ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 N. First Street
Springfield, Illinois

December 15-16, 2010

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DECEMBER 15, 2010

10:30 a.m.  Board Operations Committee of the Whole
            Board Room, 4th Floor

10:45 a.m.  Closed Session over lunch

*12:15 p.m.  Governmental Relations
             Board Room, 4th Floor

*1:15 p.m.  Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole
            Board Room, 4th Floor

* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

DECEMBER 16, 2010

8:30 a.m.  Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

9:15 a.m.  Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
            Board Room, 4th Floor

*10:30 a.m.  ISBE Plenary Session
             Board Room, 4th Floor

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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLENARY SESSION
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois
Board Room, 4th Floor
December 16, 2010
10:30 a.m.
(This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.)

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I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
   A. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

II. Public Participation (up to 30 minutes)  10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

III. Resolutions & Recognition  11:00 – 11:10 a.m.
   A. Annice Brave, 2010-11 Illinois Teacher of the Year, Alton High School (p. 10)
   B. Dexter Chaney, 2010 Illinois Recipient of Milken National Educator Award, Ryerson Elementary, CPS (p. 11)
   C. Paula Dupont, Recipient of 2010 Burroughs Outstanding School Board President Award, Burr Ridge (p. 12)
   D. Susan Johnson, Retired Teacher, Homewood S.D. #153 (p. 13)
   E. Namaste Charter School, HealthierUS School Challenge Gold Award (p. 14)

IV. Superintendent's Report
   * Consent Agenda
   All action consideration items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion and vote. Any board member who wishes separate discussion on any item listed on the consent agenda may remove that item from the consent agenda, in which event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

Action Considerations  consent agenda: 11:10 – 11:20 a.m.

   A. *Approval of Minutes: October 28, 2010 (Plenary pp. 4-9)
   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 151 (School Construction Program) (Rules packet pp. 49-56)
   C. *Rules for Adoption
      1. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (Rules packet pp. 57-93)
      2. Part 25 (Certification) (Rules packet pp. 94-174)
      3. Part 100 (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing) (Rules pp. 175-198)
      4. Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services) (Rules packet pp. 199-209)
   D. *Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million
      1. Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin for Spanish Academic Language Standards & Assessments (FAC packet pp. 3-4)
   E. *Board Bylaws (Board Operations packet pp. 5-25)
   F. *Lemont-Bromberek S.D. #113 Financial Status (Finance & Audit packet pp. 29-1 - 29-23)
   G. *FY11 State Board of Education Budget (as needed)
   H. *Appointment to Teacher Certification Board (Education Policy & Planning packet pp. 5-6)
   I. *Approval of Teacher Certification Board (EPPC packet pp. 54)
   J. *Endorsement of Poverty Commission Recommendations (EPPC packet pp. 7-53)

End of Consent Agenda

   K. Approval of Closed Session Minutes (as needed)  11:20 – 11:22 a.m.
   L. Superintendent’s Contract (as needed)  11:22 – 11:25 a.m.
V. New Business 11:25 – 11:30 a.m.

VI. Announcements and Reports 11:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

A. IBHE Liaison Report (Dr. Proshanta Nandi) 11:30 – 11:40 a.m.
B. P-20 Council Liaison Report (No report this month)
C. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements 11:40 – 11:50 a.m.
D. Chairman's Report 11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
E. Member Reports 12:00 – 12:10 p.m.

VII. Information Items

A. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (available online at www.isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm)

VIII. Adjourn
ROLL CALL

Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Mrs. Jean Ladage to call the roll. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was in attendance. A quorum was present.

Members Present:
Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman
Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary
Mr. James Baumann
Dr. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Mr. Steven Gilford
Ms. Lanita Koster
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Chairman Ruiz welcomed the following representatives from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS): Ronda Bangert-Cross from ROE #43, Marshall-Putnam-Woodford Counties and Jim Carlson, Assistant Regional Superintendent of ROE #35, LaSalle County.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Dickey, Marketing Manager from Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative spoke in support of Career and Technical Education Curriculum (CTE). Mr. Dickey was accompanied by Mary Water, Project Director of CTE Curriculum Revitalization Project. Mr. Dickey noted that in his service territory there are over 100 schools and 27 school districts involved with the energy efficiency CTE curriculum. He commented that this past spring he had the opportunity to participate in the Curriculum Revitalization Project where 50 participants discussed curriculum in secondary schools involving green energy, green building and energy efficiency. The Curriculum Revitalization Project addresses the various needs of a school’s energy efficiency, engages students in a more standardized type of learning, allows them to graduate and make a difference in the world in which they live. Mr. Dickey shared with the Board a folder containing information on the CTE curriculum and thanked the Board for supporting CTE.

Laura McMahon, Regional Director for Recordings for the Blind & Dyslexic, updated the Board on the results of their FY10 funding. They have been able to record 601 new titles, distribute 31,476 audio books and to serve 14,012 students. Fifty-eight percent of those students increased their comprehension of grade level text, 66% were able to improve their attitude toward reading, 76% were able to increase their level of participation in the classroom and 67% were able to complete their class work on time. Ms. McMahon thanked the Board for the funding and support provided to RFB&D.

Kathleen Jacob, Manager of the Foundation & Government Relations at The Adler Planetarium, updated that Board on The Adler’s educational programs. Ms. Jacobs noted that The Adler supports ISBE’s goals to ensure that every student will be supported by highly prepared and effective teachers and school leaders. The Adler offers professional development workshops, classroom kits, curriculum guides and on-line research for teachers. During the 2009-2010 school year 946 teachers participated in Adler workshops, almost doubling the number of teachers participating in previous years.

The Adler also supports ISBE’s goal that every student demonstrate academic achievement and be prepared for success after high school. The Adler provides programs from the preschool level to high school. Ms. Jacobs shared with the Board a packet of information that teachers visiting The Adler receive and thanked the Board for
their time and support.

RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION

Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education, with its sincere appreciation and gratitude, adopt the resolution honoring Rena Pate, from Danville Community Consolidated S.D. #118, for her tireless efforts and continuous dedication to Illinois students and the field of education. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt resolutions recognizing the following schools in Illinois which were recently named Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a voice vote.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:
Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda items, as presented. Dr. Fields abstained from Agenda Item IV.D.4 University of Illinois Contract Extension (Illinois New Teacher Collaborative), but wished to vote yes on the remainder of the consent agenda items. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote.

The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion.

Approval of Minutes
The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the Annual Strategic Planning Session, September 21-22, 2010 and the Plenary Session, September 22, 2010 Board meeting.

Rules for Initial Review
Part 228 (Transition Bilingual Education)
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Transitional Bilingual Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 228) including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Part 235 (Early Childhood Education)
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the
proposed rulemaking for Early Childhood Block Grant (23 Illinois Administrative Code 235) including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Part 575 (School Technology Program)**
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for School Technology Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 575) including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Rules for Adoption**

**Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)**
The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Public School Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

**Part 365 (Technology Immersion Pilot Project)**
The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Technology Immersion Pilot Project (23 Illinois Administrative Code 365). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

**Contracts & Grants Over $1 Million**

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Community College Board for the Longitudinal Data System**
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Community College Board through June 30, 2013 not to exceed $1,506,918 in total.

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Board of Higher Education for the Longitudinal Data System**
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Board of Higher Education through June 30, 2013 not to exceed $1,068,721 total.

**IBM Contract for Illinois Student Information System (SIS) Contract**
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to amend the contract with IBM through Fiscal Year 2013 and to increase the maximum contract amount to $20,109,500, for the purpose of expanding the capabilities and supporting the SIS system.

**University of Illinois Contract Extension (Illinois New Teacher Collaborative)**
The State Board hereby authorizes agency staff to extend the contract through October 31, 2011 and amend it for an increase of $863,950 with the University of Illinois for the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative for a maximum amount not to exceed $2,633,203.

**Teacher Certification Board Program Approvals**
The State Board of Education hereby adopts the following motions:

**Motion 1**
In accordance with Section 25.145 (d) (1) of the State Board’s administrative rules on review of new programs, the State Board of Education provisionally approves Aurora University’s Early Childhood Special Education program, Type 04, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution’s next accreditation review.
In accordance with Section 25.145 (d) (1) of the State Board’s administrative rules on review of new programs, the State Board of Education provisionally approves Judson University’s Learning Behavior Specialist I program, Type 10, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution’s next accreditation review.

Motion 3
In accordance with Section 25.145 (d) (1) of the State Board’s administrative rules on review of new programs, the State Board of Education provisionally approves Trinity International University’s Business, Marketing, and Computer Education program, Type 09, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution’s next accreditation review.

Motion 4
The State Board of Education recommends that Millikin University’s visual arts professional education preparation program be awarded continuing approval as it meets the applicable Illinois content area standards. This action is in accordance with Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A) of the State Board’s administrative rules on review of individual programs.

Motion 5
The State Board of Education recommends that Saint Xavier University’s Learning Behavior I and School Counselor professional education preparation programs be awarded continuing approval as they meet the applicable Illinois content area standards. This action is in accordance with Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A) of the State Board’s administrative rules on review of individual programs.

Designation of Authority for Recommendations of Teacher Certification Board
The State Board of Education hereby designates the State Superintendent of Education to take final action as it relates to recommendations from the State Teacher Certification Board on the recognition of educator preparation entities and the approval or denial of educator preparation programs of such entities.

Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Authorization(s)
I move that the Illinois State Board of Education approve the applications submitted by the districts listed below for designation of $22,258,789 in bonds from the calendar year 2010 allocation as Qualified Zone Academy Bonds pursuant to the provisions of Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program.)

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADDITIONAL ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Ruiz announced that Dr. Proshanta Nandi, the representative from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) was not able to attend today’s meeting today but Dr. Vinni Hall liaison to the IBHE had provided the Board with a written summary of the IBHE Meeting held on October 5, 2010 at Oakton Community College in DesPlaines. Dr. Hall reported:

- Illinois public colleges and university are operating at the same level funding they had five years ago. During that same period, tuition, which is fixed for four years, and fees for freshmen have escalated by 57.9%, while the buying power of the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant, measured by the percentage of freshman tuition and fees covered by a maximum grant, has eroded from 61% to 42%.
• IBHE has begun preliminary deliberations on the options that were considered by the Higher Education Finance Study Commission for alignment with Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success. The commission examined: current funding for Illinois higher education, comparing it to peer state and institutions around the nation; practices implemented in other states that incent certificate and degree completions, including financial incentives for both students and institutions and tuition and financial aid policies and practices and their roles in improving certificate and degree completion.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education’s next meeting will be November 5, 2010 at Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center in Springfield.

Superintendent Koch announced that the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) will be visiting the agency to do a monitoring review the first week of November. Beth Hanselman commented that they will be reviewing our education environment, placement of students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment, use of funds; transparency, funding structure and compliance and the correction of non-compliance within one year.

Dr. Koch stated that he attended the Those Who Excel Banquet in Peoria on October 16, 2010, at which the Teacher of the Year, Annice Brave was announced. Ms. Brave is from Alton High School where she is an English and Journalism teacher.

Dr. Koch mentioned that he and Matt Vanover attended the Chicago Film Festival where they reviewed the film “Trust” with Attorney General Lisa Madigan. The film is about a 14 year-old child who is lured by a sex offender through the internet. The film will be released to the public in March 2011. Dr. Koch noted that we now have internet safety curriculum providing school personnel with tools and information on how to keep children safe.

Dr. Koch announced that Dr. Linda Tomlinson has been entered into the Illinois State University Hall of Fame.

Superintendent Koch commented that he had been nominated as President of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Chairman Ruiz stated that he attended an Illinois Education Association Economic Summit in Chicago on October 8, 2010 and on October 13, 2010 he participated on a panel of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning GoTo 2040 Plan. He also attended a White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, National Education on October 19, 2010.

Ms. Koster reminded the Board members that during the Board Retreat they discussed the idea of Board members visiting certain members of the General Assembly to offer a general briefing on the work of ISBE, the Agency, the education budget and ISBE’s legislative agenda. Ms. Koster shared with the Board members a proposed list drafted by Governmental Relations with suggestions for Board members’ legislative visits. Ms. Koster asked that the Board members report back to the Board in December regarding the progress of these legislative visits.

Ms. Koster stated that she attended the first meeting of the School Bullying Prevention Task Force on October 7, 2010 in Chicago.

Ms. LaBarre stated that she attended the Abraham Lincoln School Board Association Meeting, IASA Corn Belt Division Meeting, and the Illinois Principals Association Meeting.

