TO: Illinois State Board of Education
FROM: Robert E. Schiller, Superintendent
        Lee Patton, Interim Director

Agenda Topic: Teacher Certification Board Appointments
Materials: Recommendation Information
Staff Contact(s): Lee Patton

Purpose of Agenda Item
To review and act upon the recommendations for appointment to the State Teacher Certification Board.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
State Teacher Certification Board member appointments for individuals with terms expiring in June.

Background Information
See attached material.

Superintendent’s Recommendation
To approve by general consent the recommendations for appointment as provided in the attached document and as nominated by the sponsoring organizations.

Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT)
  – Ms. Marsha Allen (Second Term)

Illinois Education Association (IEA)
  – Ms. Mary Jane Morris (See Addendum)
  – Ms. Linda Malone (See Addendum)

Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE)
  – Dr. Andrew Brulle (Second Term)

Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA)
  – Dr. Eugene Zalewski (Second Term)
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE
STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD

Section 21-13 of the School Code authorizes the State Teacher Certification Board and the State Superintendent of Education to execute the provisions of Article 21 governing the certification of educational personnel. The statute requires the State Board of Education to appoint members from specified categories of educators. An appointment to the Board is for a three-year term and members may serve two terms. Membership on the Board is comprised of;

5 administrative or faculty members of public or private colleges and universities in Illinois
3 administrators in the public schools
10 public school classroom teachers
1 regional superintendent of schools

It is further provided that at least one of the administrators and three classroom teachers shall be employees of a school district subject to the provisions of Article 34.

Present members of the State Teacher Certification Board and their terms of membership are:

Librarian, IEA, Hinsdale Central H.S.  Chair, Education Department
Naperville, IL  Wheaton College

Teacher, IFT, Chicago  Chief Liaison to Board/CEO
Chicago, IL  Chicago Public Schools

Teacher, IEA, Dundee Crown H.S.  Principal, Columbia Middle School
Elgin, IL  Columbia, IL

Department of Teaching and Learning  Teacher, IFT, Belleville S.D.
Northern Illinois University  Belleville, IL

Teacher, IFT, Herscher H.S.  Regional Superintendent
Herscher, IL  Bureau/Henry/Stark Counties
CTU Quest Center, Assistant Director  
Chicago, IL

Teacher, IEA, Normal Unit District 5  
Normal, IL

Dr. Nan Giblin (2002-2005)  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Chicago, IL

Dr. Elliott Lessen (2002-2005)  
Dean’s Office, School of Education  
Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

Teacher, IFT, Woodson South  
Chicago, IL

Ms. Denise Williams (2001-2004)  
Teacher, IEA, Centralia Jr. H.S.  
Centralia, IL

Ms. Laura Lipe (2002-2005)  
Teacher, IEA, Cobden #17  
Carbondale, IL

Dr. Eugene Zalewski (2000-2003)*  
Superintendent Niles Elementary  
Hawthorne Woods, IL

Dr. Linda Tafel (2002-2005)  
Professor, Educational Leadership  
National-Louis University

* Denotes the member is serving his or her first complete term.  
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On June 30, 2003 the terms of five members expire.

The procedure for nominating teacher members are detailed specifically in law. A candidate may be nominated by: (1) filing a petition signed by 250 persons holding valid teaching certificates; or (2) any professional teachers’ organization may submit one candidate for each vacancy for each 20,000 members or major portion thereof, who hold valid certificates. For the remaining positions, recommendations are submitted by professional organizations representing higher education and school administrators.

In accordance with the nomination procedures set forth in Article 21-13, the State Superintendent received the following nominations:

The Illinois Federation of Teachers recommends that Ms. Marsha Allen, Teacher, Chicago Public Schools, be reappointed to serve a second term.

The Illinois Education Association nominates Ms. Mary Jane Morris and Ms. Linda Malone. Ms. Morris and Ms. Malone will fill the vacancies that will occur when Mr. Ronald Babcock and Ms. Camille Taylor complete their terms on the Board effective June 30, 2003.

The Illinois Association of School Administrators recommends that Dr. Eugene Zalewski, Superintendent, Niles Elementary School District 71, Hawthorne Woods, be reappointed to serve a second term.

The Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education recommends that Dr. Andrew Brulle, Wheaton College, Wheaton, be reappointed to serve a second term.
Addendum

Mary Jane Morris

Mary Jane Morris, nominated for a first term on the State Teacher Certification Board by the Illinois Education Association, is a high school biology teacher in Marion CUSD 2 in Marion, Illinois. She has held this position since 1994; previously, she was a high school chemistry and French teacher in the Vienna School District, and an off-campus instructor for physical science and biology courses for Shawnee Community College.

Mary Jane earned certification by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards in 2002, with an endorsement in Adolescence and Young Adulthood Science. As a result, she holds an Illinois Secondary Master Teaching Certificate. She completed work on her Master of Science degree in curriculum and instruction at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 2002 and she is now enrolled in the SIU-C doctoral program. She has finished the requirements for a Type 75 certificate.

In addition to these qualifications for service on the State Teacher Certification Board, Mary Jane has served since 2000 as the chairperson of the Local Professional Development Committee

Linda Malone

Linda Malone, nominated for a first term on the State Teacher Certification Board by the Illinois Education Association, has thirty years of teaching experience in Edwardsville School District #7. For 21 of those years, she has taught special education and she is now teaching in an 8th grade cross-categorical program.

Linda holds a bachelor’s degree in Special Education from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and a master’s degree in Education from Maryville University in Clayton, Missouri.

Linda has received numerous awards, including the Those Who Excel Award from Edwardsville School District and the Employee of the Month award for getting special education students in a science/technology program presented by SIU-Carbondale. She has been active in IEA, serving as chair of its Special Education Committee and as a member of the Committee to Enhance Minority, Human and Civil Rights. She has also been a member of the Edwardsville School District’s Local Professional Development Committee.