MINUTES OF THE WORK-STUDY SESSION II
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
State Board of Education Office
Springfield, Illinois
February 22, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Marilyn McConachie        Connie Rogers        Beverly Turkal
Marjorie B. Branch        Janet Steiner

Glenn W. "Max" M'Gee, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Ronald J. Gidwitz, Vincent J. Serritella

Roll Call
In the absence of Chairman Gidwitz, the meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by the Vice Chair, Mrs. McConachie, 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.

Vice Chair McConachie indicated that Chairman Gidwitz was not able to attend the Board meeting this month, and Mr. Serritella was ill but would be connected by phone to the Plenary Business Meeting later that day.

Motion to Recess
Mrs. Turkal moved that "the State Board of Education recess the meeting at this time, so the Board members could go to the Capitol to attend an education committee meeting."

Vote on Motion
The Vice Chair 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
Mrs. McConachie - yes  Dr. Steiner - yes

The meeting recessed at 8:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Learning Environments
The Vice Chair called for Agenda Item A., Improved Learning Environments. This item was deferred until a later meeting.

East St. Louis
The Vice Chair called for Agenda Item B., East St. Louis Annual Performance Report.
Vice Chair McConachie indicated that the Financial Oversight Panel for East St. Louis had submitted their fourth annual report to the State Board. She noted that at this meeting, information regarding the progress made by the Oversight Panel and challenges they face would be shared.

Superintendent McGee introduced Richard Mark, chair of the Financial Oversight Panel; Jim Tapscott, the Financial Administrator; and Deputy Superintendent Gary Ey. He thanked Mr. Mark and the other Panel members for their time and dedication.

The Superintendent indicated that the report of the Oversight Panel shows that progress toward financial stability and accountability is being made. He noted that it also reflects improvement in the communication between District officials and the Panel. He commented that while the Board did not need to take any formal action, he would like to formally thank and ask the Board to continue their support of the East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel efforts.

Mr. Mark, Mr. Tapscott, and Mr. Ey provided information on the report of the Financial Oversight Panel for East St. Louis. A copy of the power-point presentation can be found in Addendum II.

The Board members and Superintendent McGee offered their assistance.

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

**Board Priorities**

The Vice Chair called for Agenda Item C., Board Priority Reports.

Superintendent McGee introduced Deputy Superintendent Carmen Chapman Pfeiffer who shared information on Standards, Assessment and Accountability.

Vice Chair McConachie requested a list of web sites, and the Superintendent responded that we would provide that information.

Superintendent McGee highlighted other priorities.

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Adjournment  The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Rogers, Secretary

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Marilyn McConachie, Vice Chair