MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ronald J. Gidwitz   Connie Rogers   Beverly Turkal
Marjorie B. Branch   Richard Sandsmark
Marilyn McConachie  Janet Steiner
Respicio F. Vazquez, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Judith A. Gold
Vincent J. Serritella

Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Terri Morris, the secretary to the Chief Legal Counsel, to call the roll. Mrs. Morris called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Closed Session Motion
Chairman Gidwitz asked for a motion for the Board to go into closed session.

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education go into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

Section 2 (c) (1) for the purpose of discussing information regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee;

She further moved that the Board be authorized to invite anyone else into the meeting as needed.

Mrs. McConachie 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. Sandsmark – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes   Dr. Steiner – yes

The Board went into closed session at 11:00 a.m. and recessed at 12:10 p.m. The open meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m.
The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Contract Renewal for State Superintendent Respicio Vasquez.

The Chairman called for a motion regarding this agenda item.

Mrs. Rogers moved that whereas the State Board of Education desires the appointment and employment of Mr. Vazquez as the State Superintendent of Education, and whereas Mr. Vazquez is professionally qualified to hold the foregoing position. Therefore, in consideration of mutual promises agreed upon, the Board does hereby reappoint and employ Mr. Vazquez as State Superintendent of Education at a term commencing July 1, 2002, and ending no later than June 30, 2003. The contract shall immediately terminate with seven days notice if the Board hires another individual to serve as State Superintendent of Education prior to June 30, 2003. Mr. Vazquez hereby accepts the appointment and employment as the State Superintendent of Education at the present salary for one year payable in semi-monthly installments on the conditions and terms hereby contained. Mr. Vazquez’s salary will be prorated and paid only to the date of termination if he does not serve the full one-year term. On the signing of the contract, the Board shall also purchase for Mr. Vazquez the annual $10,500 annuity in the same manner as if Mr. Vazquez was still serving as the Board’s General Counsel.

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. Rogers – yes  Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes  Mr. Sandsmark – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes  Dr. Steiner – yes

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Extension of Contract for Outside Legal Counsel Handling Collective Bargaining.

The Chairman called for a motion regarding this agenda item.

Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to extend the contract for legal services performed by the law firm of Laner, Muchin, Donbrow, Becker, Levin and Tominber, Ltd. in conjunction with collective bargaining of Work-Force Realignment issues with Illinois Federation of State Office Educators (IFSOE) in the amount of $50,000.
Mrs. McConachie 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. Sandsmark – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes  Dr. Steiner – yes

**Part 25 Rule Amendments**

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Revised Amendments to Rules for Part 25: Continuing Professional Development.

Staff member Sally Vogl discussed the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Certification rules which identify continuing professional development requirements relevant to serving students in the least-restrictive environment for an individual not serving as a special education teacher.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members’ input.

Chairman Gidwitz called for a motion regarding this agenda item.

**Motion**

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:

Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25).

This action supersedes the action taken by the Board on November 15, 2001, with respect to Section 35.805 (Requirements of the Plan) only.

Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical or non-substantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Mrs. McConachie 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. Sandsmark – yes
- Mrs. McConachie – yes
- Dr. Steiner – pass

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Rogers, Secretary

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Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman