & Progress Reporting	Data Systems	Student Assessment	Legal	Connie Wise Schuwan Chiu Richard Yong Shangte Shen Kiran Desai Mark Hobneck Jim Sweeney	Madan Damodaran Alan Hinricks Lakshmi Brahmamdam Durga Gorantula John Shake	Joyce Zurkowski John Craig Andy Metcalf Gayle Johnson Barry Pederson Megan Forness Dennis Goedecke	Darren Reisberg Wilma Vanscyoc English Language Learning Naomi Valezquez-Green
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<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Mr. Joe Turek from the Illinois Coalition for Education At Risk Youth (ICEARY) thanked the Board on behalf of ICEARY for the \$2 million dollar increase for FY 2007-2008. Mr. Turek commented that the Truants Alternative and Optional Education Program and Regional Safe Schools Program are often the last opportunity to help our most troubled youth. He shared a handout with the Board members that listed the number of eligible students and the amount of funding the programs receive. Mr. Turek asked that the Board continue to fund the Truant Alternative and Optional Education Programs and Safe Schools in their next FY 2008-2009 budget. Mr. Clark encouraged Mr. Turek to send a representative from ICEARY to one of the State Board Budget Hearings.</p> <p>Mr. Jay Runner, Fiscal Administrator and Ms. Mary Waters, Director of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Curriculum Revitalization Initiative (CRI) Project spoke to the Board on the project's accomplishments. Ms. Waters stated that project's mission was to design, deliver and evaluate innovative curriculum resources for the Career and Technical Education community in Illinois. The CRI is made up of three partners: the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Office of Educational Services and the Agricultural Education Partner. The CRI partnership created www.ilcte.org, which is a website that aligns resources of the user-friendly Lesson Plan Library and Matrix with the Illinois Learning Standards and workplace standards. The website has 3,441 teachers registered and using the site. A total of 1,859 teachers and administrators have attended CRI workshops from January through September 2007, with a 101 workshops being conducted. Ms. Waters thanked the Board for their time and shared a packet of information on the initiative with each Board member.</p> <p>Ms. Janet Milkovich from Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic thanked the Board for the funding they have received and shared a report containing information on the first year of expanded services. Ms. Milkovich noted that RFB&D was able to expand into 100 new schools outside of the Chicagoland area, working with 941 students with print disabilities and 300 teachers, training them to use audio learning in the classroom. The report also contains many other accomplishments of the RFB&D. Ms. Milkovich thanked the Board for their support and asked that they continue to fulfill the needs of children in Illinois. Mr. Clark reminded Ms. Milkovich of the upcoming budget hearings.</p> <p>Ms. Cynthia Woods from the Illinois Association of School Boards invited all Board members to attend the Chicago Schools Tour held in cooperation with the Chicago Public Schools during the Triple I Joint Annual Conference on Friday, November 16, 2007.</p>
<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>Consent Agenda Items and Motion</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 wish to have 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.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz stated that consent agenda items D.6 a. (2) - McKendree University (formerly McKendree College) and item # 7 - Fall 2007 Waiver Report will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as separate items for discussion. Chairman Ruiz asked for a motion regarding the consent agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Clark moved that the State Board of Education hereby approve the consent agenda items as presented, with the exception of agenda items D.6 a. (2) - McKendree University (formerly McKendree College) and item # 7 - Fall 2007 Waiver Report. Dr. Ward 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>CONSENT AGENDA Approval of Minutes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> <u>Approval of Minutes</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meeting of August 8, 2007 Board meeting.</p>
<p>Rules for Initial Review</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> <u>Part 25 (Certification)</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25), including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p>
<p>Rules for Adoption</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> <u>Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program)</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Summer Bridges Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 232), including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p>
<p>Rules for Adoption</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> <u>Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Education Services)</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Providers of Supplemental Educational Services (23 Illinois Administrative Code 675), including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p>
<p>Rules for Adoption</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Adoption</u> <u>New Part 100</u> (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing Part 110 (Program Accounting Manual) Part 125 (Student Activity Funds and Convince Accounts)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for: Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing (23 Illinois Administrative Code 100), Program Accounting Manual (23 Illinois Administrative Code 110), and Student Activity Funds and Convenience Accounts (23 Illinois Administrative Code 125), Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p>
<p>Contracts and Grants over \$1 million</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contracts and Grants over \$1 million</u> Erickson Institute for Early Childhood Block Grant Mental Health Consultation and Training Contract</p> <p>The State Board of Education approves the award of Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation and Training: Birth to 5 Years of Age contract under \$2 million to Erickson Institute and authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a contract under \$2 million with such entity.</p>
<p>A-133 Statewide Single Audit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>A-133 Statewide Single Audit</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby accepts the Auditor General's State of Illinois Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2006.</p>

<p>Fall Waiver Report</p>	<p>Ms. Holmes moved that the State Board of Education hereby forwards the following seven waiver requests to the General Assembly with recommendations to deny such requests only insofar as that driver's education fees are increased to no more than \$250 per student. In making this recommendation the State Board acknowledges that, beginning in July 1, 2008, the requirements of Public Act 95-310, in the absence of additional state funding for Driver Education, can be expected to raise many of the costs incurred by districts in offering driver's education to eligible students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request from Batavia Unit School District 1 (WM100-4361-1) to raise driver's education fees to \$400 per student; • The request from McLean County Unit School District 5 (WM100-4378-1) to raise driver's education fees to \$300 per student; • The request from Hiawatha Community Unit School District 426 (WM100-4379) to raise driver's education fees to \$500 per student; • The request from Kaneland Community Unit School District 302 (WM100-4429-1) to raise driver's education fees to \$400 per student; • The request from Sterling Community Unit School District 5 (WM100-4436) to raise driver's education fees to \$300 per student; • The request from Winnebago Community Unit School District 323 (WM100-4441) to raise driver's education fees to \$275 per student; and • The request from Alton Community Unit School District 11 (WM100-4466) to raise driver's education fees to \$300 per student. <p>The State Board of Education hereby forwards the following four waiver requests to the General Assembly with recommendations to deny such requests only insofar as that such districts shall have their respective waiver request approved for two years only (as opposed to the five years requested):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request from Oregon Community Unit School District 220 (WM100-4310) to allow students in kindergarten through grade 6 to participate in physical education every other day for 30-43 minutes each session instead of daily; • The request from Emmons School District 3 (WM100-4333) to allow students in grades 1 through 5 to participate in physical education two times a week for 40 minutes each session instead of daily; • The request from Mundelein Elementary School District 75 (WM100-4359) to allow students in grades 2 through 5 to participate in physical education three times a week for 25 minutes each session instead of daily; and • The request from El Paso – Gridley Community Unit School District 11 (WM100-4464) to excuse students in grades 9 through 12 from physical education if they are involved in show choir. <p>The State Board of Education hereby forwards the following waiver request to the General Assembly with a recommendation for legislative disapproval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request from Hononegah Community High School District 207 (WM100-4440) to allow the district to schedule early dismissal and/or no student attendance on the days when the Prairie State Achievement Examination is held. <p>The State Board of Education hereby forwards the remaining 35 waiver requests summarized in the report to the General Assembly without comment. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Approval of the Closed Session Minutes</p>	<p><i>This agenda items is tabled until the October 2007 Illinois State Board of Education Meeting.</i></p>

<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that although we will not be allowed to vote on any New Business non-posted agenda items; this is an opportunity to discuss any upcoming agenda items. Chairman Ruiz asked if there was new business to be presented at this time, and Dr. Koch opened the discussion.</p> <p>Dr. Koch commented that since being named State Superintendent he and senior staff have been reviewing the certification process and he wanted to make the Board aware that he will be coming to them soon with recommendations that may require legislative action or have an impact on the budget. Staff are reviewing the revocation and suspension process as well as notification to the State Board if a teacher is fired for cause. Dr. Koch indicated staff are also reviewing the process of prohibiting districts from sealed agreements. When a teacher is arrested, resigns and is later convicted, new districts may be unaware of the conviction, and the prior district has no obligation to report it because the teacher is no longer an employee. We hope to make this system more effective by working with the State Attorney's Office and the State Police. We will likely be adding questions regarding prior misconduct on the certification application and the certification renewal application. Dr. Koch asked Darren Reisburg to comment further.</p> <p>Mr. Reisberg informed the Board that we do have the ability to revoke a certificate if a teacher is convicted of enumerated offense set forth in the School Code. With respect to convictions of non-enumerated offenses or other allegations of misconduct that don't necessarily rise to the level of a conviction, our obligation is to move on this information but it is discretionary regarding whether it is a suspension or a revocation, and then the individual is allowed an opportunity for a hearing. The agency has been trying to determine what situations will allow us the opportunity to move forward on some of the non-enumerated offenses within the confines of the resources that we have. One of our efforts is to try to expand our resources, whether that means contracting with hearing officers who are certified in certification matters or contracting with an investigation and/or law firm that can investigate these situations and prosecute them before the hearing officers. Our ultimate goal is making sure that the children of Illinois are protected as much as possible.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:</p> <p>IBHE Liaison Report</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi, a representative from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Dr. Nandi gave the following summary on the August 14, 2007 IBHE meeting held at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, Chicago.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received Advisory Committee Reports from various presenters. • Received an update on the 2007 Spring Legislative session. • Approved several programs and degrees requested by various colleges and universities. • Update on Diversifying Higher Education Faculty In Illinois Program. • Received a presentation on Illinois College and Work Readiness Partnership by Jonathan Furr of Holland + Knight LLP and Michael Cohen of Achieve, Inc. • Received a brief overview of the legislation related to Higher Education. • Board approved FY 2007 allocation of \$1,694,245 for NCLB-Improving Teacher Quality State Grants. <p>Ms. Karon commented that the Illinois Community College Board, in partnership with six high schools and six community colleges, will review curricular objectives, standards and transition methods, if the budget allows. The findings from this reviewing process could be a positive start to our college and workforce readiness efforts. IBHE is very interested in the facts that Steve Tozer pointed out in his presentation on Illinois High Schools for the 21st Century World and will continue to look into it concerning their college faculty. Ms. Karon noted that the next Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting will be held in Carbondale, Illinois on October 2, 2007 at Southern Illinois University.</p>

Members' Reports

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

Mr. Clark reported that the Finance and Audit Committee portion of this joint meeting considered the following topics:

- Received a presentation from the Illinois Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance on the relationship of physical education and increased learning.
- Approved the June 2007 and Sept 2007 minutes of the Finance and Audit and Governmental Relations Committees.
- Linda Mitchell updated the committees on the FY08 Budget.
- Linda Mitchell reviewed the FY2009 Budget Hearing schedule with the Committees.
- Lisa LaBonte reviewed the FY 06 A-133 Statewide Single Audit Report with the Committees.
- Kay Henderson updated the Committees on the Early Childhood Block Grant Mental Health Consultation and Training Contract.

Ms. Holmes reported that the Governmental Relations Committee portion of this joint meeting reviewed the following topics:

- Mike Massie, Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education; Marc Schulman, president of the Eli's Cheesecake Co. and a strong supporter of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences; and Tannor Spittler, Illinois FFA Reporter, spoke on the benefits of agriculture education and their revised Strategic Plan for Agriculture Education.
- Winnie Tuthill reviewed the Fall Waiver Report with the committees.
- Sumatra Lahiri gave the committees a Legislative Update in the absence of Nicole Wills.
- Melina Wright updated the committees on No Child Left Behind.
- Received a presentation from Naperville School District staff on their physical education program.
- Chris Schmitt updated the committees on the Wellness Goal.

Ms. Holmes reminded the Board that the House of Representatives will be holding a Committee of the Whole meeting on the Budget on October 1, 2007.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Mr. Reisberg reported that the committee discussed the following topics:

- Approved the minutes for the June 2007 Ad Hoc Rules Committee.
- Randy Niles and Sally Vogl clarified the Rules for Initial Review Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services).
- The Committee approved the Rules for Adoption.

Ms. Karon reported that she attended The Education Trust-NASH P-20 Meeting and has brought back the Power Point to share with the Board members. (See Jean Ladage if you would like a copy). Ms. Karon also visited Palatine School District's (#211) two Academy Program sites.

Dr. Ward reported that he visited an elementary school on South Dearborn to support organizations that have donated funds to support literacy in the Chicago Public Schools. Dr. Ward stated that as a follow up from his two weeks in China he was invited to meet with administration from the Illinois Math and Science Academy. One of the schools in China is very interested in developing a relationship with an American High School. Dr. Ward commented that he has been facilitating with the Chinese and the administration of the Illinois Math and Science Academy and is hopeful that this trip is the start of a relationship between the schools. Dr. Ward will continue to follow up on the Board Retreat and will

advocate through Governmental Relations Committee what we need to do to get out of setting drivers ed fees.

Dr. Hall commented that she is looking forward to attending the NASBE Annual Conference on October 11-13, 2007 in Philadelphia. She will also be a speaker on the panel for the City Group of Bilingual and Early Language Learners that will meet on September 22, 2007. Dr. Hall stated that she will make sure that each of the Board members receives a copy of the report. Dr. Hall will also be co-chairing the Early Learning Council Special Populations, which works to get children in pre-school programs. She will be reporting to the Board on their progress. She plans to be at the Chicago office once every other week to work on projects and to participate in projects that support the agency.

Dr. Fields commented that he will continue to advocate for changes to specific waivers (drivers ed, physical education, holiday, etc.) through the Governmental Relations Committee.

Dr. Brown noted that she attended the Annual Superintendent's Conference in Springfield on September 6-7, 2007. She said she will share her notes with the Board members from the DuPage meeting involving the SES providers' comments on the SES rules. Andrea will continue to be involved in "Restructuring" and what other states are doing to facilitate it. She will be watching to what happens with STEM.

Ms. Holmes commented on how nice the Annual Superintendent's Conference was and what a good job Superintendent Koch and the staff had done. Ms. Holmes said she will be attending the University of Illinois at Springfield Roundtable for Educators and the Education Commission of the States meeting in Denver. Ms. Holmes agreed with Dr. Fields that we need to take a broader look at the waiver issues. She stated that she would like to meet with Andrea Wingo to see if it could be arranged for some of the SAC students to attend a Governmental Relations Committee meeting to give input on the agenda items being discussed.

Mr. Clark stated that he met with state business leaders last week interested in curriculum items and budget issues. Mr. Clark will continue to work on finalizing the Budget Hearings and will attend the Career and Technical Education State Leadership Forum in Atlanta. Chairman Ruiz asked that Mr. Clark share the information he receives at the CTE Forum with the Holland + Knight representatives.

Chairman Ruiz commented that he will share the information he receives this week from the Re-Enrolling Task Force Meeting with the Board members and senior staff. He will also distribute the work plan based on the Board Retreat and information from the Summit. He will make sure Holland + Knight receive the CTE information that was handed out at the board meeting today. Chairman Ruiz reminded Board members to sign up for the CPS School Tours. The Chairman also commented that Superintendent Koch, Joyce Karon and he will be meeting on September 27, 2007 with Judy Erwin and Carrie Hightman from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and they will report back to the Board members on that meeting.

Board Members' Task List

David Fields	Waivers, Demographics Study with Vinni Hall
Chris Ward	Superintendent Evaluation Draft, Retreat Follow-up, Driver Ed. Waivers
Vinni Hall	NASBE Bilingual Report, Chicago Office Visits Demographics Study with Dr. Fields, Closed Session Notes,

	<p>Early Learning Council Progress Report</p> <p>Andrea Brown Notes from the DuPage SES Provider Comments, Keep informed on Restructuring, STEM</p> <p>Brenda Holmes Drive Ed Fees and the new laws and impact, Waivers process, STEM, Student Advisory Council involvement</p> <p>Dean Clark Schedule Budget Hearings, Attending CTE Leadership Forum, and sharing CTE information with Holland + Knight</p> <p>Superintendent Koch announced that the P-20 Council Legislation passed both chambers June 29th and was sent to the Governor Blagojevich on July 27th, beginning the 60 day clock. The last day for the Governor's action on this legislation is Sept 25th.</p>
Information Items	Chairman Ruiz asked that the Board members please read the Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking, Annual Report on the Status of Agency 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.
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT	Chairman Ruiz announced that no further action other to adjourn the meeting will follow the closed session.
Closed Session	<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="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 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board; and</p> <p>Ms. Karon further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:30 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 12:20 p.m.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	Dr. Fields moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

Board Operations Committee of the Whole

Thursday, September 20, 2007
8:30 a.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor

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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 June Board Operations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
 - *b. Review New Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition (**pp. 4-6**)
 - c. Retreat Debriefing (**pp. 7-12**)
 - *d. Proposed Changes to NASBE Bylaws (**pp. 13-28**)
 - e. NASBE Annual Conference (**pp. 29-32**)
 - f. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
5. Decision Items
 - *a. Recommend Resolutions for Board Approval
 - *b. Proposed Changes to NASBE Bylaws
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
September 20, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Members Physically Present

Chris Ward, Committee Chair
David Fields
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon
Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Dean Clark
Brenda Holmes

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

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

1. ROLL CALL

Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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 by Board members through any other means for this committee meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paula Pergament from Adler Planetarium shared the 2006-07 school year report on summer activities. She also respectfully requested that the Board consider including Adler in the FY09 budget. The Adler is very grateful to ISBE for including the museum in its FY08 budget. Ms. Pergament presented the Board with a proposed Scope of Work that Adler wishes the Board to consider supporting in its FY09 Budget. Ms. Pergament noted that the Adler is asking for \$400,000 for FY09. This represents a \$200,000 decrease from their previous request from FY08, as materials and best practices are in place or already developed for ongoing and new projects. Ms. Pergament thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to them and asked the Board to let her know how the Adler can support state science education.

Mr. Clark asked Ms. Pergament to come to one of the Budget hearings with her request so that her request can be recorded in a budget hearing. She indicated she would be there. Ms. Holmes commented that she appreciates the information that members of the Adler receive and she hopes that just as the Board is going to visit the Ag High School, that we can work with Paula to visit the Adler as well. Dr. Hall indicated she is thrilled at what is going on at Adler and it is evident that it helps provide teachers with content for the classroom.

4.a. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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

The Board Operations Committee reviewed a resolution for a Will County board member to recommend for approval in plenary session on Thursday.

4.c. RETREAT DEBRIEFING

Discussion of Illinois College & Career Readiness Initiative: Superintendent Koch spoke to some progress which has been made with respect to the Achieve proposal regarding Standards Review and the draft timeline. Dr. Koch indicated that he and Susie Morrison had spoken with Achieve in follow-up to suggestions provided at the board retreat and asked them to include a comparison to standards from another large state which have been determined by Achieve to be exemplary. Achieve suggested that some states have more prominent standards in one area than

another state and, as such, it was decided that the comparison will be done by content area. Achieve will also include a comparison of state standards to College Board standards. The timetables will be revised to allow for these comparisons. .

Staff have also asked to take a look at recent reports that ACHIEVE has done for other states so we can make suggestions for the Illinois report format.

Dr. Brown indicated that she doesn't think Illinois has mastered the implementation of standards and would like to see an implementation strategy developed. She would also like to hear from ACHIEVE what they have learned about implementing a standard, how long it takes and what types of strategies work.

Dr. Hall would like to see the standards given to the parents at the beginning of each year.

Ms. Karon commented that she likes the side-by-side comparison. The graphic element helps simplify the information and helps people understand where we are headed. She added that whatever Achieve develops for us, she would like to see a document that is easily digested by the general public.

Teacher & Administrator Diversity

Superintendent Koch indicated that Steve Tozer and Jennifer Presley, who presented at the retreat also did so at the Superintendent's Conference. Overall the presentation was well received. He commented that there is some information in Steve's presentation that we can potentially use with the implementation of Targeted Interventions, once the Budget Implementation bill passes. There has also been an increase in conversations internally regarding rolling out the Principal Mentoring and Master Principal Projects.

Ms. Karon indicated that she attended the Illinois New Teacher Center meetings and they are looking at how to make the connection with Administrator Mentoring on their website and in their future projects. Dr. Ward commented that he would like to see the "Grow Your Own" organization have a component which begins getting high school students involved in associations that might get them interested in teaching as a career. Dr. Brown shared that the downstate community colleges are implementing this student awareness. Dr. Fields indicated that some schools have Future Teachers of America, but those initiatives are fragmented across the state.

Future of High Schools in Illinois

Superintendent Koch discussed the next steps following the receipt of the ACHIEVE study. The first phase may likely be completed in December. He intends to follow up at the October Board meeting with a work plan for the Longitudinal Data Systems.

With regard to recommendation #4 from this retreat presentation (comprehensive system of assessment for schools), with the passage of the budget, we were given an allocation for Growth Models. The Superintendent and his staff will attend a meeting on November 5 with the Education Roundtable to discuss Growth Models so that we can learn about them together. Dr. Koch also commented that discussions have begun with ACT to make Explore and Plan and additional support materials available statewide. Some of this appropriation was intended for that purpose.

Dr. Brown asked if the expertise of Growth Model Task Force would continue to be used in addition to the Education Roundtable. Superintendent Koch responded that they have had conversations about how to continue to keep the task force members involved.

Dr. Brown further commented on a portion of recommendation #1 (mid-term and end-of-term assessments). Our neighbors, Kentucky and Missouri have already started that in Algebra. Dr. Brown also hopes that regional superintendents can be a part of the term assessments because they are so close to the teachers that are teaching those areas.

Ms. Holmes indicated that in regards to the concept of Growth Models, and in the discussion of the Burnham Plan, there seemed to be some misunderstanding of what the federal law is and what Illinois' role is. Ms. Holmes suggested that following Dr. Koch's participation in the Education

Roundtable, perhaps there could be a brief update to key legislative education committee members to make them aware of what is possible and to keep them apprised of the progress on this initiative. Dr. Koch appreciated that suggestion.

Ms. Karon asked for clarification regarding ACT's Explore and Plan. She wanted to discuss whether or not we are considering the additional WorkKey that would be necessary for the overall evaluation. She added that the third WorkKey would tie in to the College and Work Readiness initiative. Superintendent Koch responded that the additional WorkKey wasn't anticipated with the line item we obtained, but perhaps he could come back with some cost proposals for next year's budget development process.

Dr. Brown suggested that perhaps some of the vocational systems could pilot that portion of the test to see if the results are helpful to the students.

P-20 Council

Superintendent Koch indicated that the Governor has not yet signed this legislation.

Follow-up Questions

Superintendent Koch indicated that the stakeholders are currently responding to the High School Feedback Report. He doesn't expect to see a recommendation until January.

Staff will continue to work collaboratively with ICCB, IBHE regarding College Readiness Standards.

Rene Valenciano is following up to add more practitioners on ISBE committees and advisory councils.

Ms. Holmes expressed frustration in that the work retreats lack follow-through on initiatives. Dr. Ward indicated that the Board packet memos over the last year have provided a linkage to the Strategic Plan and perhaps we could tie in another linkage in the memo to some of these other issues. The Board Operations Committee could continue to bring the focus of the agendas to those issues.

Chairman Ruiz agreed and indicated that he will send out a task list for Board members. Ms. Ladage commented that staff is getting closer to finishing the minutes of the retreat and reviewing the recordings. Perhaps those notes will be helpful to Mr. Ruiz in creating the task list and assignments.

Superintendent Koch commented that the Strategic Plan Update sent to the General Assembly included some of the Gates MOU items and staff can continue to make those linkages because they do relate.

Dr. Koch also mentioned the policy template. He confirmed receipt of Dr. Brown's suggestion on the topic of Restructuring. Discussion on the template took place at the senior staff meeting. Superintendent Koch and staff will develop a process for all employees to be able to use that template.

4.d. PROPOSED CHANGES TO NASBE BYLAWS

Dr. Ward indicated that Board members have had time to review the proposed changes to the NASBE Bylaws printed in the packet. If anyone has any concerns with what is being proposed, please share your concerns with Dr. Hall who will be representing us at the business meeting.

4.e. NASBE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Ward indicated that the annual conference agenda is printed in the packet. It appears that NASBE is pushing states to make a statement as to whether they support national standards. He asked members to share their comments. Mr. Clark commented that most state boards would stand opposed to national standards, but he also thinks that Congress will do as they please. Ms. Holmes suggested that the Illinois State Board of Education be on record as being opposed to national standards. Other members concurred, but no vote was taken.

Dr. Brown indicated that she saw a study about the number of common standards of Math in the fourth grade. She added that our work with Achieve as well as knowing what other states are doing, will help us determine what standards have some commonality.

Superintendent Koch commented that he appreciates the study being done by Achieve, because regardless of national standards, Illinois standards need to be able to stand up to national scrutiny. There will be NCLB incentives for us to demonstrate that given that it provides more common basis for state-to-state comparisons.

4.f. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Incoming Nominations

Committee Guidelines for Public Participation

Coordination of Board Priorities with Committee Agendas

5. DECISION ITEMS

Dr. Fields moved that the resolution honoring the board member from Wilmington S.D. be recommended for approval during plenary session. Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

1:45 p.m.

This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.

Board Room, 4th Floor

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 June Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
5. Student Advisory Council Introductions (Andrea Wingo, Matt Vanover, Mark Williams)
(pp. 5-6)
- *6. Proposed Changes to NASBE Public Education Positions (David Fields) (**pp. 7-11**)
7. District Consolidated Plan (**pp. 12-14**)
(School Improvement Plan, District Improvement Plan and Technology Plan)
(*Rene Valenciano, John Perkins, Gail Lieberman, Myron Mason*)
8. Illinois College and Work Readiness Partnership – Phase III: Targeted Interventions (**pp. 15-56**)
(*Chris Koch, Rene Valenciano*)
Others Attending: Jonathan Furr and Elliot Regenstein, Holland & Knight;
William Guenther, Rich O'Neill, and Julie Corbett, Mass Insight Education
9. Committee Agenda Planning
10. Adjourn

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

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

1:45 p.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Dave Fields, Chair
Andrea Brown
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon

Other Board Members Physically Present

Dean Clark
Brenda Holmes
Jesse Ruiz
Chris Ward

Committee Members Participation Via Phone Conference

None

Board Members Absent

None

ISBE Staff

Superintendent Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Rene Valenciano

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 2:30 p.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 JUNE 2007 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes from the June 2007 EPPC Meeting.
5. **STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS (Andrea Wingo, Matt Vanover, Mark Williams):** Andrea Wingo was in attendance to present the members of the 2007-08 Student Advisory Council to the Board. Ms. Wingo stated that there were 11 new members and four returning members on this year's Council. The members introduced themselves to the Committee.

Board Member Brenda Holmes suggested that the Student Advisory Council members participate more frequently in the Committee meetings.

Chairman Ruiz suggested that the Student Advisory Council members attend the January 2008 ISBE meeting, since the location of the Board meeting will be held at the school where one of the Council members attends.

6. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO NASBE PUBLIC EDUCATION POSITIONS (Dave Fields):** Dr. David Fields stated that the Committee will discuss and recommend to the full Board at the Plenary session on Thursday the position that Illinois will take in this matter.

The Committee approved Dr. Vinni Hall as the voting delegate for ISBE, to attend the NASBE Annual Business meeting on October 13, 2007.

7. **DISTRICT CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

(School Improvement Plan, District Improvement Plan and Technology Plan)

(Rene Valenciano, John Perkins, Gail Lieberman, Myron Mason): Illinois State Board of Education staff presented to the Committee the status of our initiative on the consolidation of the

School Improvement Plan, District Improvement Plan and the Technology Improvement Plan, which can be accessed through the Interactive Report Card website. The Board requested that staff return at a future meeting for an update.

- 8. ILLINOIS COLLEGE AND WORK READINESS PARTNERSHIP (Phase III: Targeted Interventions) (Chris Koch, Rene Valenciano):** Representatives from Holland and Knight and Mass Insight were in attendance to present recommendations to the Board on strategies to assist low-performing schools. The Illinois State Board of Education is preparing for the implementation of legislation, which will coincide with the third phase of the Illinois College and Work Readiness Partnership which is supported by the Governor's office and the Gates Foundation.

9. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING (for October):

- Illinois College Work Readiness
- District Consolidation Plans Update
- State Report Card Update
- Discussion of items that were mentioned at the Board Retreat in August (Chairman Ruiz)

Potential Topics for Future Discussion:

- NCLB Restructuring
- Variables from the 2007 Report Card Report
- AYP Calculations

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** Dr. Vinni Hall moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting and Chris Ward seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

September 19, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Dean Clark, Co-Chair
Brenda Holmes, Co-Chair
Andrea Brown
Chris Ward
Jesse Ruiz
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Vinni Hall

Staff Present

Chris Koch
Linda Riley Mitchell
Ronny Wickenhauser
Darren Reisberg
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Don Evans
Rene Valenciano
Connie Wise
Matt Vanover
Tim Imler
Winnie Tuthill

1. ROLL CALL

The Joint Committee meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m.

2. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS

NONE

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paula Purdue, lobbyist for the Illinois Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD), Phyllis Pickett (IAHPERD), Paul Zientarski, Physical Education Department Chairman of Naperville Center High School and Neil Duncan, Physical Education Department Chairman for Glenbard West presented before the committee about learning readiness as a result of physical education. The group spoke on the effects physical education had on student's learning.

4. Minutes of the June Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Minutes were approved.

5. Minutes of the June Governmental Relations Committee Meeting

Minutes were approved.

6. Budget Process

A. FY08 Budget Update

Linda Mitchell discussed developments in the FY08 budget process. Ms. Mitchell stated that there has been a lot of activity in the General Assembly regarding the budget, including hearings held by the House throughout the state. She spoke about the issues surrounding the stalled passage of the Budget Implementation Bill (BIMP),

including issues surrounding the calculation of General State Aid and how that might be impacted by what happens or does not happen in the October Veto Session.

B. FY09 Budget Hearings

Linda Mitchell spoke about where and how many budget hearings are setup for fiscal year 2009.

Ronny Wickenhauser asked that the budget hearings be completed by the December board meeting.

7. A-133 Statewide Single Audit

Lisa LaBonte spoke about the A-133 Statewide Single Audit which is required by the federal government. The audit is performed by the Auditor General in conjunction with the public accounting firm KPMG. They only look at major programs in the State taking into account materiality. Such programs are defined as those that exceed \$30 million plus in expenditures. Although ISBE has many programs that meet that threshold, ISBE only had three A-133 Audit findings, which was a reduction from ten findings for FY05. For any agency of our size this is quite remarkable.

8. Contract and Grants over \$1 million

A. Early Childhood Block Grant Mental Health Consultation and Training Contract

Kay Henderson asked permission for the Superintendent to approve a contract to the Erikson Institute in excess of \$1 million for the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation and Training Project.

After a suggestion from Jesse Ruiz, the Committee voted to allow approval by the Superintendent of contracts up to \$2 million rather than "in excess of \$1 million" so as to provide a ceiling. The contract will be presented at the plenary session on Thursday.

9. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items for Finance & Audit Committee

Dean Clark stated that there would be two things ongoing until January. The FY08 budget update and the FY09 budget hearings. Throughout the year, the committee will be asked to review contracts and grants over \$1 million. This is a change from past years in which these grants and contracts were reviewed by function (e.g. Teaching and Learning in Education Policy)

Vinni Hall stated that after the FY09 budget hearings she would like to hear an update about the Illinois Purchasing Network.

