Roll Call  The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chair, Mrs. Marilyn McConachie, who asked Carol Markko, staff secretary, to call the roll. Ms. Markko called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Public Participation  The following individuals spoke to the Board.

Dr. Art Stellar, High/Scope and Horace Mann Foundation, Michigan;
Jay Runner, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, Rantoul, IL;
Laura Arterburn, IFT, Springfield;
Peg Agnos, LEND, DuPage, IL; and,
Jolida Perez, Director West Town Leadership United and Chicago Partner for the Solid Foundation, Chicago, IL

Dr. Stellar presented to Superintendent Schiller and Chairman Gidwitz a book written by Horace Mann and a framed print with a quote by Horace Mann.

Ms. Laura Arterburn spoke regarding Charter Schools and support of Senate Bill 1280, and thanked the Board for quick action on Hazel Crest.

Ms. Peg Agnos spoke regarding concerns about the financial profile that were written by two business officials in DuPage County.
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Jolida Perez commented on the Chicago Public Schools and the lack of material and programs provided in Spanish to recruit the Latino community into the schools.

Mr. Runner gave his report during the action item section of the State Board agenda. He introduced Rick Wills, Chairman of the ALCAE (agriculture education) for a special presentation. Mr. Wills presented to Chairman Gidwitz a plaque of appreciation for his education leadership.

Minutes
Vice Chair McConachie called for approval of November Board meeting and the December 9, 2002 Special Board meeting.

Motion
Ms. Branch moved that the State Board of Education approve the minutes of the meetings.

Judith Gold seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion
The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Charter School
The Superintendent stated that the Board and agency were in a position to submit the Charter School Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly with recommendations for legislative changes.

Motion
Ms. Judy Gold moved that the State Board of Education approve the Illinois Charter School Annual Report with the technical changes recommended by the Board and authorized its transmittal to the General Assembly.
Vote on Motion
The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Illinois State Advisory Council Report
Dr. Schiller stated that he was asking the Board for acceptance of this Report.

Motion

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion
The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

2002 AEWL
Dr. Schiller recommended to the Board the approval of the 2002 Academic Early Warning List.

Motion
Ms. Gold moved that the State Board adopt the 2002 Academic Early Warning List.

Mr. Sandsmark noted that he would like the Board to acknowledge progress made by districts on the list.
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Vote  On Motion The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

2002 AEWL Superintendent Schiller recommended that the Board to approve the Academic Watch List for 2002.

Motion Ms. Branch moved that the State Board adopt the 2002 Academic Watch List.

Richard Sandsmark seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Supplemental Service Providers Dr. Schiller asked that the Board approve the 13 recommended applicants and place them on the initial approval list of supplemental service providers. He noted that a second application period will be offered between February and March, 2003.

Motion Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board approve the providers as eligible to provide supplemental educational services and directed the staff to list them on the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Providers, pending further guidance, if any, from the Federal Government on the standards for approving SES providers.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.
Vote on Motion
The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Assessment & Accountability Task Force Report
Dr. Schiller stated the first recommendation regarded modifications to the Alternative Assessment program that would take effect this school year.

Motion
Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board adopt the Assessment and Accountability Task Force recommendations regarding modifications to the Illinois Alternative Assessment.

Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion
The Vice chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress
Dr. Schiller said that he will be asking the Task Force to reconvene to further examine the issue of AYP for our state as well as many other related issues, and bring a comprehensive recommendation back to the Board for the next Board meeting in January, 2003.
Dr. Schiller brought forth to the Board the unanimous recommendations of the Task Force Committee that take effect in the 2005-2006 school year.

Ms. McConachie asked that the State Board adopt the Assessment and Accountability Task Force recommendations regarding modifications to state assessments.

Ms. Branch seconded the motion.

The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Dr. Schiller believed that it would be in the best interest of the Board to authorize the Financial Oversight Panel for the Livingston School District. Petitions and appropriate motions were in place for the consideration by the Board.

Mr. Sandsmark read the attached motion.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Mr. Gidwitz returned to the meeting

Chairman Gidwitz asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.
Dr. Steiner – yes  Mrs. Turkal – yes  Ms. Branch – yes  
Mr. Gidwitz – yes  Ms. Gold – yes  Ms. McConachie – yes  
Mrs. Rogers – yes  Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Financial Auditor and Agency Operations Report
Dr. Schiller noted that the material covered earlier in the day captured the essence of the reports. He stated that the Board would have a separate action on the contract renewal.

Motion
Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board accept the financial, audit and agency operations reports presented during the meeting in December, 2002.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion
The Chairman asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Renewal BGR Contract
Chairman Gidwitz said that the next item was the approval of the Barbour, Griffith and Rogers contract for $333,000/year which is less than Board had been previously paying.

Motion
Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board approve the renewal of the Barbour, Griffith & Rogers contract.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion
Chairman Gidwitz asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.
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Dr. Steiner - yes  Mrs. Turkal – yes  Ms. Branch – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes  Ms. Gold – yes  Ms. McConachie – yes
Mrs. Rogers – yes and stated that Mr. Rogers of the contract is no relation  Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mr. Gidwitz stated that BGR brought about $35 million worth of additional revenue last year to education in Illinois.

Superintendent
Travel
Expenses
Mr. Gidwitz asked that Mrs. Rogers share with the Board the travel analysis.

Motion
Mrs. Rogers stated that the Board members and Superintendent have used wise discernment in using very little tax dollars as they continue to do school business; therefore, she moved that the State Board approve the State Board of Education expenses from fiscal year 2002 through year to date fiscal year 2003, and the State Superintendent’s Travel expenses from August 2002 through November 2002 as presented.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion

Vote on
Motion
Chairman Gidwitz asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Mr. Gidwitz would recommend they not vote on their own expense approval. He noted that the roll will reflect that each Board member was voting for everyone else’s expenses but their own.

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

Resolution
Mr. Gidwitz presented each retiring Board member- Connie Rogers, Marilyn McConachie, and Vince Serritella -with a resolution on their behalf thanking them for their service to the State Board of Education.

The motions carried on a voice vote of all Board members.
Announcements Dr. Schiller wanted to commend the exceptional work of staff on Hazel Crest. He also said that the Board and agency expects a smooth transition to the new administration. Mr. Gidwitz reflected offered reflections of the past year at ISBE.

Ms. McConachie and Mrs. Rogers both made final comments.

Adjournment Chairman Gidwitz adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Connie Rogers, Secretary

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Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman