AGENDA

1. Public Participation

2. Minutes of the April Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting (pp. 2-3)

3. Rules for Initial Review
   a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (Plenary pp. 14-34)
   b. New Part 565 (Class Size Reduction Grants) (Plenary pp. 35-43)

4. Additional Items

5. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.
Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, April 19, 2006
10:00 a.m.
State Board Room-4th Floor
Springfield, IL

Committee Members Present
Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall
Brenda Holmes
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Chris Ward

Absent
Dean Clark

Others
Randy Dunn
Jonathan Furr
Sally Vogl
Tim Imler
Robin Lisboa
Myron Mason

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
   Mr. Furr asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Committee. No one came forward.

2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH AD HOC RULES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
   The March Ad Hoc Rules Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. DISCUSSION OF RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW

   PART 130
   (Determining Special Education Per Capita Tuition Charge)

   Tim Imler, Division Administrator for Funding and Disbursements, generally described the proposed changes to Part 130, which include redefining what constitutes a program. Board Member Chris Ward asked if these changes will lower reimbursement to districts. Mr. Imler explained in further detail.

   Board Member Vinni Hall needed further clarification.

   Board Member Andrea Brown commented that the districts would be receiving actual costs.

   Dr. Hall thinks the districts should get more, not less. She said the bottom line is reducing costs to the state and Mr. Imler responded that it was for the orphan population and students who generate excess cost under Section 7.02(b). He explained that excess cost is a new provision and he also gave a scenario as to how the reimbursement is figured for districts.

   Dr. Hall had questions regarding time in special education in relation to reimbursement of claims. Mr. Imler gave a detailed explanation of how the process works.
PART 228
(Transitional Bilingual Education)

Robin Lisboa, Division Administrator for English Language Learning, generally described the Part 228 rules and suggested changes to streamline the rules. Ms. Lisboa said it had been a joint effort with the Bilingual Advisory Council.

Dr. Brown asked Ms. Lisboa if she was going to develop criteria for what would be appropriate professional development for those administrators in very small programs.

NEW PART 560
(Parental Participation Pilot Project)

Myron Mason, Acting Division Administrator for Federal Grants and Programs, generally described the proposed new Part 560. This rulemaking is in response to P.A. 94-507 (2005), which created the Parental Participation Pilot Project as a four-year grant program designed to help the "lowest-performing" districts improve their performance through activities that stimulate or rely on parental participation. The agency is to identify the grant recipients assigned the task of reviewing districts’ "academic improvement plans".

Ms. Holmes complimented Mr. Imler, Ms. Lisboa, and Mr. Mason for the decision-making represented in their proposals.

4. Informational Update: Less Red Tape

Mr. Furr stated that Less Red Tape would be a quarterly update. Mr. Furr and Shelley Helton will discuss whether they would provide an update at the May or June Board meeting.

Dr. Brown asked about the special education hearings that were cancelled and asked if they would be coming up in August or September. It was stated that those hearings would be rescheduled this summer.

5. Adjournment

Chris Ward made the motion to adjourn. Vinni Hall seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.