Board Operations Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, December 12, 2007

4:00 p.m.
The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

Board Room, 4th Floor

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Board Member Participation by Other Means

3. Minutes of the October Board Operations Committee Meeting (pp. 2-3)

4. Adjourn

NOTE: Chairman may call for a break in the Board Operations Committee meeting at which time the Committee of the Whole will go into closed session.

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.
1. **ROLL CALL**
Ms. Joyce Karon served as Interim Chair of the Board Operations Committee and asked Jean Ladage to call the roll. (See above.)

2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS**
There was no participation by Board members through any other means for this committee meeting.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

4.a. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**
Dr. Fields moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the September committee meeting be approved. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding a correction in the minutes for agenda item 4.e. Clarification was made that no vote was taken with regard to national standards. The motion to approve the committee minutes, as corrected, passed with voice vote approval.

4.b. **REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION.**
The Board Operations Committee reviewed a resolution for Grant Seaholm who was recently named a National Distinguished Principal of the Year by USDE and NAESP. Also reviewed was a resolution for Patricia Welch, for being named IPA Principal of the Year.

4.c. **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Ms. Karon asked that the sign-in sheet be revised to include names of all those attending the Board meetings and those who wish to speak would be able to check a box. Ms. Karon indicated that the Board receives a listing of people who have dialed in to listen by phone, and she would like to have a record of those who are in attendance at each meeting. Ms. Holmes moved to recommend approval of the procedures as well as the revision to the sign-in sheet. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

4.d. **COORDINATION OF BOARD PRIORITIES WITH COMMITTEE AGENDAS**
It was suggested that the Chair of the Board Operations Committee periodically poll members to see if they feel the Board is staying focused on their priorities as determined at the retreat. The mechanism for doing so would be the work sheet Chairman Ruiz developed. Dr. Hall moved that we accept this proposal, Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

4.e. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING ADDITIONAL ITEMS**
Chairman Ruiz asked members if they are interested in participating in the NASBE Study Groups they are in the process of pulling together.
- Dr. Hall indicated she is interested in the Career-Tech study group.
- Dr. Fields is interested in the Public Policy Committee.
It was noted that Mr. Clark has participated in the Governmental Relations Committee in the past years. Ms. Holmes indicated she would back-up Mr. Clark for that committee. Ms. Karon commented that she would be willing to participate in the Middle School/High School Reform Study Group.

NASBE Annual Meeting Report
Dr. Hall took the opportunity to thank the members of the Board for renewing membership in NASBE. She indicated that the annual conference was terrific with a myriad of discussions.

The topics for the 2007 study groups were:

- Models of Success: The State’s Role in Improving Schools in Corrective Action and Restructuring under NCLB (Dr. Chris Ward served on this study group)
- E Pluribus Unum: English, Language Education, and America’s Future (Dr. Vinni Hall served on this study group)

At this year’s conference, Dr. Hall served on the panel presenting the findings of the report on Language and Learning. The session was well attended and was moderated by NASBE President-Elect Ken Willard. The study group’s findings centered on two important concepts: 1) It is essential that every student, not just immigrant students, learn how to speak, read, write and comprehend the English language in order to live, thrive, and contribute to American society. 2) There is a need to nurture and preserve students’ native languages. Not only are these languages important components of a student’s identity, but they can also be assets in an ever-growing global economy.

Dr. Hall indicated that the session on the second study group on Restructuring was also very well attended. She encouraged staff to read both reports.

Mr. Reisberg commented that he, too, appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference to interact with his counterparts from other states and see how other attorneys are dealing with common issues.

Committee agenda planning
- Incoming Nominations
- Coordination of Board Priorities with Committee Agendas

It was suggested that if there are no pressing items for a November committee meeting, the Board Operations Committee would not need to meet. That will be at the discretion of Committee Chair Chris Ward.

5. DECISION ITEMS
Both resolutions were recommended for approval in plenary session on Thursday. The guidelines for public participation will be recommended for approval at the November plenary session, as well as a revision to the sign-in sheet.

6. ADJOURN
Dr. Fields moved to adjourn the committee meeting. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.