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

Glenn W. "Max" McGee, State Superintendent of Education
Ernest R. Wish, State Superintendent Designate

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

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.

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### Education Funding Advisory Board

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.

### Field Museum Online Education Projects

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
- Mr. 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 Mc Gee 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” Mc Gee 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