Linda Mitchell would like to provide to the board an update on the districts in financial difficulty at a future meeting.

10. RECESS

The Committee recessed at 11:45 for lunch and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

11. Illinois First Through Quality Agricultural Education – Strategic Plan for Illinois

A presentation was made by Mike Massi (Chair of the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education), Tannor Spittler (FFA State Reporter) and Marc Schulman, president of The Eli's Cheesecake Co. and a strong supporter of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences.

The presenters discussed the importance of having an ISBE staff person for agricultural education and the work that those individuals contribute to the field, as well as the revised strategic plan for agricultural education. In addition, comments were made as to the importance of realizing the potential for agricultural education in urban areas. The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences has become a model for urban agricultural education with high standards, educational opportunities involving both academic and career opportunities for all students and an educational delivery method focused on agricultural education.

Board members requested that individuals involved in agricultural education assist in the next budget cycle in advocating for funds for agriculture education.

Mr. Massi also stated that agricultural advocates would like to see funds to implement PA 95-0153 (HB 1922) which seeks funding for recruiting and retaining agriculture teachers.

12. Fall Waiver Report (Winnie Tuthill)

Winnie Tuthill presented the Fall 2007 Waiver Report that must be submitted to the General Assembly by October 1. Staff made recommendations for disapproval on 12 waiver requests (seven concerning driver's education fees, four regarding physical education, and one regarding the Prairie State Achievement Examination).

Superintendent Koch amended the recommendation for the Mundelein School District's waiver application for a physical education waiver in light of additional information provided after the printing of the Board packet.

The Committee decided to modify the staff recommendation for complete denial of the four PE waiver applications that did not include assessment information to recommend to the General Assembly that they limit the waiver applications to two years instead of five.

Tim Imler from the Funding and Disbursements Division provided comments in response to Board member questions concerning the impact of legislative changes in PA 95-0310, which will require a student to complete all six hours of behind-the-wheel, on-street driving (no use of simulators or range driving) and require a student to hold a driver's permit for 9 months (instead of 3) before receiving a driver's license. These changes go into effect July 1, 2008 and January 1, 2008 respectively, and will cost school district's providing driver's education.

In light of increased requirements and the \$50 fee being over 20 years old, the Board decided to make a recommendation to the General Assembly that limits the waiver applications requesting to exceed \$250 to a maximum of a \$250 fee.

The Committee amended staff recommendations concerning waiver denials and limitations to be voted on before the full Board. These include:

- A recommendation to limit all waiver application requests for driver's education fees in excess of \$250 to a maximum fee of \$250. This recommendation would include the waiver applications for Batavia Unit School District 1, McLean County Unit School District 5, Hiawatha Community Unit School District 426, Kaneland Community Unit School District 302, Sterling Community Unit School District 5, Winnebago Community Unit School District 323 and Alton Community Unit School District 11, whom all requested fee increases above \$250;
- A recommendation that the waiver request from the Hononegah Community High School District 207 concerning the school attendance schedule during the Prairie State Achievement Exam be denied; and,
- A recommendation for a limitation on the four physical education waiver requests that did not include requested physical education assessment data. The four requests are from the Oregon Community Unit School District 220, Emmons School District 3, Mundelein Elementary School District 75 and El Paso-Gridley Community Unit School District 11 to two years.

13. Legislative Update

HB 3654 - The Grow Your Own Program was flat funded at a \$3 million appropriation

SB 143 - The General Assembly increased the ADA Block Grant appropriation by \$10 million. The stated purpose of this increase is to allow recognized non-public schools partake of these funds (enacting language for this purpose is in the Budget Implementation (BIMP) bill – HB 471).

SB 446 - The Grow Your Own Program was flat funded at a \$3 million appropriation

SB 746 – The Technology Immersion Pilot Program was extended for three years by SB 746 and was flat funded at a \$5 million appropriation, though the appropriation appears this year in ISBE's budget instead of the Capitol Development Board's budget.

HR 113 - HR 113 urged funding for the Children's Mental Health Partnership, which was included in the State Board's budget with a \$3 million appropriation.

The Board requested that staff look at expanding the legislation chart to determine the fiscal impact on the agency for implementing legislation that does not include appropriation for staffing purposes.

14.NCLB Update (Melina Wright)

In late August/early September, the House education committee released a draft discussion bill regarding NCLB reauthorization. The House has remained adamant that it will release a bill to the House floor by the end of session, which is tentatively scheduled for mid-November. Multiple steps must still be taken before a bill will be ready to be released onto the floor, however. In the Senate, negotiations as to a bill's contents are still ongoing. There has been a lot of discussion on native language assessments and data systems, as well as the call from states for additional funding to implement the NCLB requirements. Superintendent Koch updated the Board on contact he has received from the U.S. Department of Education on his thoughts concerning reauthorization. The Department indicated that they intend to contact the Superintendent again in the future for further discussions.

15.Wellness Goal (PA 94-0199) (Chris Schmitt, Mark Haller, Roxanne Ramage and Shawn Rotherham from the Nutrition Division)

Federal law passed in 2004 required all schools participating in programs authorized by the National School Lunch Act have a local school wellness policy in place by the start of the 2006 school year. Then a new State law was passed (PA 94-0199) which required the establishment of a task force on wellness to submit a report to the General Assembly. The legislation required the report be done in three phases: 1) identifying barriers to wellness (report submitted January 2006); 2) recommendations for increasing wellness (report submitted January 2007); and 3) the evaluation component (to be submitted January 2008). The new state law also requires ISBE to establish a goal that all school districts have a wellness policy consistent with recommendations from the CDC. ISBE staff worked with members of the Wellness Policy Task Force, as well as other administrators and field staff to develop the goal that was presented to the Board.

Staff clarified that since approximately 95% of schools participate in the National School Lunch program and already had to have a school wellness policy in place, PA 94-0199 really just focused requirements on the approximate 5% of schools that do not participate in the federal program.

Chairwoman Brenda Holmes requested information from Chris Schmitt with regards to divisional staff capacity as a result of the new state requirements. Chris stated that they are handling the requirements, though increased duties have included increased technical assistance, revising divisional monitoring instruments and working with the Accountability Division to revise the school district compliance probe

16.Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2:22 pm with a motion to adjourn by Chris Ward and was seconded by Jesse Ruiz.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

4:00 p.m.

This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.

Board Room, 4th Floor

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the June Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
- *5. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 25 (Certification) (*Linda Jamali & Patrick Murphy*) (**pp. 5-27**)
 - b. Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program) (*Myron Mason*) (**pp. 28-35**)
 - c. Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services) (*Randy Niles*) (**pp. 36-61**)
- *6. Rules for Adoption (*Deb Vespa*) (**pp. 62-151**)
 - a. New Part 100 (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing)
 - b. Part 110 (Program Accounting Manual)
 - c. Part 125 (Student Activity Funds and Convenience Accounts)
7. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
8. Adjourn

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

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

4:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present

Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Dean Clark
David Fields
Vinni Hall
Brenda Holmes
Joyce Karon
Chris Ward

Absent

Others

Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Patrick Murphy
Linda Jamali
Sharryon Dunbar
Randy Niles
Deb Vespa
Sally Vogl

Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and noted that all members were present and none were participating by other means. He also announced that no one had signed up for public participation.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Vinni Hall moved approval of the minutes of the June 20, 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 three sets of rules being presented. He indicated that Division Administrators Linda Jamali and Patrick Murphy were available for the discussion of Part 25.

PART 25 (Certification)

In lieu of a detailed overview of the various changes included in this set of amendments, it was clarified that the rule on the master principal designation was the main substantive aspect and the other items included were chiefly technical in nature. Board members had no follow-up questions on Part 25.

PART 232 (Summer Bridges Program)

Mr. Reisberg noted that staff member Sharryon Dunbar was present to answer any questions there might be with respect to Part 232; there were none.

PART 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services)

Dr. Hall stated that she appreciated the strengthening that was occurring in this set of amendments. Andrea Brown had a question regarding whether the rule's permission for the use of paraprofessionals as tutors was new and whether it was related to the striking of a reference to the maximum number of students. Sally Vogl clarified the two related aspects that were encompassed within the amendments: the required qualifications, which are those for paraprofessionals serving in programs supported with Title I funding; and the applicability of the requirement for criminal background checks on individuals who serve as tutors. The ramifications of overseas (on-line) tutors were discussed in this connection. As to the deletion of the requirement that application state the maximum number of students a provider could serve, Ms. Vogl explained that program staff had indicated they did not need that information, in contrast to the minimum number a provider would need to serve in order for the program to be offered in a particular district.

Dr. Brown then asked about the turnaround time on providers' requests for changes in their approved applications. She was also interested in whether providers could participate in provider fairs in districts for which they were not yet approved. Ms. Vogl explained the thinking behind the annual approval cycle set forth in the proposed amendments, in terms of districts' ability to avoid delays and disruptions in their implementation of the program once outreach and sign-up were completed. After a certain point, districts must have the latitude to decide whether new providers and other changes can be accepted for a given year. Division Administrator Randy Niles indicated that he would provide additional follow-up information as to how these situations are handled.

Dr. Brown encouraged those present to read the certification policy document that the Board had recently received (the 2007 State Teacher Policy Handbook). She noted that the state-by-state comparison of policies and their advantages and disadvantages was very interesting.

6. **RULES FOR ADOPTION:** Darren Reisberg reminded the Board that all three sets of rules that were being presented for adoption had undergone initial review at the May meeting and should be treated together.

PART 100 (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing)

PART 110 (Program Accounting Manual)

PART 125 (Student Activity Funds and Convenience Accounts)

Mr. Reisberg indicated that one letter of public comment had been submitted, on behalf of the Chicago Public Schools, and that there had been another issue under consideration in cooperation with the Office of the Auditor General, as described in the Board packet material. Division Administrator Debbie Vespa was present to address any questions on any of the three Parts. Andrea Brown asked whether the new rules would require districts to make any change or buy anything new, to which Ms. Vespa replied in the negative, explaining that the structure had been kept the same and new account numbers had been made available.

Chairman Ruiz asked for a recommendation of the rules for action by the Board as a whole during the plenary session. Vinni Hall moved that the Rules Committee make that recommendation. It was noted that all the rules would be included in the consent agenda for the next day's meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Mr. Reisberg and Ms. Vogl indicated that there were likely to be amendments to Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) coming for initial review at the October meeting and that a set of amendments to Part 401 (Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code) was also under consideration with respect to retroactive reimbursement for placements. Changes to the rules for the arts and foreign language program had been prepared but would probably not be brought forward unless funding for the program appeared likely.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Joyce Karon moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Fields seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.