WEDNESDAY, December 12

11:00 a.m.  STATE BOARD MEETING
DoubleTree Guest Hotel
Lincoln Park Room, 3rd Floor

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call
State Board Budget and Annual Report

- Cover

Noon LUNCH
DoubleTree Guest Hotel
Park Avenue Café – 2nd floor

12:45 p.m.  Baldrige in Education (BiE-In) Update

- Cover
- Draft Illinois State System of P-16

Technology Plan

- Cover
- Technology in P-12 Education-A Renewed Commitment
- Any Time, Any Place, Any Path, Any Pace-Taking the Lead on E-Learn Policy and NASBE E-Learning Report

Federal Relations

- Cover
- Washington Education Update, November 14, 2001
- Washington Education Update, November 30, 2001

School Profile for School Designation

- Cover
Rules Overview

- **Time Out and Physical Restraint**
  Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)
  - Cover
  - Rules

- **Transportation**
  Part 120 (Pupil Transportation Reimbursement)
  - Cover
  - Rules

Annual Reports

- **Charter School Annual Report**
  - Cover

- **Cumulative Waiver Report**
  - Cover
  - Summary of Approved Waiver/Modification Requests of Rules and School Code Mandates

4:15 p.m.  ADJOURN

4:30 p.m.  CLOSED SESSION and DINNER
DoubleTree Guest Hotel
New Town Room – 3rd floor
Dinner (TBA)

THURSDAY, December 13

8:00 a.m.  Exhibit Tour
Chicago Field Museum

9:00 a.m.  PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING
Chicago Field Museum
Founders' Room

A. Roll Call/Call Meeting to Order
B. Approval of Minutes: November 14-15, 2001
  - Minutes of the Special Board Meeting (November 14, 2001)
  - Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting and Closed Session (November 14-15, 2001)
  - Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting Plenary Business Meeting (November 15, 2001)
C. Public Participation
D. Education Funding Advisory Board (EFAB)
E. Field Museum - Online Education Projects
F. Action Items
  1. Charter School Annual Report
     (See Wednesday's Agenda)
  2. Rules
     a. Time Out and Physical Restraint
        Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)
        (See Wednesday's Agenda)
     b. Transportation
        Part 120 (Pupil Transportation Reimbursement)
        (See Wednesday's Agenda)
  3. IFSOE Contract
4. Other Contracts
G. Announcements and Reports
   1. Chair
   2. Superintendent
      a. Standard Examination Advisory Committee
      b. Early Childhood/Universal Pre-School
   3. Committees
      a. Operations
      b. Strategic Planning
      c. Legislation
      d. Members
H. Adjourn

Noon  LUNCH
Chicago Field Museum
Founders' Room

OTHER INFORMATION

- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Recently Certified Illinois' Teachers.
- Illinois State Board of Education 2001-2002 Calendar

*All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities.
**Meetings will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

Input meeting on State Superintendent Search

   Thursday, December 13, 2001
   ED-RED

Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777
Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Alison Harbour, the staff secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Ms. Harbour called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

The Chairman indicated that Dr. Steiner would not be attending the Board meeting today due to family commitments.

Budget & Annual Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, State Board Budget and Annual Report.

The Chairman reported that the first agenda item was a discussion of the FY 2003 State Board Budget and the Annual Report for FY 2001. He noted that the Budget had been a discussion item for the past several months and he indicated that it continues to be a challenge in a year of very tight resources. He explained that the Board did not plan to act on the final Budget or the Annual Report during this meeting. He commented that these items are due to the General Assembly in January and action on these items would most likely necessitate a Special Board meeting before the due date, probably in early January.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Lynne Haeffele and David Wood answered questions and provided an overview of the Budget picture and the Annual Report.
The Chairman called for Agenda Item, The Baldrige in Education (BiE-In) Update. The Superintendent reported that the State Board is a key partner in the Illinois Baldrige in Education (BiE-In) Initiative. He noted that this agenda item would provide an updated report on the progress of this initiative. He commented that the goals for the Initiative are under review and refinement to prioritize activity and develop a scorecard for performance. He also noted that challenges to achieving the BiE-In goals include communication among and engagement of all partners.


The Chairman called for Agenda Item, State Plan for Technology in P-12 Education. The Chairman stated that the next agenda item would be a discussion regarding the State Plan for Technology in P-12 Education. He noted that the Board has had several occasions to discuss components of the Plan to provide input to staff members. He stated that the State Board's accomplishments during the first five-year State Technology Plan had been amazing, and he indicated that the Board looked forward to continued progress in this area.

The Superintendent explained that development of a new five-year State Plan began more than a year ago and involved hundreds of Illinois citizens in meetings and focus groups. He commented that the proposed Plan includes a new vision that is aligned to the challenges of educating students for success in the 21st Century. He indicated that the Plan would be distributed for public comment, and the Board would take final action to adopt the Plan in the next couple of months.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members’ input. Staff members Eugene Finley and Lee Patton assisted in answering questions.
The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Federal Relations.

Chairman Gidwitz noted that during the next segment the Board will be hearing from staff member Gail Lieberman to obtain the latest information from Washington.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, School Profile for School Designation.

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that the next discussion item would focus on the School Profile for School Designation – a new system that the Board had approved at last month’s Board meeting.

The Superintendent reported that during last month's Board meeting various questions were raised regarding the School Profile. He noted that staff were asked to return to clarify some aspects of the Profile. He indicated that information would be shared in today’s discussion regarding the three components relating to the School Profile – excellence in effort, attendance, and percent tested. He also noted that the Profile would be taken on the road again to obtain more input and suggestions from parents, business community members, and others.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Michael Dunn and Carmen Chapman Pfeiffer assisted in answering questions.

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Rules Overview.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that there were two sets of rules that the Board would need to approve during the Plenary Business Meeting on December 13. He indicated that at this time the Board would discuss the Time Out and Physical Restraint rules and the Pupil Transportation Reimbursement rules.

The Superintendent noted that since both sets of rules had been through the public comment period, he would be asking the Board for their final approval. He explained that staff would provide a brief overview of the changes regarding the rules and the public comment input that had been received regarding the Time Out and Physical Restraint rules.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Chris Koch and Sally Vogl assisted by answering questions.
The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Annual Reports.

Chairman Gidwitz stated that the last two items on the agenda were related to two annual reports that the State Board provides to the Governor and the General Assembly early in the year. He noted that the first report deals with Charter schools.

The Superintendent explained that the Charter Schools Annual Report could in essence stand by itself. He indicated that the report was succinct and clear. He expressed his thanks and complimented the work of staff members Mary Jayne Broncato, Sharon Roberts, and Janet Allison. He noted that he would ask the Board’s approval to send this report forward to the General Assembly.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Mary Jayne Broncato, Sharon Roberts, and Janet Allison provided a brief summary of the Report content via telephone and highlighted issues that were prominent with the ongoing activities of Charter schools.

Chairman Gidwitz noted that the second annual report was the Cumulative Waiver Report which will be submitted to the General Assembly in February. He explained that this Report was not an action item this month but an opportunity for the Board to have an initial discussion about the recommendations.

The Superintendent stated that the Cumulative Waiver Report is submitted annually and is intended to provide a comprehensive listing of all waivers and modifications granted by the State Board or the General Assembly. He indicated that this Report addresses four topics – school holidays, the Prairie State Achievement Exam and the school day, physical education, and the Cumulative Waiver Report submission dates.

The Superintendent explained that a very important concern regarding this Report is its perceived significance by the Legislature. He commented that during the life of this Report not one of the State Board’s recommendations have been addressed by the General Assembly. He noted that the submission date change is intended to assist with this concern.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members’ input. Staff members Connie Wise and Shelley Helton assisted in answering questions.
The Chairman called for a motion to go into closed session.

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education go into a closed meeting on December 12 under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meeting 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.
- Section 2 (c) (11) for the purpose of discussing litigation.

She further moved 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. Rogers - yes
- Mr. Serritella - yes
- Mr. Gidwitz - yes
- Mr. Sandsmark - yes
- Mrs. Turkal - yes
- Mrs. McConachie - yes

The public meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m. and the Board went into closed meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman
Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Alison Harbour, the staff secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Ms. Harbour called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Field Museum and he thanked David Foster for his brilliantly guided tour of the Cleopatra Exhibit. He also thanked Field Museum employee Anne Haskel for her outstanding coordination of the Museum’s activities for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Branch moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meetings held on November 14-15, 2001.

Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion, and it was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Participation

The Chairman called for Agenda Item C., Public Participation. The following individuals spoke to the Board.

Glenn Littlefield, of the Hinckley-Big Rock Community Unit School District, spoke to the Board regarding the potential state education budget reductions (see Addendum II).

Peggy Agnos, representing LEND, spoke to the Board regarding the potential state education budget reductions for 2002 and 2003 (see Addendum III).

Bindu Batchu, Technology Associate of the Metropolitan Planning Council and the Network 21, spoke to the Board regarding the State Board’s Technology Plan.
Bridget Helmholz, representing the Child Care Association of Illinois, spoke to the Board regarding the steering committee reviewing Illinois’ compliance on special education (see Addendum IV).

Penny Upton, IEA representative from the Round Lake School District, spoke to the Board regarding Round Lake’s educational funding issues.

Susan Shea, representing the Illinois Education Association, also spoke to the Board regarding Round Lake’s educational funding issues, thanked departing State Superintendent Max McGee for his service to the students and schools of Illinois, and welcomed Superintendent Designate Ernest R. Wish.

Stephen Riley, representing Omnibus Educational Management, spoke to the Board regarding educational issues facing the schools in the State of Illinois.

Lonnie Johns spoke to the Board regarding the Corey H. case and a local educational event in the Jacksonville area in June 2002.

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

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Education Funding Advisory Board.

Chairman Gidwitz stated that during today’s meeting the Board would be given an updated report from the Education Funding Advisory Board (EFAB).

The Superintendent reported that Bob Leininger, Chair of the EFAB, and Marleis Trover would share their insight regarding the EFAB recommendations for FY03 education funding. He noted that next year EFAB will detail a new approach to funding education.

The Chairman called for Agenda Item E., Field Museum Online Education Projects.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the use of technology in the classroom and instruction is truly exciting. He noted that during yesterday’s meeting the Board had the opportunity to discuss the Illinois Technology Plan and the tremendous impact it will have on instruction. He indicated that during today’s meeting the Board would be seeing an example of that application in the classroom.
The Superintendent reported that the Museum in the Classroom Project has been in place for several years. He indicated that the Sue Project is an outstanding example of how technology can provide access to extraordinary learning and instruction for all students.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members’ input. Staff member Lugene Finley and Field Museum staff member Jennifer Eagleton assisted in answering questions.

Charter School Annual Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item F., Action Items, Charter School Annual Report.

The Superintendent stated that the Charter School Annual Report covers the 2000-2001 school year and it addresses 19 schools that were in operation during that school year. He explained that four additional schools have opened since that time. He commented that this report must be submitted to the General Assembly in January.

Motion

Dr. Steiner moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the FY 2001 Charter School Annual Report and authorizes its transmittal to the Governor and General Assembly.

Mrs. Rogers 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  Dr. Steiner - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes  Mr. Sandsmark - yes  Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mrs. McConachie - yes  Mr. Serritella - yes

Rules, Time Out & Physical Restraint


The Superintendent stated that two sets of rules have been through the public comment period and are ready for final action by the Board. He noted the Physical Restraint and Time Out rules are the first set of rules requiring the Board’s approval.
Motion  Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the amendments to Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) relating to Physical Restraint/Time Out including the changes in response to public comment. Further, the Board authorizes their submission to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for review. Further, the State Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

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  Dr. Steiner - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes  Mr. Sandsmark - yes  Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mrs. McConachie - yes  Mr. Serritella - yes

Rules, Transportation  The Chairman called for Agenda Items F., Action Items, Transportation Rules, Part 120 (Pupil Transportation Reimbursement).

The Superintendent noted that the second set of rules that need adoption are the Pupil Transportation Reimbursement rules which are basically technical in nature. He indicated that the public comment period for these rules generated no comments or concerns.

Motion  Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the amendments to Part 120 of the Illinois School Code relating to Pupil Transportation Reimbursement and authorizes their submission to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). Further, the State Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

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

The Superintendent indicated that the IFSOE four-year contract had been ratified by the Union members and needed the Board’s approval.

Mr. Serritella moved that the State Board of Education hereby ratifies the four-year contract with the Illinois Federation of State Office Employees (IFSOE).

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   Dr. Steiner - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes   Mr. Sandsmark - yes   Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mrs. McConachie - yes   Mr. Serritella - yes

Mrs. Rogers stated that she has reviewed the Board and Superintendent travel expenditures and found no irregularities.

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the Board travel expenditures for July 1 – November 30, 2001, and the quarterly travel expenditures for the State Superintendent.

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 Dr. Steiner - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes Mr. Sandsmark - yes Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mrs. McConachie - yes Mr. Serritella - yes

The Chairman called for Agenda Item F., Action Items, Resolution for Superintendent Max McGee.

Chairman Gidwitz moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the following resolution honoring Superintendent Max McGee. Further, the Board expresses its gratitude for his energy, diligence, and positive outlook this past three years.

Whereas, Glenn W. “Max” McGee has served as State Superintendent of Education in Illinois for three years, from 1999-2002; and

Whereas, Max’s leadership as State Superintendent has been highlighted by his deep belief that all children can meet high learning standards and his unwavering commitment to assuring that they have equitable opportunities to do so; and

Whereas, the eloquence with which Max has advocated for students whose circumstances put them at risk of academic problems has made educators, parents and citizens aware of the achievement gap in Illinois and focused attention on the shared obligation to eliminate that gap; and

Whereas, Max has particularly emphasized the creation or expansion of programs such as reading, mathematics, and early childhood education that can help move all students toward high achievement, and

Whereas, the evidence of his success in these efforts includes the Snapshot of Early Literacy, statutory changes to assure that Reading Block Grant funds go directly to serve students or train teachers in how to teach reading, Reading Kits, state funding for mathematics leadership, student and program standards for early learning, and the Early Learning website; and
Whereas, Max brought to the position of State Superintendent an ability to reflect goals and stimulate efforts through memorable phrases such as “Second to None” and “Texas-Shmexas;” and

Whereas, Max also brought to the position of State Superintendent boundless energy and unflagging optimism, characteristics that he demonstrated from morning to night (from 6:30 a.m. interviews with WGN to 6:30 p.m. Schoolhouse Meetings) and applied to challenges as diverse as East St. Louis, the Teachers’ Retirement System and talking on three cell phones at the same time; and

Whereas, as a result of Max’s tireless efforts on behalf of Illinois students and schools, the Illinois Learning Standards are becoming the focus of teaching and learning in all schools, student achievement is improving, the cutting-edge Prairie State Achievement Test has opened new doors for students to attend higher education, and a new school designation system provides the catalyst for assisting schools whose students are not achieving; and

Whereas, Max McGee shepherded Illinois education from the 20th century to the 21st, building on past accomplishments, strengthening the foundation for meeting new challenges, and making all of us aware that “two million children depend on us every day;”

Therefore, be it resolved that the State Board of Education extends its deep appreciation to Glenn W. “Max” McGee for his service as a voice for all children, including those who might not otherwise be heard, for his countless and exceptional accomplishments as State Superintendent of Education; and for his enduring legacies to students, schools and the State of Illinois.

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

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

Superintendent McGee reported regarding the Standards Advisory Committee meeting and the progress they have made. He also stated that it had been an honor to serve the Board and the employees of the State Board of Education, and he indicated his thanks for the resolution honoring his service.

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

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

The Chairman called for Agenda Item F., Other Business. There was nothing further to report.

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The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

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Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman