SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 23, 2004
9:30 a.m.

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Agenda

- Call of Meeting/Roll Call
- Public Participation*
- 2006 ISAT/IMAGE Testing Dates (see attached information)
- Agreement between the Illinois State Board of Education and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local #2811

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100 North First Street
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Special Meeting  
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via conference call

**MINUTES**

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<td>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Randy Dunn, Interim State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</td>
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**Members Present:**
- Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman
- Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman
- Dr. Vinni Hall, Board Secretary
- Dr. Andrea Brown
- Mr. Dean Clark
- Dr. David Fields
- Ms. Brenda Holmes
- Ms. Joyce Karon
- Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr.

**Members Absent:**
- None

**Public Participation**
- There was no one present for public participation in either Springfield or in Chicago.

**2006 ISAT/IMAGE Testing Dates**
- Superintendent Dunn and Division Administrator Becky McCabe presented the recommended dates for ISAT and IMAGE testing for 2006. ISAT and IMAGE for 2006 will assess reading and mathematics for students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. ISAT for 2006 will continue to assess science for students in grades 4 and 7. The agency’s Student Assessment Division has consulted with a number of districts, including Chicago, on their preferred testing period. No district wanted to test after spring break. A March 13-24, 2006, testing window will allow districts to keep the calendars that have been proposed to their boards, and to have testing prior to spring break for almost all districts. If districts have scheduled a spring break during either week of this window, they may submit a request to modify this assessment window as specified by law. It was noted that the date for the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) will be set following the selection of a contractor to provide reading, mathematics, and science tests for the 2006 administration.

**Motion:**
- Dr. David Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts March 13-24, 2006, as the two-week testing window for the administration of the ISAT and IMAGE tests for grades 3 through 8 during the 2005-06 school year. Dr. Andrea Brown seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.
Agreement between Illinois State Board of Education and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local #2811

Superintendent Dunn asked General Counsel Jonathan Furr to summarize the four year agreement that has been reached between management staff and the members of AFSCME Local #2811. Jonathan Furr highlighted the terms of the agreement that have been ratified by the members of the Local.

**Motion:**

Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the State Board of Education approve an agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local #2811, with a term commencing on July 1, 2004, and extending through June 30, 2008. Such agreement shall contain the economic and non-economic terms presented to the State Board of Education by its General Counsel. Except for the economic and non-economic terms presented to the Board by its General Counsel, the Agreement shall contain the same terms and conditions as the existing agreement. Dr. Christopher Ward seconded the motion and it passed with the following roll call vote recorded.

Geppert – yes  Hall – yes  Holmes – yes  Karon – NV
Ward – yes  Ruiz – yes  Brown – yes  Clark – yes
Fields – yes

(It is noted that Joyce Karon’s vote is marked as not voting because her vote could not be heard over the conference call.)

Chairman Ruiz congratulated all parties on what he feels is a great agreement.

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Vinni Hall and seconded by Mr. Ed Geppert. The December 23, 2004, Special Meeting of the State Board of Education adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

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Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman