MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ronald J. Gidwitz            Connie Rogers              Janet Steiner
Marjorie B. Branch          Vincent J. Serritella      Beverly Turkal
Marilyn McConachie

Glenn W. "Max" McGee, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Judy Carmody, the staff secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Mrs. Carmody called the roll of members. A quorum was present. (Dr. Steiner joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and Mrs. Turkal at 10:30 a.m. Superintendent McGee joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.)

Priority
Reports
Because the Superintendent was not present, this agenda item was deferred until later in the meeting.

NBPTS
The Chairman called for Agenda Item B., National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that at this time, an update on Illinois involvement in the NBPTS would be provided as well as the process for certification. He noted that this was a program of high visibility and support by the Board's partners. The Chairman reported that in January, the Illinois Business Roundtable presented the State Board with a check to support teacher costs for pursuing certification -- just one example of support and commitment beyond that of the State Board. He commented that the IEA and IFT continue to support the effort as two additional partners.

Lynne Haeffele, the Chief Deputy Superintendent, indicated that at this meeting, we would provide a brief update on this initiative and request the Board's input as to how we build and promote this program. She noted that specific issues relate to the Board's goals for participation, possible incentives, geographic and population
representation, support for the candidates, and additional leadership opportunities for these teachers.

Chairman Gidwitz left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and Mrs. McConachie took over as chair of the meeting.

Division Administrator Mike Long and staff member Linda Kopecky provided a power-point presentation on this initiative (see Addendum II).

Discussion followed for clarification purposes. Board members provided input and expressed their concerns.

Vice Chair McConachie summarized the discussion. She stated that we are looking at the following.

- A clearer statement of goals for the program
- Measurable objectives
- A clear definition of roles that the Board, ROE's, and teachers play
- Specific recommendations from staff on how to increase participation with perhaps some options for focusing on low-performing schools, etc.
- Possible incentives with budgets attached
- New methods of support and how we measure whether it works or not
- Additional leadership opportunities and how those would be structured

The Vice Chair requested that staff come back to the Board with some very specific and measurable recommendations. She noted that the Superintendent recommended January 2002 for that report. She asked Ms. Haeffele if that date could be moved up to September 2001, because she believed the report would have budget implications.

Ms. Haeffele responded that she did not think if we received the numbers after September that there would be a realistic chance to build it into our budget projections.

Vice Chair McConachie asked Mr. Long is this is possible. He responded that it is possible, but what we would probably not be able to include, which is something that is important to the Board, is the Chicago experience. He noted that as Chicago’s report indicates, it has a large number of applicants this year, and they are doing some unique things with those applicants. He commented that we would not know in September how successful they were, because we would not learn the past numbers until November. Mrs. McConachie indicated that we could advise them of when we are taking action, and perhaps they would provide what they have. She commended staff for their work on this initiative.
An audio tape of the meeting is available through the State Board office in Springfield (217/782-9560).

**Federal Relations**

The Vice Chair called for Agenda Item C., Federal Relations.

Vice Chair McConachie introduced Gail Lieberman, Director of the Federal Relations Office, who provided an update on federal relations activity.

Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. McConachie, Ms. Branch, the Superintendent, Ms. Haeffele, and Ms. Lieberman spent several days in Washington, D.C. since the last Board meeting. A great deal of discussion was focused on President's Bush's plan for education. The purpose of this discussion and agenda item is to prepare should the President’s plan become law.

The Superintendent had requested authorization to develop a statement that responds to the components of the President's plan.

Ms. Lieberman provided a power-point presentation that identified the current and actual components of Bush's plan and the areas in Illinois that are missing and may merit further policy discussion (see Addendum III). She distributed a brochure that Missouri had done on the President's budget. Mrs. Rogers suggested that the State Board do something similar. Ms. Haeffele commented that the Joint Education Committee was also looking at the President's plan.

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**Priority Reports**

The Vice Chair called for Agenda Item A., Board Priority Reports -- Focus on Math.

Ms. Haeffele introduced Deputy Superintendent Mary Jayne Broncato who reviewed the Math priority report.

Superintendent McGee joined the meeting and reviewed priority reports for the other areas: Reading; AEWL/support systems; Standards, Assessment and Accountability; and Educator Quality.

Vice Chair McConachie commended Dr. Broncato for her work.

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Adjournment The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Rogers, Secretary

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Marilyn McConachie, Vice Chair