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June 15-16, 2011

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JUNE 15, 2011

2:00 p.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor

***3:15 p.m. Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor

***4:25 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor

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JUNE 16, 2011

8:15 a.m. Swearing in of Chairman Gery J. Chico
Board Room, 4th Floor

***8:15 a.m. Board Operations Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor

***8:45 a.m. Closed Session**

***9:30 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**
Board Room, 4th Floor

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**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLENARY SESSION
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois
Board Room, 4th Floor
June 16, 2011
9:30 a.m.**

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

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I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

(Times are for planning purposes only)

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

II. Public Participation (up to 30 minutes)

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

III. Resolutions & Recognition

10:00 – 10:25 a.m.

- A. Student Advisory Council Presentation
B. Certificates of Appreciation to Outgoing Seniors of the Student Advisory Council

IV. 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: 10:25 – 10:35 a.m.

A. *Approval of Minutes:

1. May 26 2011 Plenary Minutes (*Plenary Packet pp. 4-13*)
2. Minutes of the May Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole (*Plenary Packet pp. 14-17*)

B. *Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million

1. Facilitating the Coordination of Agricultural Education (FCAE) Grant Agreement (*FAC pp. 5-8*)
2. Intergovernmental Agreement with NIU for Evaluation of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 9-18*)
3. Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) for Longitudinal Data System (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 19-21*)
4. Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 22-24*)
5. RFSP for Monitoring of Early Childhood Block Grant Programs for Program Improvement and Compliance-Preschool for All Children Ages 3-5 Years Old (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 25-27*)
6. Harrisburg Project – Contract Extension (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 28-29*)
7. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant Extension (*FAC Packet pp. 30-33*)
8. Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) Grant Extension (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 34-36*)
9. Early CHOICES Project – School Association for Special Education in DuPage County Grant Extension Request (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 37-39*)
10. Child Find Grant Extension to ROE 20 (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 40-41*)

C. *Approve NASBE Dues for 2012 (*Board Operations Packet pp. 12-15*)

D. *Accept FY 2012/FY 2013 Internal Audit Plan (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 42-44*)

E. *FY 2011 Budget (*Finance & Audit Packet pp. 45-46*)

End of Consent Agenda

- F. Approval of Draft Annual Strategic Plan Progress Report (***Education Policy pp. 4-40***) 10:35 – 10:40 a.m.
- G. Tomorrow’s Builders Charter School Appeal (***as needed***) (***under separate cover***)
- H. Cahokia S.D. 187 (***as needed***) (***under separate cover***)

V. New Business 10:40 – 10:45 a.m.

VI. Announcements and Reports 10:45 – 11:25 a.m.

- A. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*) 10:45 – 10:55 a.m.
- B. P-20 Council Liaison Report (*no report*)
- C. Superintendent’s/Senior Staff Announcements 10:55 – 11:05 a.m.
- D. Chairman’s Report 11:05 – 11:15 a.m.
- E. Member Reports 11:15 – 11:25 a.m.

VII. Information Items

- A. Annual Report of Agency Rulemaking (***Plenary Packet pp. 18-22***)
- B. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm*)

VIII. Adjourn

APPROVED

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
June 16, 2011
100 N. First Street
Springfield, IL**

ROLL CALL

Chairman Gery Chico called the meeting to order 9:50 a.m. Mr. Chico asked Jean Ladage to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was in attendance.

Members Present

Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman
Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary
Mr. James Bauamnn
Dr. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Mr. Steven Gilford
Ms.Lanita Koster

Members Absent

Ms. Melinda LaBarre

**STUDENT
ADVISORY
COUNCIL
PRESENTATION**

The Student Advisory Council (SAC) to the Illinois State Board of Education presented their final report entitled "The Exploration of the Physical Education Mandate" to the Board. SAC member Maryann Thompson from Barrington High School stated that the Council's mission was to learn the effect of mandatory physical education on high school students and its implications on school district budgets.

Maisie Mahoney, fellow SAC member from Oregon High School, stated that in order to complete the necessary research the students divided into five groups:

- Mandate - Understanding the P.E. mandate.
- Obesity - Combating obesity as one of the purposes to see if it is working and having the effect it is intended to have.
- Education - To see if gym time has an effect on academics in the classroom.
- Budget - Possible effects that changing the mandate could have on the budget and the current effect that it is having.
- Community Guide - Organization that is raising awareness for a more active P.E. Program and is paving the way for change.

The Student Advisory Council Power Point presentation can be found on the Illinois State Board of Education Website:

http://www.isbe.state.il.us/SAC/ppt/2011_board_presentation.pdf

Conclusions

The students found that the current Physical Education mandate is lacking and suggested that the mandate be reformed to include more specific requirements for physical fitness while encouraging those districts or schools that are eligible for waivers to obtain them and to alleviate the financial pressure on high schools to maintain a mandatory four-year P.E. program.

Ms. Thompson indicated that there is a wide variance of Physical Education offerings across the state due to available resources.

Chairman Chico asked the students what they would like to see in P.E. classes. Ms. Thompson responded that the program at Naperville Central High School is a

good model program. The program ensures that a student reaches a specific target heart rate by doing cardio activity before starting a class in which they struggle. Myles Gearon from Walter Payton College Preparatory High School strongly recommended that everyone view the video "A Physical Education in Naperville." <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/need-to-know/video/a-physical-education-in-naperville-ill/7134/>

Dr. Hall indicated that she is a member of the Illinois Enhanced P.E. Taskforce along with two SAC students and Dr. Koch and the group will be submitting recommendations within the next few months. Dr. Hall added that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has created a Community Guide that scientifically lists various practices (<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/index.html>).

Chairman Chico thanked the Student Advisory Council for an excellent presentation and asked them to introduce themselves and share their plans for the future.

Darren Reisberg acknowledged the contributions of Student Advisory Council members Myles Gearon and Conor Reilley around the State School Report Card. To allow for deliberative discussions on changes to the Report Card, a subcommittee of the P-20 Council is being led by Max McGee and Robin Steans. In order to get as much public input as possible, Mr. McGee and Ms. Steans chose to have the voice of students on the committee so Myles and Conor have been participating. The subcommittee has been meeting over a number of months to discuss improvements and will bring recommendations to the General Assembly during veto session.

Mr. Reisberg thanked Myles and Conor not only for their work on the Student Advisory Council but for accepting the extra responsibility and engaging in substantive policy discussions. Mr. Reisberg commented that in the future the Board and agency should think about ways to include more students in policy discussions.

RESOLUTION & RECOGNITION

Recognition of Student Advisory Council Members

Chairman Chico presented the following graduating seniors with Certificates of Appreciation: Marianne Thompson, Michael Rice, Peyton Bernot and Catherine Hixson. Seniors who were absent but will receive certificates include: Brittany Kendrick, Julie Sauls, Daniel Lopez, Abigail Horan, Kelsea Battefeld and Alexander Hinch.

Superintendent Koch thanked the Student Advisory Council Advisors, ISBE staff Mike Hatfill, Sarah McCusker and Carol Brooks.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Chico welcomed the following representatives from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS): **Janet Ulrich** from ROE #2, Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Union Counties; **Jane Quinlan** from ROE #9, Champaign, Ford Counties; and **Paul McMahan**, Assistant Superintendent of Lee, Ogle Counties.

Jane Quinlan welcomed Chairman Chico and commented that the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) and the Intermediate Service Centers look forward to working with him in his new role.

Paul McMahan thanked the State Board for past support shown to IARSS and

welcomed Mr. Chico to the Board.

Mr. Lonnie Johns spoke on the history of the Corey H. case and asked that the State Board of Education broker discussions so Illinois can train teachers in the generic seven-categories and intensively train special education teachers to teach a child with autism or learning disabilities. Mr. Johns closed by welcoming Chairman Chico to his new position.

Ms. Cynthia Woods, Director of Advocacy for the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), welcomed Chairman Chico and indicated that the IASB looks forward to the opportunity to work with him, and they happy to assist in any capacity.

Mr. Rob Sherman of Rob Sherman Advocacy and his daughter **Dawn Sherman** addressed the Board on the enforcement of the Moment of Silence Law. He commented that he has been contacted by a number of school administrators who stated that they do not participate in the Moment of Silence, but they do not want to be identified because they are concerned that the State Board will sanction them or penalize them. Mr. Sherman understands that certain legislators argued the intent was to calm students prior to instructional time, but in fact it is having the opposite effect in his daughter's school. Dawn indicated that students in her school talk right through this time period. Mr. Sherman asked that the Board adopt a no-penalty policy to eliminate the waste of instructional time.

Dr. J. Kamala Buckner from Thornton Township School District #205, Thornridge and Thornwood High Schools, has served for 38 years in the district, but due to changes on the school board, Dr. Buckner is currently on administrative leave. Dr. Buckner is a graduate of Thornton High, an active member of the community, and has served as teacher, administrator and superintendent.

Dr. Buckner stated that there are 5,300 students in the district from thirteen communities with nine K-8 feeder schools representing 46,000 households. She indicated that 42% of District 205's high school students come in with reading and math levels below the fifth grade.

Dr. Buckner said the previous board's proposal for the School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds included converting one of their centers into a Freshman Academy. Teachers agreed to complete radical professional development, with the promise of intense district support. With the \$18 million in funding, the district proposed to dedicate almost \$900,000 dollars to work with the K-8 feeder schools and agreed to establish a health clinic with clinical social workers; they wanted to help the entire community.

Unfortunately, after the administration followed proper procedures to bring the plan to action and received approval along the way, suddenly about 500 community members decided that they did not want to see change; hence a new local board with a desire to return the funding

Dr. Koch commented that he has known Dr. Buckner and her leadership for a long time and, clearly, the State felt the plan was good because the grant was awarded. Dr. Koch asked what the new board was planning on doing instead of a freshman academy. Dr. Buckner responded that for the past four years, each building has housed a freshman academy, but they have been unable to offer the desired number of AP courses due to enrollment/class desires. The current board wishes to enhance and enrich the current individual freshman academies. The reason the

SIG proposal recommended converting to a Freshman Center was to allow additional AP classes to be offered more efficiently and to serve students with the greatest needs in a more comprehensive manner. Dr. Buckner closed by asking the State Board take a deep and hard look systemically at the management of the school board and the fact that half of the best and brightest administrators are leaving Thornton School District because of the happenings since May 20, 2011.

Regional Superintendent Janet Ulrich asked the State Board to give serious consideration to Dr. Buckner's comments. Ms. Ulrich stated that she also has a school which received a SIG grant and they were making great measures until a change of the board caused a turn of decisions. Now the board is reconsidering some of the school improvement changes. The Superintendent in this district is now struggling with the same issues as Dr. Buckner. Ms. Ulrich pointed out that in two years a board's majority could cause districts to be unable to stay on path for sustained school improvement.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Chairman Chico announced that agenda item IV.B.4 (Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University) has been removed from the consent agenda and that no vote will be taken at this time.

Motion:

Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda with the exception of IV.B.4 (Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University). 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 June 15, 2011 Board Meeting.

Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million

**Facilitating the Coordination of
Agricultural Education (FCAE) Grant Agreement**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement with the successful bidder for the provision of the FCAE grant in an amount not to exceed \$9,131,200 over the term of the five year grant.

**Intergovernmental Agreement with NIU for Evaluation
of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants**

The Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to increase the intergovernmental agreement with Northern Illinois University, \$100,000 and extend it to December 31, 2011. The contract will not exceed \$ 1,014,785. Northern Illinois University will continue the evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University Student
Assistance Commission (ISAC) for Longitudinal Data System**

The State Board hereby authorizes State Superintendent to enter into a multi-year intergovernmental agreement with Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) in the amount of \$1,598,714 in total, through June 30, 2013.

**RFSP for Monitoring of Early Childhood Block Grant Programs
for Program Improvement and Compliance:
Preschool for All Children Ages 3-5 Years Old**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement in FY2012 with National Louis University, McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership: the successful bidder under the RFSP. The contract's initial term will not exceed \$853,796, with five optional one-year renewals, with a cumulative amount not to exceed \$5,183,470.

Harrisburg Project

The State Board hereby authorizes the extension of the contract with Regional Office of Education #20/Harrisburg Project contract through October 31, 2011 with an increase of \$248,575. The contract's maximum amount will not exceed \$3,879,748.

Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant Extension

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement extension with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County for four (4) months in FY 2012 for the provision of the ISTAC Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,055,000.

Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) Grant Extension

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement extension with the Center on Deafness for four (4) months in FY 2012 for the provision of the ISRC Project in an amount not to exceed \$169,000.

**Early CHOICES Project – School Association for Special Education
in DuPage County Grant Extension Request**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement extension with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County for four (4) months in FY 2012 for the provision of the Early CHOICES Project in an amount not to exceed \$103,000.

Child Find Grant Extension to ROE 20

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement extension with the Edwards/Gallatin/Hardin/Pope/Saline/Wabash/Wayne/White Regional Office of Education (ROE) #20 for six (6) months in FY 2012 for the provision of the Child Find Project in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.

Approval of the NASBE Dues for 2012

The State Board of Education authorizes renewal of NASBE membership for 2012, including the middle-range professional development account for use by Illinois members.

Accept FY 2012/FY 2013 Internal Audit Plan

The State Board of Education hereby accepts the FY 2012/FY 2013 Audit Plan.

FY 2011 Budget

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to move up to four percent of the FY 2011 administrative allocation, or \$997,000 among line items.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

**Approval Of Draft
Annual Strategic**

Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the Draft 2011 Strategic Plan Progress Report as presented during the Education Policy

Plan Progress Report	Planning Committee meeting. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice call vote.
Tomorrow's Builders Charter School Appeal	<i>No action at this time.</i>
Cahokia S.D. #187	Dr. Brown moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the addendum submitted by the Cahokia Community Unit School District 187 School Board ("Board") to the June 19, 2008 approved Financial Plan. The State Board further acknowledges that the district has represented it will not approve any issuance of alternate revenue or funding bonds until the State Board has received and approved a further revised Financial Plan. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.
NEW BUSINESS	Dr. Hall welcomed Chairman Gery Chico on behalf of all the Board members.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Chairman Chico stated that Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) was not present today but he has submitted his report from the IBHE meeting held on June 7, 2011 at St. Augustine College in Chicago.
IBHE Liaison Report	<p>Dr. Nandi opened his written report by greeting and welcoming Chairman Chico. He noted that ISBE and IBHE missions are interlinked. ISBE's finished product constitutes the raw material for the IBHE. He noted that IBHE is pleased with the relationship the members of the two boards enjoy, agency leadership and staff. He acknowledged his counterpart, Dr. Vinni Hall, who represents ISBE at the Higher Education Board Meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Nandi then shared the highlights of the June Meeting:</p> <p>Ms. April Hansen of ACT discussed the High School to College Success Report which will provide school principals, district superintendents, college and university leaders, and the public the academic performances of students during their freshman year at college. The data will show in aggregate how students from a particular public high school performed in grade point average at a particular college or university. It will also show patterns of college success through the lens of how well the high school curriculums prepared students for college.</p> <p>On behalf of IBHE, Dr. Nandi recognized the strong partnership with ISBE and ICCB on this long awaited tool for supporting college readiness for our high school graduates. He noted that the report will be formally launched at a summit on using data for student success June 24th in Springfield as the Crowne Plaza Hotel.</p> <p>The next IBHE Meeting will be held on August 16, 2011 at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Chicago.</p>
P-20 Council Liaison Report	<i>There is no P-20 Council report at this time.</i> The next Illinois P-20 Council meeting will be held on July 27, 2011.
Superintendent's Announcements	Superintendent Koch announced that Dr. Connie Wise, Assistant Superintendent of Standards and Assessments, will be retiring from the agency at the end of June. Having nearly 40 years of service with the agency, Connie began her career with the agency in 1971 and has served in several leadership positions throughout the agency, always demonstrating true professionalism. Connie joined the senior staff four years ago and Dr. Koch stated he has appreciated her support and friendship.

Connie has helped move our statewide reform agenda forward with the longitudinal data system and our assessment work. Dr. Koch thanked Connie for her 40 years of service to education, our agency and the State of Illinois.

Dr. Wise commented that the time she has spent at ISBE has been a great learning experience; she has met some wonderful people, been engaged in some great activities and has seen education move forward and back many times. She wished everyone the best of luck with the challenges they will face and she will keep in touch.

Dr. Koch stated that he had been contacted by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan who informed him that he had issued an op-ed piece around the waiver authorization process. The federal government is looking closely at the timeframe of ESEA Reauthorization, the likelihood of reform, and the contingency if no action is taken. Given the fact that the states have led on Common Core Standards, we can also lead on the issue of flexibility, if in fact Reauthorization does not occur. A state-led approach makes sense as we have the Common Core to ground us. Dr. Koch informed the Board that in his role as President of the Council for Chief State School Officers he would be co-signing an editorial with Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Bennett, on the topic of Reauthorization and the waiver process.

Mr. Reisberg publicly thanked Don Evans and the Human Resources staff for their role in assisting the Legal Department in acquiring two interns this summer through the Education Pioneers Fellowship Program. The program supports students that are in law, business and graduate schools and places them in government work environments. The program is funded by outside funders such as Advance Illinois and the agency is appreciative of their support and of their recognition of our personnel needs. It is important for us to be looking creatively to find human capital support.

Mr. Reisberg reported that on behalf of Superintendent Koch he visited Ontario, Canada and had the opportunity to learn about the incredible progress the Province of Ontario has made in the last seven years under Premier Magenta. Like Illinois, they have 2.3 million students; they have 72 districts as opposed to our 869; they have 1,800 employees in their Ministry of Education compared to our 475 and they have a \$23 billion dollar budget compared to our \$10 billion dollar budget. It was very helpful to learn of their strategies but was somewhat frustrating to think about our structural deficiencies. Mr. Reisberg said he enjoyed the opportunity to experience Canada's educational system and he has already shared information with our stakeholders here in Illinois who have an interest in learning what is happening across the border to the north.

Ms. Morrison indicated that the agency will be taking on a Broad Scholar, who will be taking on a primary leadership role and helping with the coordination of the Learning Performance Management System. He will be located in our Chicago Office but will be spending time in Springfield. Ms. Morrison noted that we have a two-year commitment with this bright young man coming to us from the business world, and that we are looking forward to his leadership and new perspective. His salary will be partially funded by the Broad Foundation.

