

Board Operations Committee of the Whole

March 18, 2009
10:30 a.m.

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AGENDA *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 10:30 – 10:40 a.m.
4. Minutes of the February Board Operations Committee Meeting **(pp. 2-3)**
- *5. Review Nominations for Recognition 10:40 – 10:45 a.m. **(pp. 4-7)**
 - a. Niki Annes, 2009 Art Poster Contest Winner (Mother McAuley Liberal Arts H.S., Chicago)
 - b. Rose Schoening, School Nurse, Hadley Jr. High, Glen Ellyn
 - c. Harold Krainock, School Board Member, Danville
- *6. 2009 Board Calendar 10:45 – 10:50 a.m. **(pp. 8-9)**
7. Discussion Items (10:50 – 11:00 a.m.)
 - a. Draft Board Policy for Recording Meetings (Darren Reisberg, Matt Vanover) **(pp. 10-12)**
8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items (11:00 – 11:05 a.m.)
9. Committee Wrap-up (Superintendent Koch) 11:05 – 11:10 a.m.
10. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.

BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
February 18, 2008
Springfield, Illinois

Members Physically Present

Chris Ward, Committee Chair
David Fields, Committee Member
Vinni Hall, Committee Member
Joyce Karon, Committee Member
Jesse Ruiz, Committee Member
Andrea Brown, Board Member
Dean Clark, Board Member
Brenda Holmes, Board Member
Lanita Koster, Board Member

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Darren Reisberg

1. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and announced that all members were present. (See roll call above.)
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** None.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
4. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:** Ms. Karon moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the December 2008 committee meeting be approved. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Ms. Holmes requested a correction in the minutes under the Board Calendar discussion. The first statement was corrected to read "Ms. Ladage informed the Board that if the Superintendent's Conference is confirmed for October in Springfield, then perhaps the Board could travel to Chicago in September." The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed on a unanimous voice vote.
5. **REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:** Dr. Hall moved that resolutions for Ridgeview Elementary School in Colfax, and Bushnell-Prairie City Elementary School be recommended for approval. Both schools are receiving recognition for receiving HealthierUS School Challenge Awards. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
6. **2009 BOARD CALENDAR DISCUSSION:** Dr. Ward first focused the Board's attention on the June and September meetings. He expressed a desire for board discussion of the justification for the cost of moving a Board meeting out of Springfield to alternative sites, whether that is a downstate or a Chicago/suburban Chicago meeting site. Following a discussion of the advantages of getting the Board to communities and the cost and staff time for doing so, a request was made for staff to review the status of the Board's travel budget. The committee deferred the decision to the Board Chair following a review of the fiscal impact. The Board will then act on the 2009 calendar in March.

The committee agreed that the September meeting should remain in Springfield and the November meeting, if needed, would be in Chicago to coincide with the IASB/IASA/IASBO Annual Meeting. Suggested sites for 2010 and 2011 are northern Illinois and west central Illinois
7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Dean Clark and Joyce Karon served as the Nominating Committee for recommendation of elective Board officers. They recommend that Dr. Chris Ward be re-elected as Vice-Chairman and that Dr. Vinni Hall be reelected as Board Secretary. (The Chairman of the State Board is appointed by the Governor.)

8. **DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:** The Bylaws call for appointment of committees no later than March 1 of odd-numbered years. It was suggested that until new appointments or reappointments are made for members whose terms expired in January, the structure of the current Board committees remain the same. Members have agreed to serve until the appointment process has been completed; however Mr. Clark indicated that he may need to resign prior his replacement being named. Dr. Fields moved that the committees remain the same until new members join the Board. Ms. Karon seconded the motion for the purposes of discussion.

There was a question as to whether the Joint Education Committee (as referenced in the Bylaws) still exists since the P-21 Council was created. Mr. Reisberg confirmed that the Joint Education Committee is still in statute, although the body has not met.


It was decided that once a new Board is in place, the new Board should revisit committee structure. There was a suggestion that since Board committees currently meet as committees-of-the-whole, chairs of committees could be named, but that all members be listed as committee members. Otherwise, committees should be recognized and meet separately and make recommendations to the full board. That discussion will be left until new appointments or reappointments are made.

The question was called on Dr. Fields' motion to keep committee memberships the same until new members join the Board. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

9. **BOARD REFLECTION:** This agenda item will be removed from the Board Operations Committee agenda, as it is a duplication of member reports.
10. **COMMITTEE WRAP-UP:** Dr. Koch summarized the meeting. The minutes were approved, as well as the recommendations for recognition. The 2009 Calendar was discussed and the Board asked staff to review the fiscal impact of meeting downstate in June. The Board also expressed a desire for continuity in Board officers and committee structures.
11. **ADJOURN:** Mr. Clark moved that the Board Operations Meeting of the Whole be adjourned. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The committee meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Operations Committee Meeting
March 18, 2009**

TO: Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Chris Ward, Chair, Board Operations Committee
Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator 

Materials: Nomination(s)

Agenda Topic: Review Nominations for Board Recognition

Purpose of Agenda Item

To review incoming nominations received since the last Board meeting. Nomination materials that are received will be sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

Relationship to/Implications for the State Board's Strategic Plan

This item has no direct relationship to the Strategic Plan. The State Board's Recognition Program was developed to show the Board's support for the outstanding work of educators, staff and school boards that are serving all children in this state.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item

Recommendation of Board action.

Background Information

In May, 2005, the Board initiated a Board Recognition Program to become more proactive in its efforts to recognize the exemplary achievements of students, teachers, school administrators, and local board members in Illinois. Upon review and acceptance, the State Board of Education will pass a resolution describing the particulars of the achievement. The signed resolutions will be presented in one of the following three ways:

- o mailed to the recipient(s);
- o personally awarded to the individual(s) at their respective school(s); or
- o presented to recipient(s) during the State Board meeting at which their resolution is approved

Superintendent's Recommendation

No recommendation from the Superintendent.

Next Steps

Board Operations Committee will review the nominations received and make a recommendation based on that review.

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Illinois State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING NIKI ANNES

Whereas, GOVERNOR PAT QUINN of the State of Illinois has proclaimed March 16-22, 2009, as ILLINOIS ARTS EDUCATION WEEK and encourages all citizens to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts; and

Whereas, NIKI ANNES, an eighteen-year-old senior Advanced Placement Studio Art student from Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, Chicago, Illinois, received first place from more than 200 entries in a poster contest sponsored by the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, NIKI ANNES has exhibited skill in combining digital and color manipulations to transform ordinary subject matter into a futuristic abstraction which coordinates with the contest theme. Her artwork provides the means of understanding and experiencing herself and others through individual and joint visions. Illinois arts education includes experiences in dance, drama, music, and the visual art; and

Whereas, ART INSTRUCTOR KATHLEEN GORDON DAVIS has aided and guided NIKI in her successes as an art student; and

Whereas, PRINCIPAL CHRISTINE MELONE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SR. M. PAUL MCCAUGHEY, O.P., AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO recognize the value of the arts for all students to assure the development of self-expression, discipline, and a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding.

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that NIKI ANNES is hereby recognized on this 19th day of March 2009 for the outstanding design concept reflected in her poster submitted in the 2009 “Envisioning Our Future through the Arts” contest.

Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman

Christopher J. Ward, Vice Chairman

Vinni M. Hall, Secretary

Andrea S. Brown, Member

Dean E. Clark, Member

David L. Fields, Member

Brenda J. Holmes, Member

Joyce E. Karon, Member

Lanita J. Koster, Member

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Illinois State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

**HONORING
ROSE SCHOENING**

Whereas, **ROSE SCHOENING** is a trained and licensed Registered Nurse at **HADLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** in **GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS**, who has devoted her life to helping others; and

Whereas, because of her knowledge and experience, **ROSE** has the ability to aid people who have fallen ill; and

Whereas, **ROSE'S** dedication to serving other people has led her to take additional training and learn new skills; and

Whereas, these additional skills were put into play in October 2007 when **ROSE SCHOENING'S** quick thinking and fast actions helped save the life of a student; and

Whereas, the **SEVENTH-GRADE STUDENT, DANNY KELLEHER**, collapsed after running in gym class and **ROSE** immediately recognized the severity of **DANNY'S** problem; and

Whereas, **ROSE** used the school's Automated External Defibrillator to save **DANNY'S** life; and

Therefore be it Resolved that the **ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION** extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to **ROSE SCHOENING** on this the 19th day of March, 2009, for her commitment to the health and safety of the students of Illinois.

Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman

Christopher J. Ward, Vice Chairman

Vinni M. Hall, Secretary

Andrea S. Brown, Member

Dean E. Clark, Member

David L. Fields, Member

Brenda J. Holmes, Member

Joyce E. Karon, Member

Lanita J. Koster, Member

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Illinois State Board of Education

**HONORING
HAROLD E. “PETE” KRAINOCK**

Whereas, **HAROLD E. “PETE” KRAINOCK** was elected to the Board of Education of Danville School District #118 on November 4, 1997, has since proven to be a very valuable member of the District 118 team, and is a true supporter of students and the district in every way; and

Whereas, **PETE KRAINOCK** is a hardworking individual who is a joy to be around. He willingly volunteers his services in many ways throughout the Danville community, always with a smile on his face.

Whereas, although a retired businessman, **MR. KRAINOCK** remains active and industrious, continuing to serve the community as president of CRIS Senior Services, Member of the Danville Public School Foundation, Volunteer and organizer for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Basketball Tournament in Danville, Member and former elder of First Presbyterian Church, and Volunteer for special needs students at Danville High School; and

Whereas, historically, **PETE KRAINOCK** has assisted with the Splash Program for seven years, teaching seven and eight-year-old children basic water safety skills. **PETE** is a past member and Past President of the Golden Kiwanis Club, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and was a volunteer assistant football coach at Danville High School; and

Whereas, although throughout his tenure as a member of the Board of Education he has faced difficult challenges and made many complex decisions on behalf of District 118, he has always shown compassion and empathy for students, staff and administration. He is dependable, loyal, honest and delightful.

Therefore be it Resolved that the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to **HAROLD E. “PETE” KRAINOCK** on this the 19th day of March, 2009, for his commitment to the students of Illinois.

Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman

Christopher J. Ward, Vice Chairman

Vinni M. Hall, Secretary

Andrea S. Brown, Member

Dean E. Clark, Member

David L. Fields, Member



Brenda J. Holmes, Member

Joyce E. Karon, Member

Lanita J. Koster, Member

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 18-19, 2009

TO: Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education 
 Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator 

Agenda Topic: 2009 Calendar of State Board of Education Meetings

Materials: 2009 Board Calendar

Staff Contact(s): Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator

Purpose of Agenda Item

The purpose of this agenda item is to review proposed changes to the 2009 Board calendar and locations of meetings..

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item

The Board will discuss and address the following changes in the 2009 Calendar:

1. June (Belleville): It was suggested that the June meeting be held in Bellville. The Belleville Township High School District #201 has offered their Board Room. Hotel rooms are available.
2. September (Springfield): Per Board discussion, the September meeting will be held in Springfield.
3. October (Springfield): The Superintendent's Conference is scheduled for October 27-28. Therefore, the October Board meeting dates will be changed to October 29-30 (Thursday-Friday).
4. November (Chicago): The November meeting, if needed, will be held in Chicago.

Background

Following a discussion of the advantages of getting the Board into communities and the cost and staff time for doing so, the committee deferred the decision for the location of the June meeting to the Board Chair following a staff review of the fiscal impact. It was determined that the additional staff expense would be spread across divisions and therefore would have a minimal impact on the travel budget.

Comparison of Estimated Expenses for June Meeting:

Location	Staff expenses	Board expenses	TOTAL ESTIMATED
Springfield	\$600 estimated	\$3,600 estimated	\$4,200 estimated
Belleville	\$1800 estimated	\$3600 estimated	\$5,400 estimated

Further, the committee agreed that the September meeting should remain in Springfield and the November meeting, if needed, would be in Chicago to coincide with the IASB/IASA/IASBO Annual Meeting. Suggested sites for 2010 and 2011 are northern Illinois and west central Illinois.

Recommended Motion

The State Board of Education hereby approves the Revised 2009 Board Calendar as discussed in the March 18 Board Operations Committee meeting.

Next Steps

Following Board action, staff will post the revised calendar on the ISBE website and finalize arrangements for these meetings.




(draft for discussion March 18-19, 2009)

Meetings outside Springfield are shaded
Changes to the prior adopted calendar are underlined.

2009 Board Meeting Dates	Current designated location (as adopted April 18, 2008)	Comments/Changes
January 26-27	Chicago	Held in Chicago via video-conference to Springfield
February 18-19	Springfield	
March 18-19	Springfield	
April 15-16	Springfield	
May 20-21	Springfield	
June 17-18	Springfield – <u>Change to Belleville</u> Belleville Township H.S. District Office, 2600 West Main St., Suite 155, Belleville	<u>Belleville</u>
July	No Meeting	
August 6	Springfield (as needed)	Meeting will take place if there are emergent items for Board attention.
August 18-20	Board Retreat – Bloomington	Parke Hotel & Conf. Center
September 16-17	Pending scheduling of Superintendent's Conference	<u>Location: Springfield</u>
October 21-22 Change dates to: <u>October 29-30</u> (Thurs-Fri)	Pending scheduling of Superintendent's Conference	<u>Location: Springfield</u> <u>Change dates: Superintendent's Conference is Oct. 27-28</u>
November 18-19	Springfield <u>Change to Chicago</u>	<u>Change to Chicago</u>
December 16-17	Springfield	Springfield

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 18-19, 2009

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education 
Darren Reisberg, General Counsel 
Matt Vanover, Public Information Officer 

Agenda Topic: Board Policy on Recording Meetings

Attachment: Draft Board Policy

Purpose of Agenda Item

To discuss a policy to address the recording of Illinois State Board of Education meetings by the media and members of the general public.

A draft policy is attached for the Committee's consideration.

Relationship to/Implications for the State Board's Strategic Plan

A policy on the recording of State Board meetings does not relate to a specific Board Goal but instead to the general operations of the Board.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item

This agenda item will be discussed in the Board Operations Committee, and potentially called for a vote during the April Plenary session.

Background Information

The Illinois Open Meetings Act expressly permits the recording of meetings by members of the public. Specifically, Section 2.05 of the Open Meetings Act states that: "Subject to the provisions of Section 8-701 of the Code of Civil Procedure, any person may record the proceedings at meetings required to be open by this Act by tape, film or other means. The authority holding the meeting shall prescribe reasonable rules to govern the right to make such recordings." The Board has not prescribed any rules governing this right. Such rules could include subjects such as prior written notice or a prohibition against any recording that would interrupt the Board's proceedings.

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

Policy Implications: None

Budget Implications: None

Legislative Action: None Required

Communication: Any policy regarding recording of meetings adopted by the Board would be posted on the Agency's website (www.isbe.net), and included on any announcement of Board meetings.

Pros and Cons of Various Actions

Pros: Requiring, for example, notice of the recording of meetings may allow Board members to better address the concerns of the individual or group recording the meeting.

Cons: Rules regarding recording of public meetings may prove difficult for the Board and Agency staff to effectively enforce. In addition, requiring additional steps for the public and media to record board meetings could be seen as impeding the public's right to know at a time when many involved in state government are trying to increase openness and access to government.

Superintendent's Recommendation

No recommendation at this time.

Next Steps

Should the Board Operations Committee so decide, a policy regarding recording of Board meetings shall be recommended to the Board for adoption.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY ON THE RECORDING OF BOARD MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The members of the Illinois State Board of Education (the "Board") recognize that the Illinois Open Meetings Act (the "Act") permits the recording of proceedings at meetings required to be open under the Act by tape, film, or other means. The Act further requires that the Board prescribe reasonable rules to govern the right to make such recordings. This policy sets forth those reasonable rules.

- Special requests to facilitate recording or broadcasting an open Board meeting, such as seating, writing surfaces, lighting, and access to electrical power, should be directed to the [Board Executive Assistant] at least 24 hours before the meeting.
- The Board will permit the recording of the proceedings of a public meeting of the Board or Committee of the Board in a manner that does not interrupt the proceedings, inhibit the conduct of the meeting, or distract Board members or other observers present at the meeting. These meetings or portions of meetings which are permitted by the Act to be closed to the public shall not be recorded.
- The Chairperson of the Board or Committee may designate a location for recording equipment, may restrict the movements of individuals who are using recording equipment, or may take such other steps as are deemed necessary to preserve decorum and facilitate the meeting. The Chairperson of the Board or Committee shall be the Board member with authority to determine when any recording device interferes with the conduct of a Board or Committee meeting and may order that an interfering device be removed.
- The Board shall assume no liability for any damaged, lost or stolen recording equipment or for any damage or injury caused by any person recording Board proceedings.