MEMBERS PRESENT:
*Marjorie B. Branch    Marilyn McConachie    Janet Steiner
Ronald J. Gidwitz    Connie Rogers    Beverly Turkal
*Judith A. Gold    Richard Sandsmark

Robert E. Schiller, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Vincent Serritella

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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.

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that Mr. Serritella was unable to join the meeting this month, and *Ms. Branch and *Ms. Gold would participate by phone.

Public Participation

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

Jay Runner, representing Facilitation Coordination in Agricultural Education, spoke to the Board regarding agricultural education. He shared the fifth agricultural education curriculum compact disc with Board members. He told the Board that there would be one more compact disc in this series of curriculum discs, and he thanked them for their support of the agricultural education budget. He reported that this compact disc had been made available to all high school and community college teachers this summer. He indicated that all the curriculum lessons align to the Illinois Learning Standards, and he noted that the sixth compact disc would be ready in June 2003. He also shared with the Board members a database summary reflecting information that is collected by his association from schools and teachers on an annual basis (see Addendum II).
Laura Arterburn, representing the Illinois Federation of Teachers, spoke to the Board regarding Supplemental Education Services (SES) providers. She indicated her appreciation for the comments during yesterday’s meeting discussion regarding the possibility of high costs associated with Supplemental Education Services. She also stated that highly qualified staff should provide the Supplemental Education Services.

Gary B. Arnold, representing the Illinois Coalition of Nonpublic Schools, spoke to the Board regarding private education. He reported to the Board that the Coalition has approximately 20 members and has been around for 25 years. He commented that nonpublic schools touch at least 14% of the Illinois student population – about 1500 schools or a third of a million students, not including the ambiguous home schooling movement. He said that he looked forward to a time when the Coalition’s leadership could sit down and talk to the State Board about better ways to serve the citizens and children of Illinois. He introduced the new Chairman of the Coalition – Randy Brunk, Superintendent of Peoria Christian Schools.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman called for Agenda Item C., Approval of Minutes.

Motion

Ms. Branch moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the meetings on August 21-22, 2002, as published.

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

NCLB – Highly Qualified Teacher

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) – Highly Qualified Teacher Guidance Document.

Document

The Superintendent asked the Board to approve this document and authorize its distribution, along with sample notice forms.
Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the "highly qualified teacher guidance document" and directs the State Superintendent to disseminate it to all interested parties, along with the sample information and notice forms.

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  Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes  Mrs. Rogers – yes  Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – yes  Mr. Sandsmark – yes

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) – Criteria for Selecting Supplemental Education Services (SES) Providers.

The Superintendent asked the Board to approve the “Criteria for Selecting Supplemental Education Service Providers” and requested that staff take action, to the extent possible within the law, to encourage the use of qualified teachers and control costs for Supplemental Educational Services.

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the proposed criteria for selecting supplemental education services providers in Illinois, as amended, and directs the State Superintendent to disseminate it to all interested parties.

Mr. Sandsmark 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  Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes  Mrs. Rogers – yes  Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – yes  Mr. Sandsmark – yes

The approved criteria to be considered by the Board in selecting service providers must include the requirement that the eligible service providers provide, at minimum, information concerning an hourly cost rate per student and total cost per student.

The Superintendent asked the Board to approve recommendations related to the fourth annual report on the implementation of Learning Standards in Illinois schools. He indicated that these recommendations will result in a gap analysis/plan for taking the next steps in standards implementation and a project to develop high school coursework “frameworks.”

Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby accepts the fourth year evaluation report on the implementation of the state learning standards in Illinois schools and commends the research team of Dr. Lizanne DeStefano and Dr. Nona Prestine on the excellence of this report.

She further moved that the Board directs the State Superintendent to do the following:

1. Direct staff to conduct a gap analysis of the recommendations in this report in relation to current ISBE activities and to develop a work plan for continuing standards implementation in Illinois;

2. Ask the Assessment and Accountability Task Force to consider the report recommendations regarding assessment;

3. Authorize a project to develop high school coursework “frameworks” and pursue additional policy discussions around core curriculum; and

4. Authorize a second-phase evaluation/study to answer additional questions about state policies and support that can help districts.

Dr. Steiner 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
- Dr. Steiner – yes
- Mr. Gidwitz – yes
- Mrs. Rogers – yes
- Mrs. Turkal – yes
- Ms. Gold – yes
- Mr. Sandsmark – yes
The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Items for Immediate Action, Notification
Acknowledge Receipt of Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Notification of Objection and Defer Matter for Further Board Consideration.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the State Board of Education has received a communication from the Illinois Institute of Technology indicating its objection to the State Certification Board’s recommendation concerning provisional unit accreditation and program approval. He noted that in order to give staff additional time to review this objection and present a recommendation to the Board, he asked for a motion to receive this objection and defer it until the October meeting.

Motion
Mrs. Steiner moved that the State Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the notification of objection from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) to the State Teacher Certification Board recommendation concerning provisional unit accreditation and program approval. She further moved that discussion on this “notification of objection” will be scheduled for the State Board’s October 2002 meeting.

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

Report on ISAT and PSAE Cut Score Setting
Superintendent Schiller asked the Board for its authorization to refer the issue of cut score setting for ISAT and PSAE to the Assessment and Accountability Task Force.

Motion
Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby refers the issue of cut score setting for the ISAT and PSAE to the Assessment and Accountability Task Force and asks that it be considered as part of that group’s review of the student assessment system in Illinois. She further moved that the State Board of Education directs the State Superintendent to update the State Board with the Task Force’s discussion and recommendations.
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. McConachie – yes
- Dr. Steiner – yes
- Mr. Gidwitz – yes
- Mrs. Rogers – yes
- Mrs. Turkal – yes
- Ms. Gold – yes
- Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Illinois After-School Initiative Task Force Report
Chairman Gidwitz reported that the Board has concluded that it needs more information on this agenda item and will revisit the issue next month. He informed the Board members that they will receive data about service levels and other issues related to this agenda item.

2002 Title II State Report Card
The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, 2002 Title II State Report Card.

The Superintendent indicated that we have modified the intended motion to address issues raised by the Board during yesterday’s discussions. He noted that those changes would result in studies of issues related to the impact of teacher education reforms and the quality and success of Illinois teacher education programs.

Motion
Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby endorses the preliminary “2002 Title II State Report Card” and authorizes the State Superintendent to finalize the report and submit it to the United States Department of Education and the citizens of Illinois.

She further moved that the Board directs the State Superintendent to develop strategic plans to do the following;

- study the impact of teacher education reforms on teacher quality and other variables such as program length and availability; and

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

Rules for Adoption

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

Superintendent Schiller asked the Board to adopt the proposed rule amendments to Part 1 and Part 25 as previously published.
Motion  
Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:

- public schools evaluation, recognition and supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1); and
- certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25).

She further moved that the Board authorize 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.

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

Waiver Report  
The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Immediate Action Items, Waiver Report to the General Assembly.

The Superintendent asked the Board to authorize transmission of the Fall 2002 Waiver Report to the General Assembly with recommendations for legislative denial of the waiver requests by Sauk Village School District #168 and Boone/Winnebago Regional Learning Center, and a recommendation that the Fisher School District waiver be approved for two years instead of the requested five years.

Motion  
Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education recommends that the General Assembly grant the waiver request submitted by Fisher Community Fisher S.D. Unit School District #1, but limit the waiver to two years.

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

Dr. Steiner moved that the State Board of Education recommends that the General Assembly deny the waiver request from the Boone/Winnebago Regional Learning Academy.

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  Dr. Steiner – pass
Mr. Gidwitz – yes  Mrs. Rogers – yes  Mrs. Turkal – no
Ms. Gold – yes  Mr. Sandsmark – no

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education recommends that the General Assembly deny the waiver request from Sauk Village Consolidated District #168.

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

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes transmission of the Fall 2002 Waiver Report to the General Assembly, with recommendations for General Assembly action as adopted by the Board.

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
- Dr. Steiner – yes
- Mr. Gidwitz – yes
- Mrs. Rogers – yes
- Mrs. Turkal – yes
- Ms. Gold – yes
- Mr. Sandsmark – yes

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, FY03 Internal Audit Plan.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the Board would not be taking action at this time regarding the Internal Audit Plan. He said that the Board would address this issue at a later meeting.

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Immediate Action Items, Budget Hearing Schedule.

The Superintendent asked the Board to adopt the schedule for hearings related to development of the FY04 budget for elementary and secondary education.

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the following schedule of budget hearings:

- September 19, 2002 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Springfield
- September 24, 2002 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Naperville
- October 17, 2002 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Collinsville
- October 25, 2002 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Chicago

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
- Dr. Steiner – yes
- Mr. Gidwitz – yes
- Mrs. Rogers – yes
- Mrs. Turkal – yes
- Ms. Gold – yes
- Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Dr. Steiner left the meeting at 11:05 a.m. in order to attend the State Board’s budget hearing.
Finance, Audit & Agency Operations Reports

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Finance, Audit and Agency Operations Reports.

The Superintendent asked the Board to approve the finance, audit and agency operations reports.

Motion

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby accepts the finance, audit and agency operations reports presented during the meeting in September 2002.

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. McConachie – yes  Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes  Mrs. Rogers – yes
Ms. Gold – yes  Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Round Lake Resolutions

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Round Lake Financial Oversight Panel Resolutions.

The Superintendent asked the Board to approve resolutions of appreciation for the Chairman and members of the Financial Oversight Panel for Round Lake School District 116: Marc Spivak, William "Bill" Thompson, and Jess Porres.

Motion

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR
MARC SPIVAK

Whereas Marc Spivak served as Chairman of the Financial Oversight Panel for Round Lake Area School District #116 from May 25, 2000 to August 22, 2002; and

Whereas Marc accepted this responsibility even though it was extraordinarily time consuming, fraught with controversy, and defined by a never-ending series of challenges, not the least of which was keeping the district solvent; and
Whereas under Marc's strong and effective leadership, the Panel carried out this responsibility with single-minded dedication to the educational welfare of Round Lake students, educators, parents and citizens; and

Whereas Marc and his fellow Panel members worked collaboratively with the Round Lake board, administration, employee unions, local legislators, neighboring communities and the State Board of Education to develop a viable plan for the district's future; and

Whereas Marc and his colleagues demonstrated vision, courage and tenacity in proposing and securing a School Financial Authority for Round Lake Area School District #116 that will help it eliminate outstanding short and long-term debt and provide stability and direction for the future;

Therefore be it resolved by the State Board of Education that we honor Marc Spivak for his outstanding public service as Chairman of the Financial Oversight Panel for Round Lake School District #116 and extend our sincere appreciation on behalf of all of the children whose lives he has benefited, now and in the future.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR WILLIAM "BILL" THOMPSON

Whereas William "Bill" Thompson served as a member of the Financial Oversight Panel for Round Lake Area School District #116 from May 25, 2000 to August 22, 2002; and

Whereas Bill accepted this responsibility even though it was extraordinarily time consuming, fraught with controversy, and defined by a never-ending series of challenges, not the least of which was keeping the district solvent; and

Whereas Bill and the other Panel members carried out this responsibility with single-minded dedication to the educational welfare of Round Lake students, educators, parents and citizens; and

Whereas Bill and his fellow Panel members worked collaboratively with the Round Lake board, administration, employee unions, local legislators, neighboring communities and the State Board of Education to develop a viable plan for the district's future; and
Whereas Bill and his colleagues demonstrated vision, courage and tenacity in proposing and securing a School Financial Authority for Round Lake Area School District #116 that will help it eliminate outstanding short and long-term debt and provide stability and direction for the future; and

