

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

April 16-17, 2008

**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, April 16, 2008**

- 10:30 a.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 7
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:00 p.m. Board Operations Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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- \*2:00 p.m. Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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- \*3:15 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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\* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

**Thursday, April 17, 2008**

- 8:30 a.m. Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole**  
**NOTE LOCATION:** Capital Development Board (CDB) Conference Room  
349-N Stratton Building, 401 S. Spring Street, Springfield  
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 9
- \*10:00 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 9

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**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Board Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois**  
**Thursday, April 17, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m.**

(This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.)  
(Timeframes are estimated for planning purposes.)

**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391** (*listen only*); **Confirmation #: 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 9**  
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**

10:00 – 10:10 a.m.

1. Mt. Vernon Nutrition for Weekends (NOW) Program (*p. 4*)
2. Mt. Vernon Vision for Kids Program (*p. 5*)
3. Bilingual Transition to Teaching Resolutions (*pp. 6-18*)

**C. Public Participation**

10:10 – 10:40 a.m.

**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**

consent agenda items: 10:40 – 11:05 a.m.

- \*1. Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2008 (*Plenary pp. 19-28*)
- \*2. Rules for Initial Review
  - a. Part 100 (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing) (*Rules Packet pp. 6-39*)
  - b. Part 375 (Student Records) (*Rules Packet pp. 40-47*)
- \*3. Rules for Adoption
  - a. Part 60 (The "Grow Your Own" Teacher Education Initiative) (*Rules Packet pp. 48-58*)
  - b. Part 575 (School Technology Program) (*Rules Packet pp. 59-63*)
- \*4. Contracts and Grants
  - a. Child Nutrition Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) and LAN-based Child Nutrition System Contract (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 7-9*)
  - b. Amendment to IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement Illinois Virtual High School (Technology for Success Contract) (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 10-12*)
  - c. Amendment to IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement (Technology Immersion Pilot Project) (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 13-14*)
  - d. Target Area Development Corporation Contract Renewal (Grow Your Own Illinois Contract) (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 15-16*)
  - e. Grow Your Own Grant Over \$1 m (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 17-20*)
  - f. Teach for America Grant (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 21-22*)
  - g. Legislative Grants and Initiatives (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 23-25*)
  - h. Amendment to IPA Contract for New Principal Mentoring Program (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 26-27*)
- \*5. Board Calendar of Meetings (*Board Operations Committee Packet pp. 10-13*)
  - a. 2008 Calendar Revisions
  - b. 2009 Draft Calendar of Board Meetings
- \*6. Report of School District Special Education Expenditures & Receipts (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 28-157*)
- \*7. Assessment Plan for English Language Learning Students (*will start on p. 7 of the Education Policy Packet*)

**(end of consent agenda)**

**E. New Business**

11:05 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

**F. Announcements and Reports** 11:10 – 12:00 p.m.

1. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*) (11:10 – 11:20 a.m.)
2. Superintendent's Announcements (11:20 – 11:30 a.m.)
3. Chairman's Report (11:30 – 11:40 a.m.)
4. Committee Reports (11:40 – 11:50 a.m.)
5. Member Reports (11:50 – 12:00 p.m.)

**G. Information Items**

1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (*Plenary pp. 29-32*)
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*Plenary pp. 33-50*)

**H. Adjourn**

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<p><b>New Management Staff Introductions</b></p>	<p>Agenda exercise, focusing on the next steps; regional meetings and the upcoming meeting of the Public Agenda Task Force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Curtis White, Chair of the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, addressed the Board on the economic value of higher education and the reality of higher education as an investment.</li> <li>• The Board approved the appointments of Ms. Leticia Peralta Davis and Dr. Mrinalini (Meena) Rao to the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty In Illinois Program Board. Reappointments to the Board included Dr. Elizabeth Ortiz and Dr. Michael Toney.</li> <li>• Chairwoman Carrie Hightman stated that the first public meeting of the Public Agenda-Master Planning will be March 20, 2008 in Chicago. Additional information is available on the IBHE website.</li> <li>• The next IBHE meeting will be held on June 3, 2008 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p>	<p>Mr. Mark Bishop, Deputy Director of the Healthy Schools Campaign and several members of the Illinois Association of Nurses presented the board with a petition containing over 200 nurses' signatures that support school health policies in Illinois. The petition requests the reinstatement of a State School Nurse Coordinator within the State Board of Education. The School Nurse Coordinator position was eliminated seven years ago.</p> <p>Mr. Bishop stated that providing adequate health services for children across the state needs to be a priority. School nurses, with adequate resources, can help keep children in the classroom by reducing emergency room visits and preventing unnecessary calls for parents to pick up children. This ultimately promotes better student health along with better educational outcomes.</p> <p>Ms. Linda Gibbons from National Louis University and the Illinois Association of Nurses spoke in support of a State School Nurse Coordinator. Ms. Gibbons stated that the Illinois Association of Nurses is very pleased with what the State Board of Education has done with school nurse certification. Illinois is one of the states whose preparation for school nurses is in line with the guidelines set by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Nurses Association. However, this is part of the School Code that has not been vigorously enforced. There are schools in Illinois that do not have any professional nursing services available and schools and parents are having problems accessing the care they are entitled to under federal law and the Supreme Court ruling.</p> <p>Ms. Gibbons stated that health condition data on 100 students reflects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 students out of 100 have asthma;</li> <li>• 5 students have food allergies;</li> <li>• 3-5 students have Attention Deficient Disorders;</li> <li>• 13½ students are overweight and 15½ students are of great risk of becoming overweight, which is leading to the increase of Type 2 diabetes that we see in children;</li> <li>• 24 students have vision problems;</li> <li>• 5 students have hearing problems;</li> <li>• 6 students have missed 11 days of school or more due to an illness or injury;</li> <li>• 13 students are on some type of prescribed medication which they are taking or under the influence of during the school day.</li> </ul>

	<p>She offered that when there is not a school nurse in the school, 60% more of the children who complain of not feeling well are sent home by non-nursing staff. Nurses have the professional expertise to conduct an assessment and get the student back into the classroom where they can learn. The school nurse's goal is to keep children in the classroom where they can access the education they need to become productive life-long citizens. Illinois could be at risk to lose Federal IDEA funds because of the lack of highly qualified nurses in the schools to provide services. Schools providing nursing services are able to access federal Medicaid funds for children who qualify and have Individualized Education Plans. Ms. Gibbons asked that the School Nurse Consultant position be reinstated so that school nurses would have a resource available for technical expertise, data collection, and to provide assistance to the school nurse certification programs.</p> <p>Mr. Bishop was also joined by Ms. Vickie Johnson who has been a school nurse for 30 year and is now serving as the School Nurse Consultant for the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Johnson has been the School Nurse Consultant with DHS for the last seven years, since the State Board of Education eliminated the position. Ms. Johnson stated that she will be retiring in the next few years and is concerned that her position as School Nurse Consultant will not be replaced. Ms. Johnson stated that she feels the School Nurse Consultant should be housed at the State Board of Education, because DHS's focus is now on the role of School Health Centers which requires a different expertise.</p> <p>Mr. Bishop closed and invited all Board members to attend the Green Schools Workshop &amp; Tour on April 29, 2008, at Tarkington School of Excellence (Chicago's first LEED-certified "green" school) in Chicago.</p>
<p><b>SUPERINTEDEDENT'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</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>Mr. Ruiz stated that consent agenda items D.4.g. Legislative Grants and Initiatives and D.7. Assessment Plan for English Language Learning Students, have been removed from the agenda completely and there will be no further action on them today.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch commented that there are a few changes that he would like to note from yesterday's committee meetings. There are revised motions for the IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement–Technology Immersion Pilot Project (TIPP) and the 2008-09 Board calendar dates. The draft report on School District Special Education Expenditures and Receipts will be revised to add narrative indicating that the data requested in PA 95-555 is not available, but that the report is submitted in an attempt to provide <i>very limited</i> information on this topic.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda items excluding agenda items D.4. g. Legislative Grants and Initiatives and D.7. Assessment Plan for ELL Students.</p>

Further, the consent agenda motion includes:

- The revised language of IMSA Technology Improvement Pilot Project Professional Development.
- The revised 2008-09 Board meeting dates and locations.
- The draft Report of School District Special Education Expenditures & Receipts with additional language and disclaimers as discussed in committee.

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

The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion:

**Approval of Minutes**

The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meeting of March 20, 2008 Board meeting.

**Rules for Initial Review**

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

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing) (23 Illinois Administrative Code 100), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Rules for Initial Review**

**Part 375 (Student Records)**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Student Records (23 Illinois Administrative Code 375), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Rules for Adoption**

**Part 60 ( The “Grow Your Own Teacher Initiative)**

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for The “Grow Your Own Teacher Initiative (23 Illinois Administrative Code 60). 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.

**Rules for Adoption**

**Part 575 (School Technology Program)**

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for School Technology Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 575). 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.

**Contracts and Grants over \$1 Million**

**Child Nutrition Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) and**

**LAN-based-Child Nutrition System Contract**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the Agency staff to renew the contract with Ashbaugh Associates Inc. for a two year period and a maximum contract amount of \$1,065,354, for the purpose of re-writing and supporting the CNS/ACES systems.

**Amendment to IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement  
Illinois Virtual High School (Technology for Success Contract)**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to amend the payment schedule to the intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy to administer the Illinois Virtual High School.

**Amendment to IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement  
(Technology Immersion Pilot Project Professional Development)**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the Agency to amend the additional fiscal year (FY08) Intergovernmental Agreement with IMSA for the provision of professional development funded from the Technology Immersion Pilot Project (with the maximum amount of such agreement not to exceed \$1,016,390)."

**Target Area Development Corporation Contract Renewal  
(Grow Your Own Contract)**

The State Board hereby authorizes the Agency to renew the contract with the Target Area Development Corporation for FY09 with, subject to appropriation, an increase of up to \$350,000, to administer the GYO Statewide Outreach Program.

**Grow Your Own Grant Over \$1 Million**

The State Board hereby authorizes the Agency to renew the Grow Your Own Teachers grant agreement for the FY09 for Chicago State University and Northeastern Illinois University, pending submission of their respective continuing applications, review of those applications, Agency approval in accordance with applicable rules and processes, and negotiation of an appropriate budget.

**Teach for America Grant**

The State Board hereby authorizes the Agency to renew the Teach for America grant for FY09 up to the amount of any appropriation received for such purposes in the FY09 budget.

**Amendment to IPA Contract for New Principal Mentoring Program**

The Illinois State of Education hereby authorizes Agency staff to increase the contract with the Illinois Principals' Association in the amount of \$133, 678, for a total of \$2, 033, 678 for the managing of the New Principal Mentoring Program.

**Board Calendar of Meetings**

**2008 Calendar Revisions**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the following changes to the 2008 Board calendar of meetings:

- The dates for the 2008 Board Retreat be changed to August 19-21;
- The location of the September 17-18, 2008 meeting of the State Board of Education is changed to Bloomington, Illinois.

- The October Board meeting be changed to October 21-22, 2008 and will be held in Springfield at the Illinois State Board of Education office.

**Proposed Revisions to 2008 Board Meeting Schedule**

**Proposed changes are in bold**

April 16-17	-----	Springfield
May 21-22	-----	Springfield
June 18-19	-----	Springfield
July		No Meeting
August 7	-----	Springfield (as needed)
<b>August 19-21</b> <del>20-22</del>		Board Retreat – Chicago 191 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 3700
<b>September 17-18</b>		<del>Springfield</del> – <b>change to Bloomington 2309 E. Oakland Avenue, Bloomington (State Farm Training Center)</b>
<b>October 15-16</b> <del>change to 21 - 22</del>		<del>Bloomington</del> – <b>change to Springfield</b>
November 19-20	-----	Springfield
December 17-18	-----	Springfield

**2009 Draft Calendar of Board Meetings**

The following dates and locations for a tentative 2009 Calendar of Board Meetings are approved for publication on the ISBE website.

January 21-22	-----	Springfield
February 18-19	-----	Springfield
March 18-19	-----	Springfield
April 15-16	-----	Springfield
May 20-21	-----	Springfield
June 17-18	-----	Springfield
July	-----	No Meeting
August 6	-----	Springfield (as needed)
<b>August 18-20</b> <del>19-21</del>	-----	Board Retreat – Chicago 191 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 3700
* September 16-17	-----	* location to be announced
* October 21-22	-----	* location to be announced
November 18-19	-----	Springfield
December 16-17	-----	Springfield

\* The dates and location of the September and October meetings are pending the scheduling of the 2009 Annual Superintendents' Conference.

**Report of School District Special Education Expenditures & Receipts**

The State Board hereby approves the 2008 Annual Report of Special Education Receipts and Expenditures and directs the State Superintendent to forward the report to the General Assembly and Governor by May 1, 2008.

**END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**



Language Learners.

Judy Erwin, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education provided the Board with a briefing on the School Leader Task Force Report.

Melissa Wolf, Executive Board Member of the Illinois Association for Multilingual Multicultural Education urged the Board and staff to move diligently to develop a comprehensive accountability structure that include a language arts assessment that is valid and reliable in Spanish, while being accountable to the standards allowed by federal mandates.

- Members of the Illinois School Leader Task Force updated the Committee on the Illinois School Leader Task Force Report. Task force members present were Jason Leahy, Illinois Principals Association, Dr. Diane Jackman, Eastern Illinois University Dean, Dr. Debra Curtis, Illinois State University Dean and Dr. David Prasse, Dean of Loyola University.
- The Committee received a verbal update from Superintendent Koch on Differentiated Accountability.
- The Committee was presented with a five year English Language Learner Assessment Plan.

#### **Governmental Relations Committee Meeting of the Whole**

Ms. Holmes reported that the Governmental Relations Meeting of the Whole discussed the following topics:

- The Committee met at the Capital Development Board Conference Room in the Stratton Building so that members of the Latino Caucus would have the opportunity to attend and discuss the English Language Learners Assessment update.
- Nicole Wills provided the committee with a synopsis and status update on upcoming education-related legislation.

#### **Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole**

Chairman Ruiz reported in the absence of Dean Clark that the Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole discussed the following topics:

- The Committee reviewed several contracts and grants for approval.
- Linda Mitchell and Ronny Wickenhauser presented the committee with an update on the FY 2008 budget and progress of the FY 2009 budget.

#### **Board Operations Committee of the Whole**

Dr. Ward reported that the Board Operations Committee of the Whole discussed the following topics:

- Reviewed nominations for Resolution of Recognition.
- Reviewed and revised the Board Calendar for 2008 and worked on the development of the 2009 Board Calendar.
- The Committee discussed plans for the Board Retreat.
- Reviewed the Lt. Governor Service Evaluation Survey Questions.
- The Committee discussed the agenda for the May 2008 Board

	<p>Operations Committee of the Whole.</p> <p><b>Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole</b>  Chairman Ruiz reported that the Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee reviewed the Rules for Initial Review and the Rules for Adoption.</li> </ul>
<b>Members' Reports</b>	Dr. Brown attended a mentoring workshop in Southern Illinois. The presentations at the workshop were on Response to Intervention (RtI) and the New Special Education Rules. Seventeen school districts were involved in the two-day workshop.
<b>Information Items</b>	Chairman Ruiz asked that the Board members read the Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking and the Fiscal and Administrative Monthly Reports printed in the Board meeting materials. There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.
<b>Chairman's Announcement Prior to Closed Session</b>	Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board would enter into a motion to go into closed session, reconvening only to adjourn the meeting and no additional action will be taken.
<b>Closed Session</b>	<p>Dr. Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:</p> <p><b>Section c 1</b> for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;</p> <p><b>Section c11</b> for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Hall further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Dr. Brown seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:05 p.m. The open meeting reconvened at 12:42 p.m.</p>
<b>Motion for Adjournment</b>	Dr. Ward moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Vinni Hall  
Board Secretary

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Mr. Jesse Ruiz  
Chairman

**Board Operations Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Board Room, 4th Floor**  
**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391** *(listen only)*  
**Confirmation #: 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 7**

**AGENDA** *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 1:00 – 1:10 p.m.
4. Minutes of the March Board Operations Committee Meeting **(pp. 2-4)**
5. Review Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition 1:10 – 1:15 p.m.
  - a. Thelma Grave, Pine Crest Elementary School, Georgetown-Ridge Farm CUSD #4 **(pp. 5-7)**
  - b. Bilingual Transition to Teaching Resolutions **(pp. 8-9)**
- \*6. Board Calendar *(Jean Ladage)* 1:15 – 1:20 p.m.
  - a. 2008 Calendar Revisions **(pp. 10-11)**
  - b. 2009 Calendar Development **(pp. 12-13)**
7. Board Retreat Planning *(Chris Koch)* 1:20 – 1:30 p.m. **(pp. 14)**
8. Review Lt. Governor Service Evaluation Survey Questions *(Susie Morrison)* 1:30 – 1:40 p.m. **(pp. 15-33)**
9. Board Reflection 1:40 – 1:50 p.m. **(pp. 34)**
10. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
11. Adjourn

\* 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**  
**April 16, 2007**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**Members Physically Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Dean Clark, Board Member

**Staff Present**

Jean Ladage  
Marsha Moffett  
Christopher A. Koch  
Darren Reisberg

1. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked members to introduce themselves for purposes of roll call. (See above.)
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** There was no participation by Board members through any other means for this committee meeting.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There was no request for public participation.
4. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:** Dr. Hall moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the March 2008 committee meeting be approved. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed on a unanimous voice vote.
5. **REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:** Dr. Fields moved that the nominations for Thelma Grave of Georgetown-Ridge Farm CUSD #4 and the Bilingual Transition to Teaching (BTTT) recognition be approved for consideration. The BTTT resolutions will be considered during the March plenary session and a resolution for Thelma Grave will be considered at the April plenary. Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 6.a. **2008 BOARD CALENDAR:** The following changes were recommended for consideration during the April plenary session. It was also recommended to leave the November 2008 meeting as posted, but cancel if it is determined that it is not needed. If Veto Session dates do not conflict, perhaps a one-day board meeting could be held in Chicago in November.
  - o The dates for the 2008 Board Retreat be changed to August 19-21;
  - o The location of the September 17-18, 2008 meeting of the State Board of Education be changed to Bloomington, Illinois.
  - o The October Board meeting be changed to October 21-22, 2008 and will be held in Springfield at the Illinois State Board of Education office.
- 6.b. **2009 BOARD CALENDAR:** The committee will recommend the dates and locations for a draft 2009 Board calendar be considered during this month's plenary session.
7. **BOARD RETREAT PLANNING:** Superintendent Koch and board members discussed the following issues for potential retreat agenda items:
  - o Strategic Plan, Goals, Mission and Vision: Dr. Koch provided an example of a document from the Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and recommended that a similar document be developed for the Strategic Plan this year. During the retreat the Board could revisit the Strategic Plan, the Goals, and the Mission and determine what the Board wishes to revise.

- o Graduation Policy: Dr. Koch commented that he has spent some time with Connie Wise discussing graduation policies, definition of graduation. Some states have a 5-year graduation policy. The CCSSO agenda dedicated some time for that discussion as well. Secretary Spellings is going to be coming out with direction soon on consistency among states on graduation policies.
- o School Consolidation: consolidation issues and statistics could be reviewed during the retreat, with perhaps some local districts invited as well as a legislator who has interest in this area.

Superintendent Koch indicated that he and Susie Morrison will be revisiting Standards and ACHIEVE frequently with the Board and retreat time may not be needed.

Ms. Holmes commented that two or three of these issues would be more than enough due to the need for the Board self-evaluation and the Superintendent's evaluation needing to be accomplished. The evaluations alone would at least take one-half day. Ms. Holmes also indicated that the Strategic Plan discussion would fold into the high school discussion, high school graduation policy, etc. She commented that if the Board is going to tackle a controversial topic such as school consolidation, she believes that the Board should discuss school finance as opposed to anything else. However, her personal thoughts are Strategic Plan, Self Eval, Supt. Eval and the high school discussion.

Dr. Brown suggested that for the Board Self Evaluation, that we somehow measure our policies against something – measuring states against states. Dr. Brown continued that the state is “graded” on various issues: Technology, Governance, etc. There is also Quality Counts, etc. Dr. Koch indicated that Matt Vanover has already compiled some of the information from those national reports and that information could be circulated prior to the Board's self-evaluation at the retreat.

Dr. Fields suggested that the Board attempt to determine an initiative in which the Board could be proactive and not reactionary. Chairman Ruiz agreed that taking time attempting to foresee problems before they arise, such as IMAGE, is time well spent.

Superintendent Koch responded to Chairman Ruiz's comment about forecasting and preventing the next “bombshell”. Dr. Koch indicated that there is considerable concern about restructuring of schools and that issue is significant in terms of staff capacity and the budget.

Ms. Karon suggested the topic of transitioning students from elementary to “early secondary” and then to secondary education. That weaves into the discussion that Dr. Hall recommends regarding graduation policies and Career Tech and the ability for students to scholastically cope in those transitions.

Dr. Hall commented that there are so many new and not necessarily collegiate opportunities for our students: virtual schools, Career Tech education which provides skills for students entering the work force, etc. What are we as a State Board going to do to change the policy for the way we teach?

Dr. Ward commented that Illinois is one of the only states to mandate physical education and, with the current focus on childhood obesity, that is a policy issue that is potentially life-threatening that the Board should take a look at.

Superintendent Koch indicated that he would put together a list for Board members from which they could prioritize issues for discussion at the retreat. The agenda items determined to be of highest priority by the majority of board members would be brought

back to the May Board Operations Committee meeting in order to develop the retreat agenda.

Ms. Holmes agreed with the Superintendent's suggestion that there is no reason to leave some of the policy discussion to the retreat. Some committee time can and should be spent on discussion of policy. Ms. Holmes indicated that she is almost ready for a consent agenda in committees. Dr. Brown agreed that if there is reading material in the packet, and there is a recommendation of the Superintendent, compressed planning should take place. Review the agenda items and weigh them in order to place the appropriate priority status to them for time spent in committee.

8. **REVIEW LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SURVEY:** This agenda item had been deferred to the April committee meeting. Dr. Brown commented that she sent Susie Morrison some suggestions for revision to the survey. She suggested some general identifying factors for the respondents such as their geographic location in the state, whether they are on annual financial watch list, etc. Dr. Ward also indicated that perhaps they could identify if it is the school board president, or the superintendent who is completing the survey. Ms. Morrison indicated that the committee would be meeting sometime this summer, so if other board members have suggestions, please forward them to her.
9. **BOARD REFLECTION:** Ms. Karon requested that members spend some time looking at the IBHE Public Agenda Plan prior to next month's board meeting. It serves as a forecast on education in Illinois.
10. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND AGENDA PLANNING:** Retreat topics will be finalized during the May committee meeting.
11. **ADJOURN:** Dr. Fields moved that the Board Operations Meeting of the Whole be adjourned. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The committee meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

**Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Board Room, 4th Floor**  
**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391** *(listen only)*  
**Confirmation #: 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 7**

**AGENDA** *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.
4. Minutes of the March Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting **(pp. 3-4)**
5. Illinois School Leader Task Force 10:45 – 11:25 a.m. **(pp. 5-6)**  
(invited guests: Jason Leahy, IPA; Dr. Diane Jackman, EIU Dean;  
Dr. Deborah Curtis, ISU Dean, David Prasse, Loyola Dean)
6. Update on Differentiated Accountability (verbal update) *(Chris Koch)* 11:25 – 11:40 a.m.
- \*7. ELL Assessment Plan 11:40 – 12:30 a.m. *(to be sent under separate cover – will start on p. 7)*  
*(Chris Koch, Connie Wise, Rene Valenciano, Joyce Zurkowski, Robin Lisboa)*
8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
9. Adjourn

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

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

Wednesday, April, 16, 2008  
10:30 A.M.  
Board Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois

**Committee Members Physically Present**

Andrea Brown  
Joyce Karon  
Vinni Hall  
Dr. David Fields, Chair

**Other Board Members Physically Present**

Jesse Ruiz  
Chris Ward  
Brenda Holmes

**Board Members Absent**

Dean Clark

**ISBE Staff**

Superintendent Chris Koch  
Linda Tomlinson  
Darren Reisberg  
Rene Valenciano

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 10:33

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:**  
Natalie Weiss from Illinois Network of Charter Schools was present to ask ISBE to take advantage of the guidance issued by the US Department of Education to extend the Federal Public Charter Schools Program grant to new campuses of multi-campus charter school networks.

David Barker, Chair of the IL Advisory Council for Bilingual Education gave a presentation to the Illinois State Board of Education recommending more staff members be hired for the Division of Assessments to work in collaboration with the Division of English Language Learning. Jesse Ruiz responded with the logistics regarding funding for staffing.

Judy Erwin, Executive Director of IBHE, introduced the topic of the School Leader Task Force Report by providing the Committee with a brief history of the Task Force agenda as originally an IBHE initiative in 2005-06, followed by involvement of the legislature and ISBE. Andrea Brown recognized the work between ISBE and IBHE and addressed concerns regarding the Grow Your Own program.

Melissa Wolf, member of the executive board for Illinois Association for Multilingual Multicultural Education commended ISBE staff for the proposal regarding the five-year assessment plan for English Language Learners in the state of Illinois. She urged the Board and staff to move diligently to develop a comprehensive accountability structure that include a language arts assessment that is valid and reliable in Spanish, while being accountable to the standards allowed by federal mandates.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2008 EPPC MEETING:** Ms. Karon moved to approve the minutes from the March, 2008 Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting. Dr. Vinni Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. **ILLINOIS SCHOOL LEADER TASK FORCE (Invited guests: Jason Leahy, IPA; Dr. Diane Jackman, EIU Dean; Dr. Deborah Curtis, ISU Dean; David Prasse, Loyola Dean)** Superintendent Koch spoke regarding his trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the Council for Chief State School Officers Meeting. Principal leadership was identified as being critical to improving student achievement. The institutions represented below meet the standards set fourth for institutions of higher education. He posed the question, how do those standards address raising student achievement? He introduced the panel.

All members of the panel expressed general support for the work of the task force and the recommendations.

Dr. Deborah Curtis, Dean of the College of Education at Illinois State, spoke regarding her role on the task force. Each year ISU considers their capacity for producing the number of professionals for Type 75 certification. They examine staffing, resources and determine what level of production they will engage in. She asked how we would review a program for accreditation under the new system and whether there would be an annual review by the State Teachers Certification Board and the State Board of Education as production levels are reviewed. She also asked how a year long internship program would be possible and how someone would step up for a year long unpaid position. She indicated other questions would need to be answered such as how the school district would be able to pay for that position to be filled especially in small rural districts or districts in financial need. Funding must be identified. She indicated the teacher Leader Endorsement should be viewed as a career ladder.

Dr. Diane Jackman, Dean of Eastern Illinois University agreed that she had concerns about the year-long internship. There are models, but we need to make this a beneficial program if it is implemented. We must find a way to financially support those in this program.

Jason Leahy of the Illinois Principals Association spoke regarding the next steps for the preparation and development of school leaders. We need to be deliberate and thoughtful as the unintended consequences are reviewed. Developing a continuum of educational leadership for aspiring leaders as well as master principals is critical. The Arkansas program model, after which the Illinois program is modeled, is receiving national recognition. A year long internship program will not fix the all the problems. He indicated that we need to make sure that the people in this profession can do a good for the kids.

Dr. David Prasse, Dean of Loyola University advised that his goal would be to see the headline: "State of Illinois Adopts and Implements Toughest Principal Training Standards in the Nation by 2013". He is in agreement with all recommendations the task force forwarded. He continues to support a one-year residency. It is crucial to review what we do with the time, not how much time we have. Dr. Prasse challenged ISBE and IHBE to address revenue streams and student credit hour production.

Board member Brenda Holmes expressed concern regarding the report and the tone of the report specifically relating to principal preparation. Jason Leahy provided feedback. The board members and invited guests continued discussions regarding principal preparation,

reports and resources, assessment and accountability. Chairman Fields reminded everyone that teacher leader endorsement would have a tremendous impact because many students in leadership programs have no interest in becoming principals. Providing them with an opportunity to advance as teachers would address many of the issues.

Dr. Koch recognized Dr. Steve Tozer from the University of Illinois Chicago, for his role on the task force.

**6. UPDATE ON DIFFERENTIATED ACCOUNTABILITY (VERBAL UPDATE) Chris Koch**

Dr. Koch advised the board that John Furr of Holland Knight, at his request, is working with his staff on the application for Differentiated Accountability. There was disappointment that the guidelines were not as flexible as hoped and the timeline is short. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the application deadline. There will be limited time to obtain stakeholder feedback on a plan.

**7. ELL ASSESSEMENT PLAN (Chris Koch, Connie Wise, Rene Valenciano, Joyce Zurkowski, Robin Lisboa)**

Dr. Koch remarked that, at the last board meeting, a request was made for staff to present a five-year plan, with a cost analysis, and resources for implementation of the trans-adapted ISAT for this year. Printed material regarding these issues was presented to all members.

Dr. Connie Wise commented that the document will remain a working document and will be revised and updated as progress is made.

Rene Valenciano added that discussions should continue regarding proceeding within our means and taking the time to ensure the work is well thought out and that the pace is such that it ensures success. Appreciation was expressed to the board and Dr. Koch.

Dr. Hall expressed concerns regarding the trans-adaptation. Joyce Zurkowski responded that it will take hard work and careful study to move forward. Building skills and experience is key. The general consensus was that progress should move forward only at a comfortable pace.

Dr. Koch remarked that we are pushing hard and moving forward to get this plan underway. This year requires a legislative increase for assessment cost. It will take money and resources for immediate implementation.

**8. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS (for May):**

The draft Board Agenda for May-December of 2008 was presented to all board members.

Ms. Karon advised the board members to note the findings of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) draft of Public Agenda for Higher Education Planning for Career and College Success report.

The suggestion was made that this report be placed on the agenda at a later date. It was recommended that the Achieve Standards Review be added to the May Board agenda.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Karon moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Hall seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

**Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**  
**2:00 p.m.**

(This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.)

**Board Room, 4th Floor**  
**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391** *(listen only)*  
**Confirmation #: 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 7**

**AGENDA** *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 2:00 – 2:15 p.m.
4. Minutes of the March Finance & Audit Committee Meeting **(pp. 2-4)**
5. State Board of Education Budget Update 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. **(pp. 5-6)**  
*(Linda Mitchell, Ronny Wickenhauser)*
- \*6. Contracts & Grants 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
  - a. Child Nutrition Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) and LAN-based **(pp. 7-9)**  
Child Nutrition System Contract *(Terry Chamberlain, Chris Schmitt)*
  - b. IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement Illinois Virtual High School *(Marica Cullen)* **(pp. 10-12)**  
(Technology for Success Contract)
  - c. IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement *(Marica Cullen)* **(pp. 13-14)**  
(Technology Immersion Pilot Project Professional Development)
  - d. Target Area Development Corporation Contract Renewal *(Linda Jamali)* **(pp. 15-16)**  
(Grow Your Own Illinois Contract)
  - e. Grow Your Own Grant Over \$1 m *(tentative)* *(Linda Jamali)* **(pp. 17-20)**
  - f. Teach for America Grant *(Linda Jamali)* **(pp. 21-22)**
  - g. Legislative Grants and Initiatives **(pp. 23-25)**
  - h. Amendment to IPA Contract for New Principal Mentoring Program *(Patrick Murphy)* **(pp. 26-27)**
- \*7. Report of School District Special Education Expenditures & Receipts 3:00 – 3:10 p.m. **(pp. 28-157)**  
*(Deb Vespa)*
8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
9. Adjourn

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

## FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Springfield Illinois

### Committee Members Present

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

### Staff Present

Chris Koch  
Linda Riley Mitchell  
Jean Ladage  
Darren Reisberg  
Connie Wise  
Linda Tomlinson  
Rene Valenciano  
Don Evans

Ronny Wickenhauser  
Patrick Murphy  
Deb Vespa  
Marsha Moffitt  
Linda Jamali  
Marica Cullen  
Terry Chamberlain  
Chris Schmitt

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Dean Clark was absent. Due to the absence of the Committee chair, the meeting was chaired by Jesse Ruiz.

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

None

### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **4. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Motion passed.

### **5. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET UPDATE**

Linda Mitchell stated that ISBE staff has not had a hearing with the Senate Appropriations Committee. There was one scheduled for March but it was postponed and has not been rescheduled yet. Ms. Mitchell also mentioned that since the last board meeting there have not been any more meetings with the House Appropriations Committee. ISBE staff has had some additional communications from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB).

GOMB has reiterated its concern over the state's revenues this fiscal year. At one of the House Appropriations Committee meetings, Ginger Ostro from GOMB made a presentation to the committee on the status of revenues and the anticipated shortfall in the budget. At the House Appropriations Committee Hearing, ISBE staff shared with the committee that the agency had worked with GOMB to hold some grants included in the ISBE budget to help address the budget deficit. ISBE staff is continuing to hold some payments and has had some further conversations with GOMB about that issue and the timings of payments from this agency.

Ronny Wickenhauser informed the Board that his staff should have "final preliminary" GSA estimates done this week that will be used for the rest of the budget season upon which to build the GSA budget. Mr. Wickenhauser said that the Superintendent will be sharing those estimates with the Board members and make them available for all of the legislative staffs and Governor's office.

Superintendent Koch stated that there continues to be a lot of concern about the \$750 million deficit as well as the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> GSA payment.

### **6. CONTRACTS & GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION**

- a. Child Nutrition Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) and LAN-based Child Nutrition System Contract:** The State Board authorized staff to renew the contract with Ashbaugh Associates Inc. for a two year period and a maximum contract amount of \$1,065,354, for the purpose of re-writing and supporting the CNS/ACES systems.

- b. IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement Illinois Virtual High School (Technology for Success Contract):** The Board approved an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with IMSA to change the payment schedule for FY 08. IMSA serves as the fiscal agent for the administration of the Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS). The slowing of payment processing through the Comptroller's Office would have jeopardized IMSA's ability to hire teachers to offer a summer session if the payment schedule was not amended. Only the payment schedule was amended. No change was made in the amount of the agreement.
- c. IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement (Technology Immersion Pilot Project Professional Development):** The Board authorized staff to amend the additional fiscal year (FY 08) Intergovernmental Agreement with IMSA for the provision of professional development funded from the Technology Immersion Pilot Project (with the maximum amount of such agreement not to exceed \$1,016,390).

IMSA and ISBE executed an Intergovernmental Agreement on January 9, 2008, and IMSA received an initial payment of \$366,268 in March, 2008. IMSA did not begin delivering services outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement until April 7, 2008. Further, IMSA and ISBE met on April 2, 2008, to discuss services IMSA would be able to provide for the TIPP professional development. IMSA later provided additional information indicating it would be unable to deliver professional development to schools in June 2008 and stated no additional payments would be requested beyond the initial payment of \$366,268.

- d. Target Area Development Corporation Contract Renewal (Grow Your Own Illinois Contract):** The Board authorized staff to renew the contract with the Target Area Development Corporation for FY09 with, subject to appropriation, an increase of up to \$350,000, to administer the GYO Statewide Outreach Program. The Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act (110 ILCS 48) established the "Grow Your Own" Teacher Education Initiative (GYO) to increase the diversity of teachers by race, ethnicity, and disability and prepare them for hard-to-staff positions and hard-to-staff schools in areas serving a substantial percentage of low-income students. The goal of GYO is to train and place 1,000 teachers in hard to staff schools and/or positions by 2016.
- e. Grow Your Own Grant:** The Board authorized staff to renew the Grow Your Own Teachers grant agreement for FY 09 for Chicago State University and Northeastern Illinois University, pending submission of their respective continuing applications, review and approval of those applications. Under GYO, funding is available to eligible consortia made up of four-year institutions of higher education that offer state-approved teacher education programs, targeted school districts or schools, and community organizations that seek to offer programs that enable candidates to obtain a bachelor's degree in education and an Illinois teaching certificate. Working together, these entities are to identify paraprofessionals and parents who have been leaders in schools with hard-to-staff positions, in order to select a cohort of teacher education candidates to begin teacher training. The consortia are charged with the provision of financial and other support to the cohort that will be needed to complete teacher preparation programs. New teachers are then placed in positions in the schools targeted by the consortia. The goal is for each cohort member to remain in a hard-to-staff school or position for up to five years upon which any loans incurred during teacher education training will be forgiven.
- f. Teach for America Grant:** The State Board authorized staff to renew the Teach for America grant for FY 09 up to the amount of any appropriation received for such purpose in the FY09 budget.

Teach for America has two main priorities:

To recruit, select, train, and support corps members who effect "significant gains" in the academic achievement of their students.

To foster the ongoing leadership of our alumni throughout Chicago.

**g. Legislative Grants and Initiatives:** The State Board of Education approves funding for grantees that will receive more than \$1 million. In the case of legislative grants and initiatives, and for reasons of administrative efficiency, Agency policy is that the Board will review projects when the list of new grantees exceeds \$1 million in the aggregate. The Board approved two lists of projects in fiscal year 2008. The projects brought before the Board this month were projects the Agency had been notified about since the Board's last approvals. After much discussion, it was agreed that no action would be taken on these grants and initiatives at this time.

**h. Amendment to IPA Contract for New Principal Mentoring Program:** The State Board of Education authorized staff to increase the contract with the Illinois Principals' Association in the amount of \$133,678 for a total of \$2,033,678 for the managing of the New Principal Mentoring Program. The increase is intended to include support for the Office of Principal Preparation and Development of the Chicago Public School District #299 in order to meet the legislative intent of the New Principal Mentoring Program.

## **7. REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES & RECEIPTS**

Deb Vespa presented the Report of School District Special Education Expenditures and Receipts. Public Act 095-0555 mandates the State Board of Education to issue an annual report to the General Assembly and Governor identifying each school district's special education expenditures, receipts, and net special education expenditures over receipts. The calculations seem to reflect that there were eighty-five districts for which special education revenue exceeded the expenditures incurred by the district.

This report is based upon limited data received by ISBE (the Agency) and reflects only a partial amount of the special education expenditures and receipts that could be identified on reports submitted to the Agency. The report does not reflect building costs, operation and maintenance expenditures or receipts, or depreciation. The report also reflects only special education expenditures paid through the Education Fund. It does not reflect expenditures paid through the IMRF/FICA or other restricted funds as most times those expenditures are compensated by a reciprocating tax levy.

Dr Koch requested that Deb Vespa and her staff revise the report draft to reflect the fact that not all of the potential cost elements were reflected...

## **8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items**

Jesse Ruiz stated that Contracts and Grants over \$1 million and the Budget will be on the agenda again next month.

## **9. ADJOURN**

**Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole  
Thursday, April 17, 2008  
8:30 a.m.**

**CDB Conference Room, 349 Stratton Building**

**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only)  
Confirmation #: 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 9**

**AGENDA** (timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. ELL Assessment Update (with Latino Caucus) 8:30 – 8:55 a.m. (**will start on p. 7 of the Education Policy Packet**)  
(Chris Koch, Connie Wise, Rene Valenciano, Joyce Zurkowski, Robin Lisboa)
4. Public Participation 8:55 – 9:10 a.m.
5. Minutes of the March Governmental Relations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
6. Legislative Update (Nicole Wills) 9:10 – 9:40 a.m. (**pp. 5-78**)
7. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
8. Adjourn

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

# GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Springfield, Illinois

## Committee Members Present

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

## Staff Present

Chris Koch  
Linda Mitchell  
Jean Ladage  
Nicole Wills  
Darren Reisberg  
Connie Wise  
Don Evans  
Beth Hanselman  
Rene Valenciano  
Susie Morrison  
Marsha Moffett  
Robin Lisboa  
Joyce Zurkowski  
Linda Tomlinson

## Legislative Participation

Representative Chapa LaVia  
Representative Soto  
Senator Martinez

### 1. ROLL CALL

See above.

### 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

### 3. MINUTES OF MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Board member Dave Fields made a motion to approve the March Committee minutes and the motion was seconded by Chairman Ruiz. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

### 4. ELL ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Superintendent Koch updated the committee and invited guests from the Latino Caucus on the status of future assessments for the ELL population. The Committee was also given information concerning the estimated costs to develop and administer the transadapted ISAT Math and Science test for the 2008-09 school year.

During the March Board meeting, the Board asked staff to develop a 5-year assessment plan. Superintendent Koch passed out handouts containing the cost analysis and resource expectations for these plans. An additional \$2 million has been requested for the budget this year in the assessment line item. An additional increase in assessment will be needed in this line item next year for the proposed changes. Superintendent Koch also informed Committee members and guests of steps the State Board was taking this year to inform parents and community members on how the changes to testing for ELL students may impact comparisons in test results. These steps include letters to parents on assessment results, communication with media outlets and notification of the changes in the assessment on the School Report Card.

### 5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SJR 90 – This resolution will contain any waivers from the Spring Waiver Report that the General Assembly wishes to disapprove or limit. Both education committees have met and

discussed the Spring Waiver Report, but at this time there is no language in the resolution. Both committees heard testimony from driver's education personnel from several school district's on the waiver applications for driving simulators. The General Assembly must act to disapprove or limit the waivers by May 5<sup>th</sup> or they are granted as requested in the waiver application.

HB 4266 – This legislation requires the State to reimburse school districts for lost interest due to the late passage of the budget implementation bill. An amendment has been drafted to make the language subject to appropriation and to develop a formula for determining interest based on the number of payments and an interest rate based on the Illinois funds.

HB 4387 – The bill requires school districts to buy only American-made cars. There have been inquiries from interested parties on whether or not a school district could apply for a waiver from these provisions if this bill becomes law.

HB 4822 – This legislation makes changes with respect to transitional services for special education students. The bill will be amended to make additional changes, but Special Education staff are okay with those additional changes.

HB 4913 – This legislation was discussed during the March Governmental Relations Committee meeting and has since been amended. The bill now requires that charter schools not meeting the terms of the Charter School Law be notified in writing where it is failing to meet requirements and then will have 90 days to submit a plan on how it will begin complying with the law. If changes are not made the charter must be revoked.

HB 5717 – The legislation amends provisions concerning health examinations that were changed by PA 95-0422 and grandfathers in students that will be in the sixth grade in the 2008-2009 school year. The Department of Public Health is working on rules to address the issue, but those rules have not yet been introduced in the Illinois Register.

HB 5960 – This initiative is sponsored by Representative Cross and creates the Diabetes Management Care Act. Although staff was okay with the introduced bill, the amendment is problematic.

SB 2402 – This bill would expand the number of charter schools by 40 for a total of 100 and removes the boundary line restrictions for the current 60 charters. An additional amendment has also been filed that restricts the 40 new charter schools from having campuses.

HR 1008 – This resolution would require ISBE to do a study on the ways to increase the amounts of school nurses.

HJR 99 – This resolution urges the State Board to rename the Illinois Teacher of the Year Award the Willard Carl Widerberg Illinois Teacher of the Year Award.

ISBE Legislation – All ISBE initiated legislation has passed over to the House or is on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading in the Senate and is expected to be acted upon before the General Assembly adjourns for the week break.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Dave Fields moved to adjourn the committee and the motion was second by Dr. Ward. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**May 21-22, 2008**

**TO:** Governmental Relations Committee

**FROM:** Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education 

*Agenda Topic:* Legislative Update

*Materials:* Abbreviated List of Legislation  
Synopsis of Legislation

*Staff Contact(s):* Nicole Wills, Liaison, Governmental Relations 

**Purpose of Agenda Item**

To provide the Committee with a synopsis and status update of education-related legislation that ISBE is tracking.

Legislation the agency is tracking as been broken down into three categories for review:

1. Abbreviated List of Legislation: This list includes all priority legislation ISBE is tracking that is considered active. This list is abbreviated and contains only a short title, bill number, sponsor and status.
2. Synopsis of Legislation for 2008: This list represents all the bills ISBE is tracking, with a full synopsis of the introduced bill and any amendments.

The Senate deadline for House bills to move out of committee is Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The House has extended the Final Action deadline until May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which means that it is more difficult to narrow the list of potential legislation.

**Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item**

This information is for discussion purposes.

**Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**  
**3:15 p.m.**

(This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.)

**Board Room, 4th Floor**  
**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391** *(listen only)*  
**Confirmation #: 2 1 3 0 4 4 0 7**

**AGENDA** *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.
4. Minutes of the March Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting **(pp. 2-5)**
- \*5. Rules for Initial Review
  - a. Part 100 (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing) **(pp. 6-39)**  
*(Deb Vespa)* 3:15 – 3:25 p.m.
  - b. Part 375 (Student Records) *(Chris Koch, Susie Morrison, Darren Reisberg)* **(pp. 40-47)**  
3:25-3:40 p.m.
- \*6. Rules for Adoption
  - a. Part 60 (The “Grow Your Own” Teacher Education Initiative) *(Jamali)* **(pp. 48-58)**  
3:40-3:45 p.m.
  - b. Part 575 (School Technology Program) *(Hopper)* 3:45 – 3:50 p.m. **(pp. 59-63)**
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, April, 2008

3:15 p.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  
Chris Ward

### Absent

Dean Clark

### Others

Chris Koch  
Darren Reisberg  
Deb Vespa  
Linda Jamali  
Marica Cullen  
Sally Vogl

**Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Dean Clark was unable to attend and no members were participating by other means.**

### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one had signed up for public participation.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vinni Hall moved approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2008, meeting and David Fields seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously and the minutes were approved as presented.

### **5. RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW**

Chairman Ruiz turned the meeting over to General Counsel Darren Reisberg for a discussion of the rules on the agenda. Mr. Reisberg indicated that two rulemakings were being presented for initial review.

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

Division Administrator Deb Vespa was present to answer any questions the Board members might have. Mr. Reisberg pointed out that the amendments represented technical updating based on a new tax that would serve as a revenue source for school districts. Brenda Holmes complimented Ms. Vespa on her work, and all the Board members concurred. There were no questions regarding the rulemaking.

#### **PART 375 (Student Records)**

Mr. Reisberg explained that this set of amendments was related to a discussion held at the previous month's Board meeting regarding creation of a system of longitudinal data on students. He pointed to the need to include students' identification numbers from the Student Information System (SIS) on their transcripts in order to permit linking their secondary and postsecondary

educational experiences. He also acknowledged the need to call this addition to districts' attention frequently over the coming months.

Joyce Karon mentioned a discussion that had occurred at a meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education regarding the ramifications of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and expressed her appreciation for staff's ability to disentangle the complicated issues involved. Mr. Reisberg reminded the Board that, under FERPA, a primary exception to the general ban on disclosing students' personal information is for schools that a student intends to or will enroll in. He also noted that the U.S. Department of Education had recently issued proposed regulations under FERPA and that those were available for public comment. These were expected to expand further the ability of state education agencies to use student data for purposes of research, given federal requirements for this kind of reporting. It was also reported that the Chicago Public Schools had made significant progress in recording all their students in the Student Information System.

Andrea Brown wished to understand how individual program reports would begin to correlate to the maintenance of student-specific data within the SIS. Connie Wise was asked to comment, and she noted that at this point there is limited program-specific information in the system but expanding the availability of that information could be considered for the future. Superintendent Koch noted the desirability of being able to use SIS data to track the effectiveness of the particular programs in which students participate, and various possibilities were discussed.

## **6. RULES FOR ADOPTION**

Two sets of amendments were being presented for adoption. Mr. Reisberg indicated that Division Administrators Linda Jamali and Marica Cullen were present to answer any questions on these. Both these items had undergone initial review at the January meeting, and no public comment had been received on either set, so no changes were being recommended in the proposed versions.

### **PART 60 (The "Grow Your Own" Teacher Education Initiative)**

With respect to the hard-to-staff schools in which teaching service would lead to loan forgiveness, Vinni Hall enquired whether a list would be posted. David Fields asked about the criteria for identifying a school as hard to staff, and reference was made to the definition found in the law and the rules, which relies on ranking districts according to their rates of attrition among staff. There were no other questions.

### **PART 575 (School Technology Program)**

No discussion was needed of this amendment, as Board members had no questions related to it.

## **7. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Darren Reisberg reminded the Board that the amendments to the rules for driver education would be ready for adoption at the May meeting and that the set of amendments to Part 1 that covered multiple subjects, including library media services, might also be ready for adoption at that time. He noted the widely varying perspectives that had been expressed on that portion of the rules indicated that considerable work had gone into developing a draft that would satisfy most of the concerns raised. Andrea Brown requested advance copies of those rules for the Board members prior to completion of the Board packet. Joyce Karon noted that National Louis University was in the process of starting a certification program for library information specialists, and Chairman acknowledged National Library Week.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT:** Vinni Hall moved for adjournment. Brenda Holmes seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.