Ms. Morrison also updated the Board on Strategic Reform. Round two of the Schools Improvement Grants (SIG) has been completed and recommendations have been forwarded to Superintendent Koch's desk for the funding of twelve additional schools through the SIG program.

In the area of Common Core Standards, Ms. Morrison thanked and acknowledged the partnership of the Regional Offices of Education and the Intermediate Service Centers. Support is being provided to schools systemically. A math initiative is underway to review professional development; a rollout for a math K-12 meeting at the Illinois Principals Association where a group of teachers will work on a Standards-aligned Report Card. Teacher teams in math and English Language Arts continue to advise us of their needs, how we can best clarify things, etc. Working with the Illinois PTA we have launched a series of online brochures in both English and Spanish.

Ms. Morrison added that in partnership with the Regional Offices of Education (ROE), summer institutes are being conducted with the first one being held last week and six more will be held through the middle of July. The institutes will likely draw 1,500 to 2,000 educators creating awareness and rolling out an online planning tool for implementation of the Common Core Standards, which will be supported by ROE staff.

As Ms. Morrison travels around the state she is very hopeful and excited by the comments from educators; they are embracing the Standards in math and English and are excited about moving toward implementation. She complimented the Board for adopting the Common Core Standards and feels it is a great time to be in education.

Chairman's Announcements

Chairman Chico indicated it is an honor to be working with the ISBE staff and is pleased to meet everyone. He noted that soon after Governor Quinn asked him to serve as Chairman, Senate Bill 7 came to birth. Several days ago he attended the signing of SB 7 in Maywood along with Superintendent Koch and Darren Reisberg and was pleasantly surprised to see the unanimity on a major piece of education legislation.

Chairman Chico said he has been reviewing the agency's information regarding SB 7 and has become aware its importance. The economy around the world has almost collapsed and it is crucial that we be able to compete in this newly developing global situation. We have an opportunity to make Illinois a leader in the Standards, but there is still much work to accomplish. If done effectively, the Board can change generations of kids in the State of Illinois, which will in turn change generations of Americans. Mr. Chico indicated he is optimistic about what we can achieve and he looks forward to working with a dedicated group of people.

Member Reports

Ms. Koster reported that she, too, attended the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 7 in Maywood, and also attended a NASBE Policy Committee Meeting in Arlington, Virginia.

Dr. Fields reported that on June 7, 2011, he represented the Board on the committee to select the NASBE Distinguished Service Award recipient for this year. This Award provides an annual opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions to education that are made by state board of education members from across the country. It highlights the ongoing dedication of men and women who serve selflessly in the education of our nation's youth. Illinois' former Chairman, Jesse Ruiz, will be recognized this year with NASBE's Distinguished Service Award at their national conference in Atlanta in October. Nancy Perkins from Maine will also be receiving an award at the conference.

Mr. Baumann commented that he did not know Dr. Buckner but he was taken by her genuineness when she spoke about her students and he was pleased to hear her commitment.

Dr. Brown attended a meeting of the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and was pleased they have named their building the Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center. The ICCB is forming a committee to review their board's agendas. Within the next few years they will be implementing performance measures coming from the Board of Higher Education. They discussed the high school feedback report and will be conducting a summit on June 24, 2011. Also discussed were new programs receiving approvals at various community colleges.

Dr. Hall attended the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting where administrators from the private community colleges were in attendance. She also attended a ceremony recognizing Namaste Charter School as a U.S. Healthier School. There are now 59 schools recognized as Healthier Schools, up from only two recognized last year. On June 15, 2011, she attended the Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Awards Luncheon at McCormick Place where Student Advisory Council Member Abigail Horan from Arlington Heights received a scholarship to Vanderbilt University. The Blackhawks also gave out a \$4000scholarship. On June 17 she will be judging the Illinois Department of Transportation Poster Contest. Dr. Hall also attended the SB 7 bill signing.

Chairman Chico announced that following the Board meeting today members will be attending the Exemplary Teachers Recognition Lunch at the Governor's Executive Mansion.

**MOTION FOR
ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Gery J. Chico
Chairman

Illinois State Board of Education

Swearing in of Chairman Gery J. Chico
June 16, 2011
8:15 a.m.

Board Operations Committee of the Whole
June 16, 2011
8:15 a.m.

(This meeting will begin immediately following the swearing-in ceremony.)

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AGENDA (timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation
- IV. Minutes of the May Board Operations Committee of the Whole (p. 2)
- V.*Review Nominations for Recognition (p. 3)
- VI. Board Evaluation Instrument (Superintendent Koch) 8:15 – 8:25 a.m. (pp. 4-9)
- VII. Retreat Planning (Superintendent Koch) 8:25 – 8:35 a.m. (pp. 10-11)
- VIII.*NASBE Membership Dues (Jean Ladage) 8:35 – 8:40 a.m. (pp. 12-15)
- IX. 2012 Board Calendar – preliminary look (Jean Ladage) 8:40 – 8:45 a.m. (pp. 16-17)
- X. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items (no committee meetings until October)
- XI. Motion for Closed Session
- XII. Adjourn

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

CLOSED SESSION
8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED

BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
June 16, 2011
Springfield, Illinois

Members Present

Christopher Ward, Chair
Jim Baumann
Andrea Brown
Gery Chico
David Fields
Steve Gilford
Vinni Hall
Lanita Koster

Members Absent

Melinda LaBarre

Staff Present

Superintendent Koch
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Darren Reisberg
Susie Morrison
Don Evans
Beth Hanselman
Melissa Oller
Linda Tomlinson
Matt Vanover
Connie Wise

I. ROLL CALL: Dr. Ward called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and asked for a Roll Call. (See roll call above.)

II. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS: None.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

IV. COMMITTEE MINUTES: Dr. Fields moved that the minutes of the May 2011 Board Operations Committee be approved. Ms. Koster seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed on a unanimous voice vote.

V. REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION: None.

VI. BOARD EVALUATION INSTRUMENT: Superintendent Koch indicated that each year an evaluation instrument is administered to stakeholders and this year, following discussions with Dr. Hall and Ms. LaBarre, he and his senior staff have taken a fresh look and proposed a revised evaluation instrument with open-ended questions. This new format could prove to be helpful in gathering information for the Board's review of its Strategic Agenda and for planning future legislative agendas. Susan Morrison added that staff took this opportunity to reach out to stakeholders to review the draft and they were supportive of this type of survey. Board members were appreciative of the process and the feedback this instrument will provide.

Superintendent Koch indicated that an additional opportunity could be added to the end of the questionnaire for additional comments. The Board agreed that they would try the new questionnaire this year and add time during the retreat to evaluate the results of the new instrument to see what revisions might be made for next year.

Dr. Koch informed the Board that Gene Wilhoit has been invited and is available to facilitate the Board's self evaluation.

Dr. Fields suggested that the Board also have an opportunity to review and discuss potential changes in the operations of the Board, especially in light of some newer members having 18 months experience with the current operations. Mr. Chico agreed and suggested the Board consider what members like/not like; what they can do more of/less of; how they can be more effective; preference of board materials presentation, etc.

VII. RETREAT PLANNING: Superintendent Koch indicated that staff is beginning to draft an agenda for the retreat. Topics suggested have included:

- Strategic Agenda Planning/Data Review
 - Longitudinal Data Systems
 - Common Core Standards and Assessments

- Teacher/Leader Quality
- Improving Low-Performing Schools
- School Finance
- Transparency with the Budget process
- Legislative Agenda Planning

Mr. Gilford recalled massive information last year and not a lot of time for members to deal with the information provided. The General State Aid formula is a good example. He is not critical of the topics suggested, but suggested a more structured schedule. He thinks it will be important for members to understand what the impacts are of the current formula, what those impacts do to the state and how revisions could change the impact versus understanding the nuances of PTELL and various adjustments and how the calculations are done. He feels a policy oriented discussion would be more useful than staff trying to explain the formula.

Dr. Brown commented that in the past there has been an opportunity for pre-reading which does help keep Board members on task. Staff and Gene Wilhoit are good about bringing members back to topic when conversation begins to stray. Dr. Brown appreciates the separation of time for Board self-evaluation and would appreciate time for the agenda to focus on impact.

Mr. Gilford added that staff have already spent a tremendous amount of time preparing materials for some of these topics and the Board can re-read information that has already been provided to them, i.e., Power Points on the General State Aid formula (may need to be tweaked), and most recently the Strategic Plan Progress Report. These are both good pre-reading prior to the retreat.

Dr. Hall suggested the Board use the retreat to discuss the formula, use the policies within the Strategic Plan and then plan activities to help determine a message to be relayed to legislative committees and change the way we do business.

Ms. Koster appreciated the information shared by Darren Reisberg regarding Ontario's formula and she wondered if members could get information about what other states are doing. Mr. Reisberg responded that he could get the Ontario materials to members immediately to begin informing a discussion the Board may have in August and then help shape the discussion at the retreat.

Dr. Koch indicated it would be helpful to have two members work with him to finalize the agenda between now and September. The Board will have an opportunity for another look at the retreat agenda at the August one-day meeting. Steve Gilford and Vinni Hall volunteered to work with Superintendent Koch.

Board Chairman Gery Chico wrapped up the discussion by indicating members appear to want more traction out of the retreat and to focus on an end product. He looks forward to the opportunity for the retreat to stretch the Board's thinking. He added that he is impressed with the Strategic Plan and is anxious to better understand its intricacies and potential.

VIII. NASBE MEMBERSHIP DUES: Jean Ladage indicated that members who have participated in the various NASBE study groups and committees in the past have had very positive comments about the organization. Dr. Ward added he appreciates the study groups, which bring State Board members from across the nation together to develop a report to share with the membership and public. Ms. Karon indicated she just returned from a meeting of the NASBE Public Policy Committee which reviewed the Policy Manual and the recommendations from the 2011 study groups. She feels NASBE offers a valuable networking opportunity. Dr. Fields appreciates the monthly policy publications allowing members to keep up with what is happening across the nation and in the nation's capitol. He added that over the last few years he has been involved in the NASBE Distinguished Service Awards selection committee and having that opportunity to talk with peers from other states is always helpful.

Membership also provides a communication network for State Education Attorneys and State Board Executive Assistants.

IX. 2012 BOARD CALENDAR – PRELIMINARY LOOK: Jean Ladage asked that members take an opportunity to review the proposed dates and let her know if there are any major conflicts.

X. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS: There are no committee meetings scheduled until October 2011.

XI. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION: Dr. Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

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

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

She further moved that the Board may invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

XII. ADJOURN: Following closed session, Dr. Brown moved that the Board Operations Committee Meeting of the Whole be adjourned. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Illinois State Board of Education

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

June 15, 2011

2:00 p.m.

All open meetings will be audio cast on the Internet at: www.isbe.net

AGENDA (*timeframes are estimated for planning purposes*)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation (*15 minutes maximum*) 2:00 – 2:15 p.m.
- IV. Minutes of the May Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole (**pp. 2-4**)
- V. *Annual Strategic Plan Progress Report (**pp. 4-40**) 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.
(*Superintendent Koch, Susie Morrison*)
- VI. *Tomorrow's Builders Charter School Appeal (**under separate cover**) 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
(*Superintendent Koch, Darren Reisberg*)
- VII. District Oversight – Monthly Update (verbal update) 3:00 – 3:10 p.m.
(*Superintendent Koch, John Perkins*)
- VIII. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items (*no committee meetings until October*)
- IX. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

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

Wednesday, June 15, 2011
2:00 p.m.
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Dr. David Fields, Chair
Ms. Andrea Brown
Mr. Jim Baumann
Dr. Vinni Hall
Mr. Steve Gilford
Ms. Lanita Koster
Dr. Chris Ward

Committee Members Absent

Mr. Gery Chico
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Staff Present

Superintendent Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Susie Morrison
Don Evans
Beth Hanselman
Melissa Oller
Linda Tomlinson
Matt Vanover
Connie Wise
Jean Ladage

- I. **Roll Call:** The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Fields requested roll call. (See above.)
- II. **Board Member Participation Via Phone Conference:** None
- III. **Public Participation:** Lonnie Johns spoke to the Committee regarding the Board's Strategic Plan Progress Report. He urged the Board to reconsider specifically the Response to Intervention (Rtl) component of the Strategic Plan. He alleged that data has not proven that Rtl has an impact on student achievement because more schools are not making AYP each year. Dr. Brown invited Mr. Johns to meetings focusing on differentiated instruction that are being held across southern Illinois. Superintendent Koch also noted that the number of schools not making AYP is a national trend and it is due to the rising threshold. He cautioned Mr. Johns against making statements regarding isolated data without taking the entire report on Rtl into consideration.
- IV. **Committee Minutes:** Dr. Fields noted that a correction in the May minutes is needed in the listing of those present; Ms. Koster is listed as both present and absent. Ms. Koster commented that she was indeed absent at the May meeting. Ms. Ladage indicated the correction will be made. Dr. Hall moved that the minutes of the May 2011 Education Policy Planning Committee be approved as amended. Ms. Koster seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed on a unanimous voice vote.
- V. **Annual Strategic Plan Progress Report:** Superintendent Koch reminded those present that the Board has a Strategic Plan around specific goals. Each year a progress report is due to the General Assembly and Governor on or before July 1, and this report will meet that need. Dr. Koch commented that the Board and Agency have completed much work towards the Board's goals, and this Board should be proud of the reform efforts in Illinois. Illinois is a leader in adopting the Common Core Standards, promoting qualified teachers and principals and holding educators and administrators accountable through an evaluation process.

Board Members appreciated the visual appeal of the document as well as the quality of the information in the report reflecting the progress made. Members hope legislators will take the time to study the information we are providing to them as opposed to reading only the results of an audit report outlining only what hasn't been done.

- VI. **Tomorrow's Builders Charter School Appeal:** Superintendent Koch reminded Board members that Tomorrow's Builders charter had been denied by the district and appealed to the State. Dr. Koch expressed his concern about the safety of the building which houses the charter school.

Mr. Reisberg explained that upon the appeal of the charter school, they are allowed a hearing and the Superintendent is to make a recommendation to the State Board as to whether the appeal is to be granted and whether the charter school is in the best interest of the students to be served. Prior

to coming to a decision on the appeal, ISBE encouraged the charter school and the district to continue to work together. There are some very positive aspects of the charter school, but the safety of the facility is a major concern. Had the appeal been authorized and had the charter school become a state-authorized charter school, they would have become an independent Local Educational Agency (LEA) and would have been required to provide their own special education services, and it doesn't appear that the charter is equipped to provide those services.

ISBE's recommendation is that the school district modify their original decision to reject the renewal, but renew the charter for a two-year term (rather than a five-year term). The charter would need to be moved from the current facility to one of the newly unoccupied school buildings owned by the district. Over the next two years through ISBE's oversight of the district, staff will have an opportunity to continue to monitor the performance of the charter school and another renewal can be considered at that time. The district will hold a public hearing June 29 followed by a board meeting that same day to consider modifying their decision about the charter renewal. ISBE staff will ensure that the district and the charter school work together to clearly define benchmarks for student success, which would include not only an opportunity for students to receive a trade credential, but ensure that they are also learning.

In light of the discussions that have taken place between ISBE staff, the district and the charter school, the charter has conditionally removed their appeal to ISBE pending what they believe will be a positive decision from the district on June 29.

VII. District Oversight: Dr. Koch introduced John Perkins, Superintendent Koch's Liaison to District Administration, and Greg Moats, ISBE Liaison to East St. Louis, to provide an update on the progress on the improvement plans specified in the intergovernmental agreement between ISBE and East St. Louis District 189.

Dr. Moats indicated that although there are still many issues that need to be addressed, he complimented the advance work done to date by current Interim Superintendent Lee Triefenbach and Mr. Nick Mance, the district's Internal Auditor. Dr. Moats has been pleased to find that the local board and the current administration have been receptive to his attendance at their meetings and to the assistance from ISBE.

Mr. Triefenbach and Mr. Mance shared the following update around the six areas in the intergovernmental agreement:

1. **Instructional Improvement Plans** – Interim Superintendent Triefenbach indicated that the State Board is well aware that academic performance in a number of areas is greatly lacking and they are ready to move forward. The preliminary ISAT results for elementary schools indicate progress in making AYP, particularly in mathematics. The real academic problems are in their middle schools and into the high school. The district is working on those, including looking at changes in curricula. They will seek out a qualified Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) manager to lead the district, as well as a C&I lead at the high school level. Dr. Moats added that he knows this is the area that is of most concern to the State Board and Susie Morrison has committed to assist the district.
2. **Staffing Needs Analysis and Plan** – The district is largest employer in the community, and is the fourth largest employer in St. Clair County. The district is addressing the need to align staff to the changing needs of the district. Any change in staffing has a tremendous impact in the community, but changes are being made to bring expenditures into alignment with revenues.
3. **Board Member Training/Operational Review** – The district will be reviewing and planning board professional development and will improve communication with the community and with staff throughout the district, etc.
4. **Corrective Plan for Noncompliance**
 - Special Education is the main area of focus. Mr. Triefenbach indicated materials have been forwarded to Ms. Hanselman at ISBE to ensure they are on the right track. They are working diligently to ensure each student is properly screened and has an appropriate IEP in place prior to the start of the new school year. Dr. Moats

added that the district has hired additional Special Education staff to assist with IEPs over the summer, and two truant officers to ensure students are located and screened.

- Mr. Triefenbach commented he is not sure why the Health Life Safety ten-year Survey was listed as it was completed a couple years ago in a timely manner.
 - State & Federal Grants – The district just completed an extensive Title I audit which came back with a couple of insignificant findings that the district is moving on.
5. **Financial Plan** – Obviously the budget will be out of alignment if dramatic action is not taken. The \$5.5 million federal ARRA grant was one-time money, so that is a significant loss. Mr. Triefenbach indicated they have been working over a year on the FY12 budget and they have a three-year budget projection.
 6. **Facilities Plan** – The district is just completing a brand new 65,000 square foot career technical education wing. He invited members down to the district. They have built new elementary and middle schools and they are renovating the high school. The schools built in 1980 are still in very good and clean condition Dr. Moats added that the buildings built in 2003, 2004, are spotless; there is not a mark on the wall and the inside and outside of those buildings are beautiful. He was remarkably surprised at the quality maintenance of the facilities.

Mr. Triefenbach shared a handout detailing data collected over the past couple of years within the district. (See handout at www.isbe.net/board/meetings/2011/june/schedule.htm.) There have been some changes at the high school and the ADA increased from about 86% to 90% during the past year, and the graduation increased this year, although it is not where it should be. He believes increased activity and involvement of parents and community members at the high school level has brought about the increase in student attendance and graduation rate. Dr. Moats commented that during this year's Title I parent meeting there were 425 parents in attendance when in previous years they may have had 20, and he has been a superintendent in a district where it was difficult to get 50 parents to attend in a completely different setting. He added that he was impressed that Mr. Triefenbach and Mr. Mance coordinated an effort to get a more accurate count for special education classes.

Dr. Fields noted that many of the current members of the State Board were appointed at a time when constituents were writing letters and complaining about the situation in the district; it is satisfying to know that actions are being taken to turn the district around with the oversight of ISBE staff and the Board and with the assistance, cooperation and commitment of those in the community. Dr. Hall added that she is pleased that there will be a career tech opportunity for students from this community with the opening of the new wing at the high school.

Superintendent Koch commented that he has been pleased to hear about professionally-run meetings at the local level, and the fact that the budget is being monitored. He added that it is imperative that the local board promote transparency with hiring and contracts to regain the trust in the public and the community.

Dr. Koch asked the local representatives if there were other actions state officials could take to assist the district's effort in improving schools. Mr. Triefenbach responded that the mayor is a good friend of the school district and although the city doesn't have money, they continue to work together and support each other. Dr. Moats indicated that financially they are doing the best they can, given the environment. However, he cautioned that if the board cuts 110 non-certified employees, those people live in the community and have homes; without jobs, those homes will become more derelict. It may be a sacrifice not to go to the depth of cutting non-certified staff living and working in the community.

VIII. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items: There will be no committee meetings until October 2011.

IX. Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Hall to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. Koster and passed unanimously.

Illinois State Board of Education

Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole

June 15, 2011

3:15 p.m.

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

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AGENDA (*timeframes are estimated for planning purposes*)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.
- IV. Minutes of the May Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole (**pp. 2-4**)
- V. *Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.
 - A. Facilitating the Coordination of Agricultural Education (FCAE) Grant Agreement (**pp. 5-8**)
(*Mark Williams*)
 - B. Intergovernmental Agreement with NIU for Evaluation of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants (*Monique Chism*) (**pp. 9-18**)
 - C. Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) for Longitudinal Data System (*Connie Wise, Terry Chamberlain*) (**pp. 19-21**)
 - D. Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University (**pp. 22-24**)
 - E. RFSP for Monitoring of Early Childhood Block Grant Programs for Program Improvement and Compliance-Preschool for All Children Ages 3-5 Years Old (*Kay Henderson*) (**pp. 25-27**)
 - F. Harrisburg Project – contract extension (*David Andel*) (**pp. 28-29**)
 - G. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant Extension (*David Andel*) (**pp. 30-33**)
 - H. Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) Grant Extension (*David Andel*) (**pp. 34-36**)
 - I. Early CHOICES Project – School Association for Special Education in DuPage County Grant Extension Request (*Kay Henderson*) (**pp. 37-39**)
 - J. Child Find Grant Extension to ROE 20 (**pp. 40-41**)
- VI. *FY 2012/FY 2013 Internal Audit Plan (*Melissa Oller*) 3:45 – 3:55 p.m. (**pp. 42-44**)
- VII. *FY 2011 Budget Update (*Linda Mitchell, Scott Taylor*) 3:55 – 4:05 p.m. (**pp. 45-46**)
- VIII. FY 2012 Budget Update (*Linda Mitchell, Scott Taylor*) 4:05 – 4:15 p.m. (**pp. 47-55**)
- IX. *Cahokia S.D. 187 Financial Status Update (*Deb Vespa*) 4:15 – 4:25 p.m. (**under separate cover**)
- X. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items (*no committee meetings until October*)
- XI. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois
June 15, 2011

I. ROLL CALL: Chairman Baumann called the meeting to order.

Members Present

Mr. Jim Baumann, Chairman
Dr. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Mr. Steven Gilford
Dr. Vinni Hall
Ms. Lanita Koster
Dr. Chris Ward

Members Absent

Mr. Gery J. Chico
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Staff Present

Superintendent Koch
Melissa Oller
Scott Taylor
Deb Vespa
Robert Wolfe

II. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS: None

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

IV. MINUTES OF THE MAY FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Dr. David Fields moved to accept. Dr. Vinni Hall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

V. CONTRACTS & GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION: The Board will take action on the following contracts in the plenary session. The intergovernmental agreement with Illinois State University was removed from the agenda.

1. Facilitating the Coordination of Agricultural Education (FCAE) Grant Agreement
2. Intergovernmental Agreement with NIU for Evaluation of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants
3. Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) for Longitudinal Data System
4. ~~Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University~~ (Removed from the agenda)
5. RFSP for Monitoring of Early Childhood Block Grant Programs for Program Improvement and Compliance-Preschool for All Children Ages 3-5 Years Old
6. Harrisburg Project – contract extension
7. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC)
8. Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) Grant Extension
9. Early CHOICES Project – School Association for Special Education in DuPage County Grant Extension Request

VI. FY 2012/FY 2013 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN: Ms. Melissa Oller indicated that an adequate program of Internal Audit provides assurance to the Board and Agency management that ISBE is compliant with laws, regulations, and policies and procedures; that information has integrity and is reliable; that assets are safeguarded; that operations are effective and efficient; and that goals and objectives are being accomplished. Ms. Oller informed the Board of Internal Audit's schedule for FY 2012/FY 2013 in relationship to the requirements of the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (FCIAA) (30 ILCS 10/) and the International Standards For the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards) (Attribute 2020). The Board will vote to accept the FY 2012/FY 2013 Audit Plan during the Plenary Session.

VII. FY 2011 BUDGET UPDATE: Nearing the close of FY 2011, Agency staff identified approximately four percent of the total allocated by the Board for administration, primarily in contractual services, which could be reallocated to other lines. Staff requested authority to transfer up to four percent of

the FY 2011 administrative funding, or \$977,000. The Board will vote to approve this transfer during Plenary Session.

- VIII. FY 2012 BUDGET UPDATE:** Ms. Mitchell indicated that budget division staff had begun work on loading the budget into the Agency's internal systems in anticipation of a July 1, 2011, effective date. This was an information item – no action will be needed during plenary session. Specific discussion took place around the following topics:
- Agency travel cut \$166,000 – restricting ISBE service to students in low performing schools;
 - Other important programs taking substantial reductions;
 - Lobbying legislators – succinct talking points should be shared;
 - Potentially inviting legislators to the retreat in September – As required by law, ISBE has a Strategic Plan and some of the major components in the Plan are being decimated financially.
- IX. CAHOKIA S.D. 187 FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE:** The Superintendent recommended approval of the addendum to the Cahokia Community Unit School District 187's Financial Plan that was approved by the State Board on June 19, 2008. The Board will vote to approve the addendum to Cahokia's Financial Plan during Plenary Session.
- X. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Mr. Baumann said the next committee meeting would be in October.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Dr. David Fields moved to adjourn. Ms. Lanita Koster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Illinois State Board of Education

Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole

June 15, 2011

4:25 p.m.

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

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AGENDA *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation *(15 minutes maximum) 4:25 – 4:50 p.m.*
- IV. Minutes of the May Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole **(pp. 2-4)**
- V. Legislative Update *(Darren Reisberg, Nicole Wills, Cynthia Riseman) 4:50 – 5:20 p.m. (pp. 5-45)*
- VI. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items *(no committee meetings until October)*
- VII. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday June 15, 2011

Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Lanita Koster, Chair
Jim Baumann
Chris Ward
Andrea Brown
David Fields
Vinni Hall
Melinda LaBarre
Steve Gilford

Committee Members Absent

Staff Present

Superintendent Chris Koch
Nicole Wills
Cynthia Riseman
Darren Reisberg
Connie Wise
Beth Hanselman
Linda Tomlinson
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Susie Morrison
Matt Vanover
Melissa Oller
Linda Mitchell

- I. **Roll Call:** See above.
- II. **Board Member Participation by Other Means:** None.
- III. **Public Participation:** None
- IV. **May Committee Minutes:** Chris Ward made a motion to accept the May minutes and the motion was seconded by Vinni Hall and approved unanimously.
- V. **ISBE Legislative Agenda Update**

Nicole Wills and Cynthia Riseman updated the Committee on the upcoming General Assembly schedule for the remainder of session. In addition, they provided a status update on education related legislation:

ISBE Legislative Initiatives:

Seven out of eight ISBE legislative initiatives passed during the spring session. The only initiative that did not pass was an obsolete/duplicative/clean-up bill that may still be able to be run during Veto session.

Article 21 re-write	SB 1799	Sen. Steans/Rep. Chapa LaVia	Passed Both Chambers
Corey H	SB 1794	Sen. Lightford/Rep. Lang	Passed Both Chambers
FOP/SFA alignment	SB 2149	Sen. Sullivan/Rep. Eddy	Passed Both Chambers

Bilingual Funding	HB 1831	Rep. Hernandez/Sen. Garrett	Passed Both Chambers
Obsolete/Duplicative/ Clean-up Bill	HB 3022	Rep. Chapa LaVia/Sen. Lightford	On the order of concurrence in the Senate; hopefully it can be run in the fall Veto Session
	HB 3464	Rep. Pihos/ Sen. Luechtefeld	Passed Both Houses
Textbook Loans	HB 3115	Rep. Gordon/ Sen. Maloney	Passed Both Houses
GSA Hold Harmless	HB 3539	Rep. Morrison/ Sen. Murphy	Passed Both Houses

Other education related bills:

HB 1216 (Chapa LaVia/Koehler): Establishes the School District Realignment and Consolidation Commission. Members of the Commission will be appointed by the four legislative leaders and various education stakeholders with ISBE providing staff support to the Commission, which shall issue a report by July 1, 2012. It requires that the General Assembly vote on the report, however, the report would not mandate consolidation.

SB 1643 (Sullivan/Pihos): Allows school districts to increase driver education course fees to an amount not to exceed \$250 (up from \$50) by school board resolution following a public hearing on the increase, and that the increased fee must be waived for students who participate in the course and are unable to pay. This issue has been before the General Assembly the last few years but has been unable to garner enough votes to pass both chambers. It was also discussed by the mandates group that met last spring.

HB 189 (Eddy/Sullivan): Provides that, with respect to any State statute or administrative rule that defines a general education classroom to be composed of a certain percentage of students with individualized education programs (IEPs), the definition of students with individualized education programs shall exclude students receiving only speech services outside of the general education classroom (provided that the instruction the students receive in the general education classroom does not require modification). This issue was also discussed by the mandates group last spring and like SB 1643 could be considered a type of mandate relief bill.

SB 79 (Steans/Yarbrough): Establishes the State Charter School Commission that would be charged with reviewing denied charter school applications and authorizing any future state charters. The Commission will be made up of 9 members. The Governor will make recommendations to the State Board, which will then select the actual commission members from those presented by the Governor.

HB 3109 (Cole/Martinez): Amends the Transitional Bilingual Education Article of the School Code to provide that the Advisory Council on Bilingual Education must review various aspects of bilingual education and submit a report on that review by December

1, 2011. At minimum, the Council is to review (1) whether and how the 20 child per attendance center minimum should be modified; (2) whether and how educator certification requirements in statute and rules should be modified; (3) whether and how bilingual education requirements in statute or rules should be modified to address differences between elementary and secondary schools; and (4) whether and how to allow school districts to administer alternative bilingual education programs instead of transitional bilingual education programs.

SB 1742 (Althoff/Eddy): This bill amends the block grant statute for Chicago Public Schools to require that CPS submit general expenditures by program and population, administrative expenditures by program, and service levels by program. It further requires that ISBE ensure that the reporting requirements for the district are the same as for all other school districts.

Committee member Steve Gilford asked about Governmental Relations involvement in the budget process and Darren Reisberg gave an overview of the work that both the Agency's Budget and Governmental Relation staff did with legislators in meetings and committee hearings during the spring session.

IX. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items: Not discussed

X. Committee Wrap-up: Not needed

XI. Adjourn

Chris Ward made a motion to adjourn at 5:10pm and it was seconded by Dave Fields.