Therefore be it resolved by the State Board of Education that we honor William "Bill" Thompson for his outstanding public service as a member of the Financial Oversight Panel for Round Lake School District #116 and extend our sincere appreciation on behalf of all of the children whose lives he has benefited, now and in the future.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR
JESS PORRES

Whereas Jess Porres served as a member of the Financial Oversight Panel for Round Lake Area School District #116 from May 3, 2001 to August 22, 2002; and

Whereas Jess accepted this responsibility even though it was extraordinarily time consuming, fraught with controversy, and defined by a never-ending series of challenges, not the least of which was keeping the district solvent; and

Whereas Jess and the other Panel members carried out this responsibility with single-minded dedication to the educational welfare of Round Lake students, educators, parents and citizens; and

Whereas Jess and his fellow Panel members worked collaboratively with the Round Lake board, administration, employee unions, local legislators, neighboring communities and the State Board of Education to develop a viable plan for the district’s future; and

Whereas Jess and his colleagues demonstrated vision, courage and tenacity in proposing and securing a School Financial Authority for Round Lake Area School District #116 that will help it eliminate outstanding short and long-term debt and provide stability and direction for the future; and

Therefore be it resolved by the State Board of Education that we honor Jess Porres for his outstanding public service as a member of the Financial Oversight Panel for Round Lake School District #116 and extend our sincere appreciation on behalf of all of the children whose lives he has benefited, now and in the future.
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
- Mrs. Turkal – yes
- Mr. Gidwitz – yes
- Mrs. Rogers – yes
- Ms. Gold – yes
- Mr. Sandsmark – yes

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Approve Closed Session Minutes.

Superintendent Schiller asked the Board to approve the minutes of the closed meetings of the State Board of Education between August 2001 and July 2002 and authorize the Board secretary to make them available to the public.

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of all closed meetings from August 2001 through July 2002 and authorizes the Board secretary to make them available to the public.

Mr. Sandsmark 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
- Mrs. Turkal – yes
- Mr. Gidwitz – yes
- Mrs. Rogers – yes
- Ms. Gold – yes
- Mr. Sandsmark – yes

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

Superintendent Schiller announced the following information:

- Data Analysis staff member Shuwan Chiu became a United States citizen on September 1, 2002.
• The “Tomorrow’s Builders Charter School” has met all of the criteria and has been certified. This charter school was proposed by East St. Louis District 189 and developed by the Emerson Park Development Corporation.

• The Deloitte and Touch report recommendations are being quickly implemented by widely advertising the acting managerial positions; by having agency divisions complete a risk assessment; by reviewing the proposals for the e-Grant System; by consolidation agency conference planning; by retiring three state vehicles; by working with the regional superintendents to assure accounting compliance and professional development in-service activities are well coordinated; by conducting a feasibility study for the student information data system; and by seeking a project management contractor for all of the Illinois Technology (IT) projects.

• The Assessment and Accountability Task Force was formally announced to the media and will meet from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on September 23 in Springfield, September 24 in Wheaton and on October 1 in Mt. Vernon. Additional hearings may be scheduled later.

Chairman Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item E., Announcements and Reports, Chairman.

Chairman Gidwitz announced that Mrs. McConachie and Mrs. Rogers will represent the State Board at the annual meeting and conference of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). The meeting will be held in San Diego, California on October 10-12, 2002. He indicated that Mrs. Rogers will serve as the Illinois voting delegate to the business meeting, and Mrs. McConachie will serve as the alternate. Mrs. McConachie indicated that the project she will be working on during the NASBE conference is the reorganization of high schools.
Committees  The Chairman called for Agenda Item E., Announcements and Reports, Committees.

Mr. Sandsmark reported that the Finance and Audit Committee had met and discussed the new financial profile system. He indicated that Board members will be asked for their input regarding this system in the next couple of weeks. He indicated that this system would be formally presented to the Board in October or November.

Members  The Chairman called for Agenda Item E., Announcements and Reports, Members.

There was nothing further to report.

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 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Rogers, Secretary

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Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman