WEDNESDAY, March 19, 2003

10:00 a.m.  Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting
           4th Floor Board’s Conference Room

11:00 a.m.  Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call
           4th Floor Board Room

           School District Showcase

12:00 p.m.  LUNCH

1:00 p.m.  Education Policy/Planning Issues
           ▪ Routes to Paraprofessional Qualification**
           ▪ Approval of New Teacher Preparation Programs**
           ▪ Institutional Accreditation Decisions**
           ▪ System of Support Update
           ▪ Amendments to the 2002 Academic Early Warning List **
           ▪ Assessment & Accountability Issues**
           ▪ Continuous Improvement Plan for Special Education **
           ▪ Rules for Adoption: **
                 o Part 25 (Certification)
                 o Part 226 (Special Education)
           ▪ Rules for Initial Review:**
                 o Part 25 (Certification)
                 o Part 27 (Standards for Certification in Specific Teaching Fields)

Finance and Audit Issues
▪ Adoption of the 2002 School District Financial Profile Designation Lists**
▪ Standard Monthly Reports:
  ▪ Finance, Audit, Agency Operations, Budget Status Reports**
  ▪ Assessment Contract RFSP; BGR Contract
Financial Oversight Panel and School Finance Authority Status Report

CLOSED SESSION -Following Finance & Audit Issues

7:00 p.m.  DINNER

THURSDAY, March 20, 2003

9:00 a.m.  Governmental Affairs Issues
  ▪ State Legislative Update
  ▪ Federal Legislative Update

9:30 a.m.  PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING***

A. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

B. Public Participation

C. Approval of Minutes:
  ▪ February 19, 2003

D. Immediate Action Items**
  ▪ Accept the Notices of Objection from the University of Illinois, the University of Chicago, and Blackburn College and defer matter for further State Board consideration
  ▪ Approve the minimum score levels for the ACT WorkKeys test and a minimum scaled score for the ETS ParaPro Assessment
  ▪ Provisionally approve teacher programs at:
    o Aurora University
    o Dominican University
    o Eastern Illinois University
    o Illinois State University
    o Judson College
    o National-Louis University
    o St. Xavier University
    o University of Illinois at Springfield
  and authorize the Superintendent to inform the institutions of the State Board’s decisions
Assign Continuing Accreditation with Probation to Illinois College and require a full visit within two years of this decision; assign Continuing Accreditation with Conditions to North Central College and require a focused visit within two years of this decision; assign Continuing Accreditation with Conditions to Olivet Nazarene University and require a focused visit within two years of this decision; authorize the Superintendent to inform the institutions of the State Board’s decisions

- Adopt the amendments to the 2002 Academic Early Warning List by deleting two schools and adding five schools
- Adopt 88% as the threshold for the attendance rate at the elementary/middle school level as part of the AYP and safe harbor factors
- Adopt the use of a hybrid model to demonstrate growth on the IMAGE assessment
- Approve the revised Illinois Continuous Improvement Plan for Special Education and authorize its transmittal to the United States Department of Education
- Adopt the following rules:
  - Part 25 (Certification)
  - Part 226 (Special Education)
- Authorize solicitation of public comment on the following rules:
  - Part 25 (Certification)
  - Part 27 (Standards for Certification in Specific Teaching Fields)
- Adopt the 2002 School District Financial Profile Designation Lists including the Financial Early Warning and Watch Lists
- Accept the Finance, Audit, Agency Operations, and Budget Status Reports
- Approve the RFSP for the State Assessments

E. Announcements and Reports

- Superintendent
- Chairman
- Committees
  a. Board Operations- Janet Steiner, Chair
  b. Finance & Audit- Richard Sandsmark, Chair
  c. Joint Education, Ronald Gidwitz, Chair
  d. Governmental Relations, Bev Turkal, Chair
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e.  Education Policy Planning, Marjorie Branch, Chair
   ▪ Members

F.  Other Information
    Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking

11:30 a.m.  ADJOURN

*All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities (see next page.)
**Action Items.
***Meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.