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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Janet Steiner

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 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. (Mrs. McConachie joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.)

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that Dr. Steiner was unable to attend the Board meeting this month.

Approval of Minutes
Ms. Branch moved that "the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the May 17-18, 2001, Board meeting." Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion, and it was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Participation
There was none.

NASBE Dues
The Chairman called for Agenda Item D.1., Immediate Action Items, NASBE Membership Dues.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that each year the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) requests the State Board's membership to be renewed. He asked for a motion to confirm the Board’s continued membership in this national organization.

Motion
Mrs. Rogers moved that the “State Board of Education hereby approves membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) for FY 2002 and authorizes the payment of dues for membership."

Ms. Branch seconded the motion.
Vote on
Motion
The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Ms. Branch – yes  Mrs. Rogers - yes  Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes  Mr. Serritella - yes

Certification
Rules
The Chairman called for Agenda Item D.2., Immediate Action Items, Rules and Regulations – Amendments to Part 25 (Certification) and Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision).

Superintendent McGee reported the following information regarding the proposed rules to address teacher certification issues.

1. The rules will establish the availability of an endorsement in "self-contained general education" and provide a list of the required coursework. This will address a problem created by the legislation that gave certificate holders an opportunity to choose to receive both an elementary and secondary certificate in exchange for a special certificate in a particular subject area. With these rules, such teachers will be able to add qualifications for teaching in a self-contained, general education program at the elementary level.

2. The rules will set forth the basis on which fees for certificate registration will be calculated, ensuring that one fee registers all of an individual's certificates for the time period it covers.

3. The rules will incorporate the requirements of P.A. 91-370 regarding examinations for certification in transitional bilingual education.

4. The rules will clarify that the time frame relative to "completion of probation" refers to probation after a period of incarceration or probation standing on its own as a sentence.

5. The rules will update various sections and make technical clarifications and clean-ups.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes, and staff members Rob Sampson and Sally Vogl assisted in responding to Board members' questions.

Superintendent McGee asked the Board to authorize the publication of rules relating to teacher certification for public comment and the filing of emergency rules regarding transitional bilingual education examinations.
Motion  Mrs. Rogers moved that the "State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed emergency rulemaking for Certification (23 III. Adm. Code 25). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical or nonsubstantive changes, as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules."

Mr. Serritella seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion  The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion  Mrs. Rogers moved the "State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed amendments to the rules for:

Certification (23 III. Adm. Code 25) and Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 III. Adm. Code 1), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register."

Ms. Branch seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion  The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

An audio tape of the meeting is available through the State Board office in Springfield (217/782-9560).

Resolution  Chairman Gidwitz called for Agenda Item D.3., Resolution for Judy Carmody (not on published agenda).

The Chairman reported that this meeting marked a significant date in the history of the State Board of Education. Judy Carmody, who has served as secretary to the Board for the past 20 years, will be retiring at the end of July. This is her final Board meeting. Chairman Gidwitz noted that Judy would be missed tremendously, and he asked that a motion be made honoring Judy's service to the Board.

Motion  Chairman Gidwitz moved that "the State Board of Education hereby adopts the following resolution:

Whereas, Judy Carmody has been Secretary to the Illinois State Board of Education for twenty of its twenty-six years; and
Whereas, since her appointment to this position in August 1981, Judy has worked with 62 individual members of the State Board of Education, seven State Board chairs and innumerable Board organizational structures and committees; and

Whereas, during her tenure, Judy has also worked with five State Superintendents and four State Board Executive Assistants; and

Whereas, each and every one of these individuals will remember Judy as unfailingly gracious and polite, deeply caring about the welfare of the Board and its members, ethical and appropriate in her behavior, and calm in the midst of many storms; and

Whereas, they will also remember Judy as always cheerful and positive in answering the phone or greeting Board meeting participants, thorough and efficient in her management of details, conscientious about ensuring the quality and accuracy of the official Board records, responsive to all requests from the Board and its individual members (including last minute changes in arrangements), and tactful but firm in ensuring that the arrangements she made for Board members were appropriately carried out; and

Whereas, many will also remember Judy for her gentle reminders about overdue travel vouchers and necessary voting procedures (“roll call, please”); and

Whereas, all will attest to the fact that Judy’s performance as Secretary to the Illinois State Board of Education has established the “gold standard” for unsurpassed quality and professionalism;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Judy’s impact on the Board and the manner in which she has represented it will last long after her well-deserved retirement; and

Be it further resolved, that the State Board of Education expresses its deep appreciation to Judy and wishes her great happiness in the years ahead, as she is able to spend more time with her family, her friends, and her golf game. She will be missed but for her, this ending is just the beginning.”

Mrs. Turkal seconded the motion.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Ms. Branch - yes   Mrs. Rogers - yes   Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes   Mr. Serritella - yes

(Mrs. McConachie joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.)
Certification Board

The Chairman called for Agenda Item E.1., Consent Agenda, State Teacher Certification Board Appointments.

The Superintendent stated that he wished to publicly thank the following members leaving the Certification Board for their time and effort:

- Dr. Genevieve Lopardo, representing higher education;
- John Baird, representing IFT;
- Richard Perotte, representing IFT; and
- Kathy Wessel, representing IEA.

Superintendent McGee reported that the terms of seven members of the Teacher Certification Board will expire, and the Board needs to appoint or reappoint individuals to serve in those seats. He recommended that the Board approve the recommendations for appointment as nominated by the sponsoring organizations.

Motion

Mrs. Rogers moved that “the State Board of Education approve the following recommendations for appointment to the Teacher Certification Board as nominated by the sponsoring organizations:

- Ms. Brenda Humphrey, representing IFT, returning member;
- Ms. Connee Fitch-Blanks, representing IFT;
- Ms. Deidre Dare, representing IFT;
- Ms. Denise Williams, representing IEA, returning member;
- Ms. Kay Acklin, representing IEA;
- Dr. Elizabeth Hitch, representing higher education, Eastern IL University; and
- Mr. Bruce Dennison, representing regional superintendents, returning member.”

Ms. Branch seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman

The Chairman called for Agenda Item F., Announcements and Reports, Chairman. There was nothing further to report.

Superintendent

The Chairman called for Agenda Item F., Announcements and Reports, Superintendent.

Superintendent McGee reported that at the June 20 Senate Education Committee Hearing on assessment, many positive responses were heard from people testifying and from Senators regarding the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE). He commented that the opening presenter at the Hearing was a
high school principal who talked about how seriously the students had taken the test – how it had really meant something to them. He also reported that he was pleased with the support of the ISAT at the Hearing – both on the panel and in the audience. The Superintendent stated that enormous gains have been made in this measure of the Illinois Learning Standards (ILS), and he congratulated staff members Lynne Haeffele Curry, Michael Dunn, Carmen Chapman Pfeiffer, Merv Brennan, and others who helped make this possible. Superintendent MCGee commented that during the Senate Hearing, many districts reported that their curriculum is aligned with the ILS. He also stated that according to the information he heard at the Hearing, the Illinois Learning Standards are moving into the schools and classrooms.

Committees

The Chairman called for Agenda Item F., Announcements and Reports, Committees. There was nothing further to report.

Members

The Chairman called for Agenda Item F., Announcements and Reports, Members. There was nothing further to report.

Closed Session

The Chairman asked for a motion for the Board to go into a closed meeting at various times during the next two days.

Motion

Mrs. Turkal moved that "the State Board of Education go into closed session on June 21 at approximately 9:45 a.m. or immediately following the Plenary Session and on June 22 at approximately 6:00 p.m. (during dinner) under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois:

-- Section 2 (c) (1) for the purpose of discussing information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee;
-- Section 2 (c) (11) for the purpose of discussing litigation; and
-- Section 2 (c) (16) for the purpose of discussing self evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member.

She further moved that Superintendent MCGee be included in this meeting and that the Board be authorized to invite anyone else into the meeting as needed."

Mrs. McConachie seconded the motion.
The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Ms. Branch - yes  
Mrs. McConachie - yes  
Mr. Serritella - yes  
Mr. Gidwitz - yes  
Mrs. Rogers - yes  
Mrs. Turkal - yes

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. and went into closed session at 10:15 a.m. The meeting recessed for the day at 3:30 p.m.

Due to a change in plans, the closed session reconvened at 11:30 a.m. on June 23 instead of June 22, with the same Board members who were in attendance on June 21.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman