

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

October 19-20, 2011

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OCTOBER 19, 2011

- 12:00 – 1:00** **Lunch with Student Advisory Council**
- 1:00 p.m.** **Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
- *1:55 p.m.** **Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
- *2:20 p.m.** **Board Operations Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
- *2:45 p.m.** **Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
- *4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** **Budget Hearing**
Board Room, 4th Floor
- *6:00 p.m.** **Closed Session (as needed)**

OCTOBER 20, 2011

- 8:15 a.m.** **Reconvene Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
- *9:00 a.m.** **ISBE Plenary Session**
Board Room, 4th Floor

*** The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.**

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**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLENARY SESSION
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois
Board Room, 4th Floor**

October 20, 2011

9:00 a.m.

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

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I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Public Participation (up to 30 minutes)

III. Resolutions & Recognition

- A. Noble Street Charter School (*Plenary p. 3*)

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

- A. *Approval of Minutes:
1. September 27-28 Board Strategic Planning Session (*Plenary pp. 4-10*)
- B. *Rules for Initial Review
1. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (*Rules packet pp. 2-27*)
 2. Part 151 (School Construction Program) (*Rules packet pp. 28-32*)
- C. *Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million
1. Intergovernmental Agreement: University of Illinois for New Teacher Collaborative (*FAC pp. 2-4*)
(*Vicki Phillips*)
 2. Harrisburg Project (*David Andel*) (*Finance & Audit Committee pp. 5-8*)
 3. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) (*David Andel*) (*FAC pp. 13-14*)

End of Consent Agenda

V. Announcements and Reports

- A. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*)
- B. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements
- C. Chairman's Report
- D. Member Reports

VI. Information Items

- A. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm*)

VII. Adjourn

APPROVED

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
October 20, 2011
100 N. First Street
Springfield, IL**

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order 9:18 a.m. Chairman Chico asked Ms. Jean Ladage to call the roll. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was in attendance. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary
Mr. James Baumann
Dr. David Fields
Mr. Steven Gilford
Ms. Lanita Koster
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Members Absent

Dr. Andrea Brown

**RESOLUTIONS &
RECOGNITION**

Motion:

Dr. Hall moved that the Illinois State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Noble Network of Charter Schools staff and administration for their commitment and dedication to providing Noble Street students with a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum that will prepare them for success post-high school, and for sharing Noble Street's successful practices with other systems and educators who share the same objectives. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a voice vote. Chairman Chico abstained from the vote.

Mike Milkie, CEO from Noble Network of Charter Schools stated that charter school legislation was passed in 1996 and Noble opened in the fall of 1999. Within six years they had a single site with an enrollment of 500 students and in the fall of 2006 they had 10 campuses with an enrollment of 6,500 students. Noble's ACT scores have improved every year since they have expanded. Mr. Milkie feels this is due to the charter freedoms they have, such as, flexibility in hiring and compensation, which has helped in hiring the best teachers and principals, as well as staff. Noble has worked with the Chicago Public Schools on several joint projects (Gates Compact) and shared their interim assessments, which are given to the students every 10 weeks, which along with their school culture, is paramount to their success. They will continue to share their interim assessments with other schools. Mr. Milkie thanked the Board for the recognition.

Dr. Koch noted that Noble Network of Charter Schools (Noble Street) has been visited by ISBE Legal Counsel Darren Reisberg and Jen Saba and noted that the Charter School Commission is now in effect. Mr. Reisberg added that the culture instilled in the Noble Street schools translates to high school students, primarily minority students, who are eager to learn and to pursue college after graduation.

Dr. Koch informed the Board that North Chicago School District just released an RFP for a charter operator. Mr. Reisberg reported that the North Chicago charter paperwork is now being reviewed within the Legal Department. Jen Saba is making a concerted effort to visit every charter school to make ensure the quality of each charter school is up to par. Quality control within charter schools will be an important role for the ISBE Legal Division and the Charter School Commission. (Charter School Commission Members were named by the Board in September 2011 and their first meeting will be November 15, 2011.)

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Chairman Chico recognized and welcomed Jane Quinlan from Regional Office of Education #9 Champaign–Ford Counties.

Cynthia Woods from the Illinois Association of School Boards spoke about the Chicago Schools Tour that will be taking place during the Triple I Conference on November 18, 2011. The School Tours this year will be visiting charter schools and invited all State Board members to attend.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Chairman Chico announced that following the discussion in Ad Hoc Rules Committee, Agenda item IV.B.1 Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) would be removed from the consent agenda and be called for a separate discussion and vote.

Motion:

Ms. LaBarre moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda, as presented. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote. Dr. Fields and Dr. Hall voted yes but abstained from the vote on agenda item C.1. Intergovernmental Agreement: University of Illinois for New Teacher Collaborative.

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 September 27-28, 2011 Board Strategic Planning Session.

Rules for Initial Review

Part 151(School Construction Program)

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for School Construction Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 151), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million

Intergovernmental Agreement:

University of Illinois for New Teacher Collaborative

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement with The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois through June 30, 2012, for a maximum amount not to exceed \$3,344,060.

Harrisburg Project

The State Board of hereby authorizes the Agency staff to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Office of Education # 20 – Harrisburg Project through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$487, 345 with four optional one-year renewals.

Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC)

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement with the with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) in an amount not to exceed \$24,050,000 over a four year grant term for the provision of the Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

**IV.B.1 PART 1
(PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
EVALUATION,
RECOGNITION
AND
SUPERVISION)**

Darren Reisberg, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Legal Counsel, explained that there were statutory changes that occurred last session that were questioned by the Illinois Association of School Boards. Our proposed rules had language that required school districts to at least include opportunities at the elementary level; kindergarten through 3rd grade for 60 minutes of reading. The statutory language reads; "Each school board shall promote 60 minutes of minimum reading opportunity daily for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade whose reading level is one grade level or lower than his or her current grade level according to current learning standards in the school district."

Mr. Reisberg stated that given the vagueness of the statute and our understanding that it had been modified to change the verb from "required instruction" to "promote instruction" we have decided to remove that provision from our rulemaking and let the statute speak for itself.

Motion:

Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1), including the removal of Section 1.430 from the rulemaking.

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.

Mr. Gilford seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
IBHE Liaison
Report**

Chairman Chico introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). IBHE held its meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at Harper College in Palatine. Dr. Nandi shared the following highlights of that meeting:

- Performance funding has been the focus of much of the deliberations of the IBHE lately. Performance funding in meeting state goals in financing higher education is still the main topic of our Board since the new performance funding law, Public Act 97-320 requires the Board to develop a new funding approach for higher education that will reward colleges and universities based on progress in raising educational attainment levels for Illinois citizens. This approach is to begin with next Fiscal Year 2013 budget.
- The IBHE has convened a broad-based steering committee which has provided a vision and set of principles for performance funding. The Board was briefed on several issues under discussion, with every exception that at our next meeting in December, we will be making a final recommendation on performance funding goals and metrics, depending on the progress made by the steering committee which has already met twice, and will be holding two more meetings. The next meeting to be held later this month will be at the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. It is important to be reminded that performance funding is a linchpin for meeting the "60 x 25" goal shared by the P-20 education community in Illinois of having 60% of adult Illinoisans with college degrees or marketable postsecondary certificates by the year 2025.
- The Board also received an informative and encouraging report from Chancellor Rita Cheng from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

about the efforts underway at that campus to align structures and raise exceptions for creating a campus culture that promotes student success and increased course and degree completion.

The IBHE next meeting will be December 6, 2011, at Moraine Valley College in Palos Hills.

Dr. Hall requested that we revisit the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success* and make sure copies are available to our Board. Chairman Chico asked that we make sure Dr. Nandi has our report card data to share with the IBHE Board.

Chairman Chico commented that he and Superintendent Koch met with a couple of colleges to discuss the Basic Skills Test. These colleges have concerns that we have raised the cutoff scores from 50% correct answers to 75% necessary correct answers. The performance has fallen greatly so we continue to work with the higher education institutions to improve performance. Mr. Chico added that discussions will continue the licensure board until the issue is solved.

Dr. Nandi recommended that the ISBE and IBHE meet to discuss efforts to help better prepare our K-12 students for their upcoming college years and their future. Chairman Chico agreed that a joint meeting was a good idea, and asked Superintendent Koch to see what can be done to make it possible. Dr. Koch suggested that expectations for teacher preparation programs also be part of that joint discussion.

**P-20 Council
Liaison Report**

(No P-20 Council report this month.)

**Superintendents
Announcements**

Superintendent Koch reported that he and board member Melinda LaBarre will be attending the Those Who Excel Banquet on October 22, 2011, in Bloomington. There will be over 250 people attending the banquet this year and the State Teacher of Year will be announced.

Dr. Koch noted that we are tracking several federal bills with Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as well as the NCLB waiver that has caused some activity in Congress. He informed the Board that he sent a letter in his capacity as President of CCSSO, co signed by CCSSO Executive Director, Gene Wilhoit, on the Harkin-Enzi bill. The letter supported Congressional action on the waiver, but also itemized concerns. Superintendent Koch added that he will be meeting with his senior staff to review the recommendations from the Growth Model Task Force and the waiver application to review the application process.

Dr. Linda Tomlinson commented that a group of deans came before the licensure board with a presentation and discussion around the Basic Skills Test. Ms. Tomlinson said that the Agency was asked to provide sub-area scores for the Basic Skills Test and in order to provide that information the test needed to be expanded. We have been working with the testing company to expand the test, and this will involve a new cut score determination because we now have a different number of items on the test. It will also be an online test, which means it will be available anytime, and those wishing to take the test will have to go to one of the testing centers. Agency staff are working with testing centers to work out the details.

Dr. Tomlinson commented that the deans have not asked to lower the score but they did ask us to go to Praxis Testing (a test designed to evaluate academic skills

needed to prepare for a career in education) so they could compare their candidates nationally and increase for mobility. Dr. Tomlinson stated that the last time Praxis came to the state certification board they informed us that the test was at an eighth-grade level, and even though Praxis is given in a number of states, each state sets its own score, so comparison is difficult.

**Chairman's
Announcements**

Chairman Chico reported that he, Dr. Koch and Susie Morrison visited Peoria Manual High School, one of the School Improvement Grant (SIG) recipients, and he looks forward to visiting Egyptian School District with Andrea Brown next week.

Mr. Chico also reported that the School Report Cards were released today and that our Race to the Top application has been submitted and we are hoping to receive \$70 million dollars. He also met with Susie Morrison and several of her staff to discuss the use of technology in Illinois schools.

Member Reports

Dr. Hall stated that she visited Lombard and thanked Linda Tomlinson and Matt Vanover for helping her prepare for her visit.

Ms. Koster reported that she visited the Illinois Math and Science Academy and attended a work summit and enjoyed listening to Andreas Schleicher who spoke of using data for global learning.

Ms. LaBarre stated that she travelled to UIC to hear Dr. Jerry Weast discuss the Montgomery County School District turn around. Ms. LaBarre congratulated Susie Morrison for receiving the Friend of Education Award from the Illinois Principals Association.

Dr. Fields stated that he felt today's Board meeting was exceptionally focused on advocating for students wherever they are. He said he was also pleased with our Student Advisory Council member choices and he commended Sarah McCusker, Mike Hatfill and Carol Brooks for all the work they do with the students.

Dr. Hall suggested showcasing various schools at our Board meetings, possibly by internet if not in person.

Chairman Chico thanked Matt Vanover, Mary Fergus and the Public Information staff for helping get the State Board of Education news out to the public.

**MOTION FOR
ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary**

**Mr. Gery J. Chico
Chairman**

Illinois State Board of Education
Board Operations Committee of the Whole

October 20, 2011
2:20 p.m.

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AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation
- IV.*Review Nominations for Recognition (**p. 2**)
- V. NASBE Annual Meeting Report (*Vinni Hall*)
- VI. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
October 19, 2011
Springfield, Illinois

Members Present

Gery Chico, Board Chair
Jim Baumann
David Fields
Steve Gilford
Vinni Hall
Lanita Koster
Melinda LaBarre

Members Absent

Andrea Brown

Staff Present

Superintendent Koch
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Matt Vanover
Susie Morrison
Don Evans
Reyna Hernandez
Linda Tomlinson
Linda Mitchell

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Chico called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and acknowledged that the Roll Call taken earlier committees remained accurate. (See roll call above.)
- II. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** None.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- IV. **REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:** Chairman Chico indicated that long before his appointment to this Board, his law office had done some work with Noble Street Charter Schools and he thinks they are a wonderful organization, but he will abstain from the voting on the resolution. Chairman Chico asked Superintendent Koch to share the origin of the recommendation, and members of the Board asked for further information about what schools are recipients of the shared information.

Dr. Koch explained that with the addition of Jennifer Saba in the ISBE Legal Department, staff have been able to be more diligent in reviewing charter schools. The recommendation for recognition came from Ms. Saba following site visits indicating Noble's creation of an assessment rubric and the review of outcome data. Noble has shared the rubric with several public schools. Therefore, staff recommend that Noble be recognized for their efforts in sharing interim assessments and methodologies with others, including Chicago Public Schools.

The Committee agreed to recommend adoption of the resolution during plenary session.

- V. **NASBE ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:** Dr. Vinni Hall shared that she was in Atlanta October 13-15 to represent the Board at the NASBE Annual Meeting and to witness former ISBE Chairman Jesse Ruiz receive the NASBE Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Ruiz was in attendance and the award was very well received. Dr. Hall announced that the 2012 NASBE Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago and she is very excited that this Board will host other Boards from across the nation.

Dr. Hall will be sharing the notes from the NASBE Annual Meeting as there are some proposed changes and members are encouraged to take a more activist role. She announced that all Board members will be receiving a copy of the report from the "Gearing Up: Creating a Systemic Approach to Teacher Effectiveness" Study Group, on which Chris Ward participated.

Every presentation from the NASBE Annual Meeting is on the following website. <http://goo.gl/ObGxK>

- VI. **ADJOURN:** The Board Operations Committee Meeting of the Whole adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Illinois State Board of Education

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

October 19, 2011

2:45 p.m.

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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) 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.
- IV. Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults (*Jane Angelis*) 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.
- V. District Oversight – Monthly Update (verbal update) 3:45 – 3:55 p.m.
(*Superintendent Koch, John Perkins*)
- VI. Motion for Closed Session (Closed session will convene following the budget hearing)
- VII. Recess Education Policy Planning Committee until Thursday morning.

October 20, 2011

8:15 a.m.

Reconvene Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

- VIII. Reconvene committee
- IX. 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress Analysis, School Improvement Status, and Report Card Profile and Trends (*Pooja Agarwal*) (**pp. 2-55**)
- X. Adjourn

APPROVED

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

October 19-20, 2011

Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Dr. David Fields, Chair
Mr. Gery Chico
Mr. Jim Baumann
Dr. Vinni Hall
Ms. Lanita Koster
Dr. Chris Ward
Mr. Steve Gilford
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Committee Members Absent

Dr. Andrea Brown

Staff Present

Superintendent Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Susie Morrison
Reyna Hernandez
Linda Tomlinson
Matt Vanover
Melissa Oller

I. Roll Call: The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened on October 19, 2011, at 2:35 p.m. Dr. Fields requested roll call. (See above.)

II. Board Member Participation Via Phone Conference: None

III. Public Participation: None

IV. Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults:

Dr. Jane Angelis, Project Director for the National Governor's Association's Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults address the Board and shared materials (<http://www.solit.siu.edu/GenServeGen/about.asp>). The Illinois group has set a goal to mobilize the talent and leadership of older adults to address issues within the education field by 2017. Three underlying goals are:

- Work with high school dropouts and increase graduation rates,
- Develop healthy lifestyles for all generations by boosting health across generations,
- Support independence for elders.

Discussion was held regarding the summit held by the Academy which Dr. David Fields and Susie Morrison attended along with representatives from the Department on Aging, and service agencies and organizations. Dr. Angelis indicated the Academy is developing a five-year plan to create awareness of the needs and resources of education and aging and would value the State Board's input and ideas. The Academy is looking at 2012 to gather information to involve older adults to a greater exposure.

Dr. Angelis added that a broad network of faith based organizations is an avenue to gather and recruit adults for mentoring in schools and that by 2017 the goal is to have in place a statewide infrastructure to mobilize the talents and leadership of older generations.

V. District Oversight – Monthly Update: Superintendent Koch gave an update on district oversight efforts. Dr. John Perkins, Superintendent Koch's liaison to school district administrators, will be leaving that position in December and a bid has gone out to fill that contractual position. ISBE has hired Art Culver to work in East St. Louis and the work in North Chicago also continues, both focused on addressing significant financial issues. The East St. Louis School District is facing very dire budget projections and may be facing personnel layoffs and building closures. North Chicago feels their projections are a bit more stable. A request for a charter school proposal has been sent out by the district in North Chicago. The Great Lakes Navel base is offering a building for a charter school, however we are recommending that the district also partner with a business to offset costs. A meeting has been scheduled for November 3 to meet with local U.S. Navy personnel, district representatives, legislators and others to ensure a mutual understanding. Weekly meetings are held

every Tuesday, with representatives from the Lieutenant Governor's office, the Regional Office of Education, and the support partners for the district.

- VI. **Motion for Closed Session:** There were no items to discuss in closed session
- VII. **Recess Education Policy Planning Committee until Thursday:** Dr. Fields recessed the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and indicated they would reconvene at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 20.

October 20, 2011

8:15 a.m.

Reconvene Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

- VIII. **Reconvene committee:** The Education Policy Planning Committee reconvened at 8:15 a.m. on October 20, 2011.
- IX. **2011 Adequate Yearly Progress Analysis, School Improvement Status, and Report Card Profile and Trends:** Deputy Superintendent Susie Morrison introduced Pooja Agarwal, the new Assessment Division Administrator. Dr. Agarwal and Dr. Shuwan Chiu presented an overview of the State Report Card information and Adequate Yearly Progress results.
http://isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/report_card/rpt_card_ayp_findings10-11.pdf

Chairman Chico discussed the importance of making AYP. The Federal Government has requirements for schools to make AYP, and when AYP is not being met, parents are given the option of transferring their child to another school that is making AYP. A system of statewide support is activated, targeting schools most in need, providing coaches, resources, and other interventions. Superintendent Koch noted that these assessment instruments are "point in time" instruments and are a snapshot of students' abilities on a specific day for specific purposes. It was noted that once the Common Core Standards are implemented in 2014-15 there will be new assessment data on which to rely.

Mr. Chico suggested that diversity be kept in mind when creating programs and training teachers. Superintendent Koch discussed the work being done in early childhood education and the Longitudinal Data System. Chairman Chico discussed the meeting he attended with a group of college deans. Superintendent Koch stated Assistant Superintendent Linda Tomlinson is continuing to increase communications with higher education administrators.

- X. Dr. Hall moved to adjourn the Education Policy Planning Committee meeting and Ms. Koster seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Illinois State Board of Education

Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole

October 19, 2011

1:00 p.m.

(This meeting will begin immediately following lunch.)

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AGENDA

(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. (**Agenda topics only - Budget testimony will be deferred until budget hearing.**)
- IV. *Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million 1:15 – 1:30 p.m.
 - A. Intergovernmental Agreement: University of Illinois for New Teacher Collaborative (*Vicki Phillips*) (**pp. 2-4**)
 - B. Harrisburg Project (*David Andel*) (**pp. 5-8**)
 - C. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) (*David Andel*) (**pp. 9-12**)
- V. Budget Hearing Planning/Additional Items 1:30 – 1:40 p.m.
- VI. Meet the 2011-12 Student Advisory Council (1:40 – 1:50 p.m.) (**pp. 13-14**)
- VII. Adjourn

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APPROVED

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois
October 19, 2011

I. **ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present

Mr. Jim Baumann, Chairman
Mr. Gery J. Chico
Dr. David Fields
Mr. Steven Gilford
Dr. Vinni Hall
Ms. Lanita Koster
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Members Absent

Dr. Andrea Brown

Staff Present

Superintendent Koch
Linda Mitchell
Scott Taylor

II. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** None

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

III. **CONTRACTS & GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION:** The Board will take action on the following contracts in the plenary session.

A. Intergovernmental Agreement: University of Illinois for New Teacher Collaborative

Dr. Chris Higgins, Dr. Chris Roegge and Dr. Mary Kalantzis were present and spoke in support of Teacher Mentoring Program, highlighted accomplishments of the program, and answered questions about the agreement in past years. <http://intc.education.illinois.edu/homepage>

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois Intergovernmental Agreement will provide the following deliverables:

1. Provide intensive support to existing induction programs – both previously funded programs and non-funded programs – that will continue to operate in FY12.
2. Identify successful strategies/techniques developed by the formerly funded programs and/or extant program data, and push these out to districts statewide.
3. Conduct and disseminate results of tightly focused research.

B. Harrisburg Project

The requirement for special education data and reporting is contained in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004, PL 108-446. The purpose of the RFSP was to enter into an agreement with an entity on a time-and-materials basis for the services of the following professional roles: one (1) project director, four (4) programmer/analysts, four (4) trainers/client support specialists, one (1) technology coordinator, and one (1) program assistant. Proposals were reviewed by a team of five ISBE staff members, including individuals from the Special Education and Services Division, the Funding and Disbursements Division, and the Data Systems Division. The successful bidder was the Regional Office of Education #20 – Harrisburg Project.

C. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC)

The Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) is ISBE's model of integrated technical assistance designed specifically to build the capacity of school districts to serve the needs of students with disabilities and their families.

ISTAC consists of four (4) collaboratively functioning projects which include the following.

1. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Network,

2. Illinois Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project (IATTAP),
3. Project CHOICES/Early CHOICES, and
4. Parent/Educator Partnership (PEP).

Each project within ISTAC is offered on a statewide basis, is systemic in nature, and is responsible for collecting project data to show positive outcomes for students and schools.

V. BUDGET HEARING PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS: Linda Mitchell reviewed the following dates; times and places of the budget hearings for FY13:

October 19	Springfield (immediately following the Board meeting)
October 24	Champaign
October 27	Edwardsville
November 1	Wheeling
November 29	Chicago

School District Financial Status - Ms. Mitchell indicated that she expects to give the Board an update in November on the financial status of both Cahokia and Lemont Bromberek after reviewing annual financial reports.

VI. MEET THE 2011-12 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL: Superintendent Koch recognized Sarah McCusker, Mike Hatfill and Carol Brooks the advisors to the Student Advisory Council and indicated the students held their first meeting of the school year last evening and this morning. The students introduced themselves. The students are considering a topic of student for the year and are considering cyber bullying prevention as one of the topics they will review.

Aaron Jackson, senior, Grayslake Central High School in Grayslake; **Myles Gearon**, senior, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School in Chicago; **Abhinav Brahmamdam**, senior, Springfield High School in Springfield; **Emily Chesser**, senior, Williamsville High School in Williamsville; **Paige Logan**, junior, Altamont High School in Altamont; **Cameron Jodlowski**, junior, Olympia High School in Stanford; **Jolie-Grace Wareham**, junior, Glenbard East High School in Lombard; **Conor Reilley**, junior, Belvidere North High School in Belvidere; **Andrew Van Treeck**, senior, Batavia Senior High School in Batavia; **Kristin Ishmael**, junior, Litchfield High School in Litchfield; **Neshal Patel**, senior, Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville; **Erin Martell**, senior, Maine South High School in Park Ridge; and **Austin Evans**, senior, Lovington High School in Lovington.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Vinni Hall moved to adjourn. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Illinois State Board of Education
Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

October 19, 2011
1:55 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)*
- IV.*Rules for Initial Review *(Darren Reisberg, Winnie Tuthill, Shelley Helton)*
 - A. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) *(Deb Vespa) (pp. 2-27)*
 - B. Part 151 (School Construction Program) *(Deb Vespa) (pp. 28-32)*
- V. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, October 19, 2011
1:55 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present

Gery Chico
James Baumann
David Fields
Steven Gilford
Vinni Hall
Lanita Koster
Melinda LaBarre

Absent

Andrea Brown

Others

Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Don Evans
Susie Morrison
Melissa Oller
Linda Tomlinson

I. ROLL CALL

Chairman Gery Chico called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. He noted that all Board members except Board Member Andrea Brown were present.

II. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS

There was no need for Board member participation by other means.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ben Schwarm, associate executive director of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), noted that a proposed modification in Section 1.430 of rules governing recognition and supervision, was contrary to statutory language. The proposed amendment implements the provisions of P.A. 97-88, effective July 8, 2011, by modifying curricular requirements for elementary grades to include a minimum of 60 minutes of reading opportunities a day for students in kindergarten through grade 3. Mr. Schwarm indicated that schools would interpret the amendment as requiring 60 minutes of reading "instruction" daily, contrary to law's requirement that school districts "promote" reading opportunities daily. General Counsel Darren Reisberg responded that staff would review the proposal again before Board action is taken. (NOTE: Staff later determined to remove the provision from the proposed rules and that version of the rules was presented to the Board October 20, 2011, for its initial review.)

IV. RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW

Board Chairman Chico asked General Counsel Reisberg to summarize briefly the proposals that the Board would be considering. Mr. Reisberg indicated that two sets of rules are before the Board for initial review, and each responds to recently enacted statutory changes.

Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision): These amendments implement several new laws. Most notably new Section 1.210 addresses criteria for the approval of entities wishing to provide training for school board members, as is required under P.A. 97-8 (SB 7), effective June 13, 2011. Mr. Reisberg noted that this is the first time that training for local board members has been mandated by law. The requirements take effect with the 2013 school board elections, and the law requires that each board member newly elected or re-elected participate during the first year of his or her term in four hours of training relative to education and labor law, and financial accountability.

Mr. Reisberg explained that while the law authorizes IASB to provide the training, it also allows other entities, approved by the agency in consultation with IASB, to offer training. The proposed rules, therefore, establish an application window of March 1 through May 1 of each even numbered year for these entities to apply for approval, and set forth requirements for the content of applications and the criteria to be used to review and approve those applications. Mr. Reisberg

said that the law is not clear as to the starting point of the training requirement and anticipates that guidance will be provided to the field that any current board member who completes the required training from IASB or an approved entity in advance of the 2013 election would be considered to have met the law's requirements if he or she is re-elected to office.

Mr. Reisberg invited Mr. Schwarm, from IASB, to comment on the proposed training rules. Mr. Schwarm noted that the proposed application process and criteria "are in order" and would fulfill the requirements of the law. Mr. Schwarm also stated anticipates that IASB will implement its training program by the beginning of 2012, and Mr. Reisberg suggested he provide a presentation to the Board about the process once work is completed. Mr. Schwarm also indicated that the organization is developing criteria for the training to be provided. Since the standards upon which entities' training will be approved must be stated in the rules, Mr. Reisberg reminded Mr. Schwarm to provide those criteria to the agency as part of public comment if IASB's intent is for all entities to comply.

Several clarifications about the training also were provided in response to Board members comments: that other entities, such as school districts, regional offices of education, universities and some for-profits groups, may currently be providing board training opportunities and that law firms, in particular, are interested in providing the new training now required; that while the law does not require training relative to curriculum and instruction, training in these areas is available from IASB and others; that members of boards of directors of charter schools are not subject to the training requirements unless the board and school district require training via the charter contract; and that issuing sanctions against board members who fail to comply with the training requirements is not a function of the State Board, which can only act against board members in circumstances of low-performing schools, but that regional superintendents of schools' can remove board members for "willful failure to perform" their duties and a regional superintendent would have to agree that failure to complete the required training meets this standard.

Part 151 (School Construction Program): P.A. 97-205, effective July 28, 2011, adds special education cooperatives as entities eligible to apply for energy efficiency grants under the School Construction Law. Mr. Reisberg noted that the law was introduced in response to a cooperative who was determined to be ineligible for the program as was originally enacted. Mr. Reisberg also informed the Board that no money is currently available for energy efficiency grants but that authority to issue \$20 million in bonds is being considered.

V. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Reisberg indicated that the most significant rulemaking that the Board will consider for initial review in November will be new Part 50, Evaluation of Certified Employees Under Article 24A of the School Code. This Part will incorporate the final recommendations of the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council regarding evaluations for teachers and principals, new and difficult that the council has been working on for more than a year. Final recommendations are expected at the end of October. Mr. Reisberg said that the draft recommendations have been presented at several forums being held around state, noting that Board Secretary Vinni Hall attended the forum in Lombard.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.