TO: Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Robert E. Schiller, Superintendent

Agenda Topic: Action Item: Appointment to the Board of Education
Department of Corrections District #428

Materials: Statute

Purpose of Agenda Item
The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend to the Board appointments to the Board of Education for the Department of Corrections School District.

The State Board of Education is required in 105 ILCS 5/13-41 to appoint four of the nine members, with at least one of them having knowledge or expertise in vocational education and at least one of them having knowledge or expertise in higher education/continuing education.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
The expected outcome of this agenda item is appointment of four members of the nine-member board.

Background Information
Of the nine members of the Board, by law, three are Department of Corrections (DOC) employees (including the Director of the agency), two are DOC designees and four are ISBE designees. The terms are three years in length.

Terms of office of current board members are completed. The appointees in place had terms which ended in 2000. The Department of Corrections’ district superintendent contacted ISBE regarding the process to make appointments beginning in 2003. The recommendations that will be offered are pursuant to a list of names suggested by Lee Ann Miller, Superintendent, District #428.

Current Board Members Designated by ISBE

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<th>Name and Residence</th>
<th>Terms Served</th>
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<td>Peggy Ashline</td>
<td>1 term; October 1999 -- October 2000</td>
<td>Director of Jobs for Illinois Graduates since 1996. Former Associate Supt for Correctional district. Former ISBE employee.</td>
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<td>John Newsom</td>
<td>1 term;</td>
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Katie Wright East St. Louis 2 terms; February 1994 -- February 2000 Teacher, administrator, college faculty, director of special education. Retired.

Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action and Communications

Policy Implications
The Board is required to meet at least six times a year. It must make reports to ISBE as required. It has multiple duties--inspection of schools; employ a superintendent; employ supervisory personnel; expel and suspend students; determine courses of study; develop and annually revise an educational plan for achieving goals and objectives, and so on. These individuals should be highly qualified in order to carry out their duties, as local board members would be qualified, and have a willingness to serve this special population.

Budget Implications
None.

Next Steps
Dr. Schiller will inform the Director of the Department of Corrections and the Superintendent of School District #428 of the new terms of the individuals approved by the State Board of Education.