Dr. Ward attended the FY 2012 Budget Hearing in Chicago at the James R. Thompson Center on October 21, 2010.
Dr. Hall attended, on behalf of Superintendent Koch, the Schaumburg School District #54 Annual PTA Conference in Streamwood and the 74th Annual NAACP Convention, One Nation, One Dream, in Peoria on October 23, 2010. She also attended the NASBE Annual Conference In Salt Lake City, Utah on October 13-16, 2010. Dr. Hall will be making the opening remarks at the Best Practices for Nonpublic Special Education Conference on November 15-16, 2010 in Oak Lawn.

Dr. Brown visited recipient schools of the School Improvement Grants (SIG) in the southern part of the state and the PBIS Leadership Conference on October 20, 2010.

Mr. Baumann attended an Illinois Association of School Board Meeting in Lake County on October 13, 2010. He will also be attending the FY 2012 Budget Hearing in Mundelein on December 9, 2010.

Mr. Gilford attended the ED-RED Fall Kick-Off Luncheon on October 1, 2010 in Rosemont and the Effective Integration of Accreditation Practices into State Policy Meeting in Washington, D.C. on October 13, 2010.

Dr. Fields said that he had the opportunity to read to first graders this month and he encourages his fellow Board members to do the same, as it is an uplifting experience.

PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION
Chairman Ruiz announced that following closed session, the Board will reconvene only to adjourn the meeting. We will disconnect the phone immediately following the next motion.

CLOSED SESSION
Dr. Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

- Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; and
- Section c 2 for the purpose of considering collective negotiating matters with Board employees or deliberations concerning salaries of employees; and
- Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board, and

She further moved that the Board invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote. The Board entered into closed session at 11:42 a.m.

The Board reconvened from closed session at 12:30 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Chairman Ruiz announced that the Monthly Fiscal and Administrative Reports are now available on line at www.isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Gilford moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. LaBarre seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman
WHEREAS, Annice Brave earned her Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication and her Master of Science in Education from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; and

WHEREAS, Annice was the first teacher in Alton Community Unit District #11 to earn her National Board Certification; and

WHEREAS, Annice has worked tirelessly with Lewis and Clark Community College to develop a radio program that allows students on-air time through the college’s radio station. She actively seeks out ways to make learning relevant to her students as is evident in the creation of a media class that combines writing with technology; and

WHEREAS, under Annices’ guidance, the school newspaper The Redbird Word has won numerous awards and provides students with meaningful hands-on opportunities in the media field. This past March, Annice organized Alton High School’s first participation in the “Poetry Out Loud” contest which proved to be immensely popular with students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Annice is a true advocate for all students as is demonstrated in the countless hours she serves on committees, mentoring teachers, advising students, talking to parents, and developing programs to highlight students work. She consistently and continuously exhibits her commitment to students, colleagues, administrators and the community through her dedication to helping those who need it most, leading by example, and making a real difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2010, Annice Brave was named the 2010-2011 Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois State Board of Education; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Annice Brave on this 16th day of December, 2010, for her leadership and dedication to the field of Education.

Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman  
Christopher J. Ward, Vice Chairman  
Vinni M. Hall, Secretary

James W. Baumann, Member  
Andrea S. Brown, Member  
David L. Fields, Member

Steven R. Gilford, Member  
Lanita J. Koster, Member  
Melinda A. LaBarre, Member
Illinois State Board of Education
RESOLUTION

Honoring
Dexter Chaney
December 2010

WHEREAS, Dexter Chaney earned his Bachelor of Arts in Education from Houston University and his Master of Arts in Education from Concordia University; and

WHEREAS, Dexter is viewed as a valued team member by his colleagues who provided much evidence of his commitment to finding and sharing the best teaching and learning strategies. He is a firm believer in the crucial role families play in a child’s learning success; and

WHEREAS, Dexter builds confidence in the students at Ryerson Elementary School because he shows them that they can succeed. His students have consistently made gains in achievement test scores across every subject area and Dexter invites any and all students into his classroom before and after school where he helps them with their homework, or just lends an ear or a shoulder for a student who needs it; and

WHEREAS, Dexter provides his students the ability to believe in themselves and gain confidence in themselves and to thrive in a safe learning environment. He is a natural born teacher who demonstrates success, leads by example and helps students understand the importance of following through and achieving goals; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2010, Dexter Chaney was named the 2010-2011 Milken National Educator for Illinois; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Dexter Chaney on this 16th day of December, 2010, for his leadership and dedication to the field of Education.

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Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman Christopher J. Ward, Vice Chairman Vinni M. Hall, Secretary

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James W. Baumann, Member Andrea S. Brown, Member David L. Fields, Member

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Steven R. Gilford, Member Lanita J. Koster, Member Melinda A. LaBarre, Member
Illinois State Board of Education
RESOLUTION

Honoring
Paula Dupont
December 2010

WHEREAS, Paula Dupont has served on the Burr Ridge Community Consolidated School District #180 Board of Education for seven and one-half years, serving as president since 2006; and

WHEREAS, during Paula’s board tenure the district has emphasized providing supplemental assistance to those who need it with the addition of both summer and after school programs, along with opportunities for eighth grade students who excel to attend advanced classes at the high school; and

WHEREAS, Paula has stressed educational excellence for all students in the district’s two schools, one of which sits among million dollar homes and the other bordered by a large low-income, subsidized apartment complex. Paula has helped the district pursue and win a tax rate referendum even as the district’s student enrollment demographics dramatically shifted from 35 percent low income to 75 percent; and

WHEREAS, through Paula’s leadership, the gifted and talented programs were enhanced, full-day kindergarten reinstated, the middle school musical and athletic programs were revived and technology in the classroom has become a priority; and

WHEREAS, the district established programs that created positive changes in students’ attitudes and behavior, including a drop in suspensions, leading to both schools’ receipt of the DuPage County’s Outstanding School Culture Awards for 2009; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education recognizes Paula Dupont on this 16th day of December, 2010, for her leadership and dedication to the field of education and we bestow congratulations to her on receiving the 2010 Thomas Lay Burroughs Award for Outstanding School Board President.

Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman
Christopher J. Ward, Vice Chairman
Vinni M. Hall, Secretary

James W. Baumann, Member
Andrea S. Brown, Member
David L. Fields, Member

Steven R. Gilford, Member
Lanita J. Koster, Member
Melinda A. LaBarre, Member
WHEREAS, Susan C. Johnson has “officially” devoted 34 years of her life to teaching in addition to another “unofficial” 12 years after she retired; and

WHEREAS, her entire teaching career has been spent in Homewood School District 153, the very same district where Susan attended elementary and secondary school; and

WHEREAS, although she technically retired in 1998, in the true spirit of exemplary teachers, Susan continues working for the district teaching English to children from foreign countries and inspiring her students to succeed and grow under her guidance; and

WHEREAS, Susan is considered a leader among teachers as is seen in her mentoring skills and her vast knowledge of language learning; and

WHEREAS, Susan’s expertise in teaching has been an invaluable asset to her students, colleagues, administrators and the families of District 153; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Susan C. Johnson on this the 16th day of December, 2010, for her leadership and dedication to the field of Education.

Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman
Christopher J. Ward, Vice Chairman
Vinni M. Hall, Secretary

James W. Baumann, Member
Andrea S. Brown, Member
David L. Fields, Member

Steven R. Gilford, Member
Lanita J. Koster, Member
Melinda A. LaBarre, Member
Illinois State Board of Education
RESOLUTION

Honoring
Namaste Charter School
December 2010

WHEREAS, Namaste Charter School in Chicago, Illinois was recently named Illinois’ second HealthierUS School Challenge recipient for the gold award of distinction level; and

WHEREAS, Namaste Charter School is a Team Nutrition School; and

WHEREAS, Namaste Charter School offers reimbursable lunches demonstrating healthy menu planning practices as well as meeting the principles of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Namaste Charter School provides nutrition education, opportunities for physical education and additional opportunities for physical activity to their students; and

WHEREAS, Namaste Charter School maintains an average daily participation of 70 percent or greater; and

WHEREAS, Namaste Charter School adheres to established guidelines of the Food and Nutrition Service under the United States Department of Agriculture for foods served and sold in school outside of the National School Lunch Program; and

WHEREAS, the administration and staff of Namaste Charter School collaborate to ensure their students are nutritionally prepared to be successful learners; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation and respect to the administration and staff of Namaste Charter School on this the 16th day of December, 2010, for their commitment and dedication to providing the healthiest learning environment possible.