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MAY 25, 2011

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

*11:30 a.m. Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor

12:15 p.m. Break for lunch

12:45 p.m. Finance & Audit Committee will reconvene following lunch

*2:30 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor

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

MAY 26, 2011

8:30 a.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor

*9:05 a.m. Board Operations Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor

*9:20 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session
Board Room, 4th Floor

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

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NOTE: Chairman Ruiz may call to order the Board’s plenary session early for the sole purpose of hearing a motion to go into closed session. In such case, the plenary session will reconvene for action items at the time posted. Chairman Ruiz may also call for a break in the plenary session on Thursday at which time the Board will go into closed session.
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) 9:20 – 9:50 a.m.

III. Resolutions & Recognition 9:50 – 10:10 a.m.
   A. Digital Safety Contest Award Winners (pp. 4-11)
   B. Round Lake Oversight Panel (p. 12)
   C. Richard Myers, LaSalle County Regional Superintendent (p. 13)
   D. Kenneth Maurer, Metamora Township High School Superintendent (p. 14)
   E. Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman, Illinois State Board of Education

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: 10:10 – 10:20 a.m.

A. *Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2011 (Plenary packet pp. 15-22)

B. *Rules for Initial Review
   1. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, recognition and Supervision) (Rules Packet pp. 2-12)
   2. Part 25 (Certification) (Rules Packet pp. 18-98)
   4. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education) (Rules Packet pp. 2-4; 13-17)

C. *Rules for Adoption
   2. Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan) (Rules Packet pp. 151-155)

D. *Contracts & Grants Over $1 Million
   1. FY12 1003 School Improvement Grants (Finance & Audit packet pp. 16-17)
   2. 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants (Finance & Audit packet pp. 18-20)
   3. Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) Grants (Finance & Audit packet pp. 21-24)
   4. Illinois Statewide Assistive Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) (Finance & Audit packet pp. 25-26)
   5. Illinois Statewide Assistive Technology Grants Overview (Finance & Audit packet pp. 27-28)
      a. Technical Assistance and Training Program (Finance & Audit packet pp. 29-31)
      b. Device Loan Network (Finance & Audit packet pp. 32-34)
      c. Exchange Network (Finance & Audit packet pp. 35-37)
   6. RFSP Special Education Child Tracking & Personnel Reimbursement Database (FAC packet pp. 38-41)
   7. Contract Amendment - Shefsky & Froelich, Ltd. (Finance & Audit packet pp. 42-44)
   8. Contract Renewal for Peoria County ROE – Virtual School (Finance & Audit packet pp. 45-47)
   9. Contract Renewal - Illinois Migrant Council (Finance & Audit packet pp. 48-50)

E. *Dissolution of Round Lake School Finance Authority (Finance & Audit packet pp. 6-9)

F. *Accept Financial & Compliance Audit Report (Finance & Audit packet pp. 11-12)

G. *Approve FY11 Audit Plan Amendment (Finance & Audit packet pp. 13-15)
V. New Business 10:20 – 10:25 a.m.

VI. Announcements and Reports 10:25 – 11:05 a.m.
   A. IBHE Liaison Report (Dr. Proshanta Nandi)
   B. P-20 Council Liaison Report (Joyce Karon, P-20 Liaison) 10:25 – 10:35 a.m.
   C. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements 10:35 – 10:45 a.m.
   D. Chairman's Report 10:45 – 10:55 a.m.
   E. Member Reports 10:55 – 11:05 a.m.

VII. Information Items
   A. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm

VIII. Adjourn
RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING

Abigail Regalado and Stephanie Castaneda
May 2011

Whereas, Abigail Regalado and Stephanie Castaneda, students from Falconer Elementary School, City of Chicago Schools 299 in Chicago, Illinois, received first place in the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest for a podcast, Grades 4-6. The 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, Abigail and Stephanie have created a poster that exemplifies a remarkable interpretation of the contest’s theme, Digital Citizenship. Abigail and Stephanie’s artistic talents demonstrate skill, creativity and understanding of the importance of Internet safety beyond their years; and

Whereas, Instructor Sylvia Dabrosowski has aided and guided Abigail and Stephanie in their successes as students and in the appropriate use of the Internet; and

Whereas, Principal Michael Perez and Superintendent Amy Mims recognize the value of Internet safety and Digital Citizenship for all students; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that Abigail Regalado and Stephanie Castaneda are hereby recognized for their outstanding creativity, effectiveness and content reflected in the project submitted for the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest.

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

RECOGNIZING

Sophia D'Amico, Elizabeth Moore and Katie Storch
May 2011

Whereas, Sophia D'Amico, Elizabeth Moore and Katie Storch, students from H.C. Storm Elementary, Batavia Unit School District in Batavia, Illinois, received first place in the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest for a poster, Grades 4-6. The 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, Sophia, Elizabeth and Katie have created a poster that exemplifies a remarkable interpretation of the contest’s theme, Digital Citizenship. Sophia, Elizabeth and Katie’s artistic talents demonstrate skill, creativity and understanding of the importance of Internet safety beyond their years; and

Whereas, INSTRUCTOR DIANE KISPERT has aided and guided Sophia, Elizabeth and Katie in their successes as students and in the appropriate use of the Internet; and

Whereas, PRINCIPAL CYNTHIA SIKORSKI AND SUPERINTENDENT JAN WRIGHT recognize the value of Internet safety and Digital Citizenship for all students; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that Sophia D'Amico, Elizabeth Moore and Katie Storch are hereby recognized for their outstanding creativity, effectiveness and content reflected in the project submitted for the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest.
Illinois State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING
Kelly Liang, Erin Gray and Mary Clarie Smith
May 2011

Whereas, Kelly Liang, Erin Gray and Mary Clarie Smith, students from H.C. Storm Elementary, Batavia Unit School District in Batavia, Illinois, received first place in the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest for a slideshow, Grades 4-6. The 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, Kelly, Erin and Mary Clarie have created a slideshow that exemplifies a remarkable interpretation of the contest’s theme, Digital Citizenship. Kelly, Erin and Mary Clarie’s artistic talents demonstrate skill, creativity and understanding of the importance of Internet safety beyond their years; and

Whereas, INSTRUCTOR DIANE KISPERT has aided and guided Kelly, Erin and Mary Clarie in their successes as students and in the appropriate use of the Internet; and

Whereas, PRINCIPAL CYNTHIA SIKORSKI AND SUPERINTENDENT JAN WRIGHT recognize the value of Internet safety and Digital Citizenship for all students; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that Kelly Liang, Erin Gray and Mary Clarie Smith are hereby recognized for their outstanding creativity, effectiveness and content reflected in the project submitted for the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest.
RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING

Bethany Baudhuin and Carly Sattler

May 2011

Whereas, Bethany Baudhuin and Carly Sattler, students from Gower Middle School, Gower School District 62 in Burr Ridge, Illinois, received first place in the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest for a video, Grades 4-6. The 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, Bethany and Carly have created a video that exemplifies a remarkable interpretation of the contest’s theme, Digital Citizenship. Bethany and Carly’s artistic talents demonstrate skill, creativity and understanding of the importance of Internet safety beyond their years; and

Whereas, INSTRUCTOR KYMBERLI MULFORD has aided and guided Bethany and Carly in their successes as students and in the appropriate use of the Internet; and

Whereas, PRINCIPAL REBECCA LARATTA, AND SUPERINTENDENT JOAN DUChANE recognize the value of Internet safety and Digital Citizenship for all students; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that Bethany Baudhuin and Carly Sattler are hereby recognized for their outstanding creativity, effectiveness and content reflected in the project submitted for the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest.

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
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Illinois State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING

Tierra Jones

May 2011

Whereas, Tierra Jones, a student from Henry Clay School in Chicago, Illinois, received first place in the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest for a slideshow, Grades 7-8. The 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, Tierra created a slideshow that exemplifies a remarkable interpretation of the contest’s theme, Digital Citizenship. Tierra’s artistic talent demonstrates skill, creativity and understanding of the importance of Internet safety beyond her years; and

Whereas, INSTRUCTOR NODA MILANONZ has aided and guided Tierra in her success as a student and in the appropriate use of the Internet; and

Whereas, PRINCIPAL CHRIS PAGNUCCO recognizes the value of Internet safety and Digital Citizenship for all students; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that Tierra Jones is hereby recognized for her outstanding creativity, effectiveness and content reflected in the project submitted for the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest.

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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

RECOGNIZING
Hannah Ciesil
May 2011

Whereas, Hannah Ciesil, a student from Edgebrook Elementary, City of Chicago Schools 299 in Chicago, Illinois, received first place in the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest for a video, Grades 7-8. The 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, Hannah created a video that exemplifies a remarkable interpretation of the contest’s theme, Digital Citizenship. Hannah’s artistic talent demonstrates skill, creativity and understanding of the importance of Internet safety beyond her years; and

Whereas, INSTRUCTOR GLORIA D. GAITHER has aided and guided Hannah in her success as a student and in the appropriate use of the Internet; and

Whereas, PRINCIPAL JANICE L. KELKA, AND SUPERINTENDENT AMY MIMS recognize the value of Internet safety and Digital Citizenship for all students; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that Hannah Ciesil is hereby recognized for her outstanding creativity, effectiveness and content reflected in the project submitted for the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest.

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
RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING
Krista Toms
May 2011

Whereas, Krista Toms, a student from Richmond-Burton Community High School, Richmond-Burton Community High School District 157 in Richmond, Illinois, received first place in the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest for a poster, Grades 9-12. The 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, Krista created a poster that exemplifies a remarkable interpretation of the contest’s theme, Digital Citizenship. Krista’s artistic talent demonstrates skill, creativity and understanding of the importance of Internet safety beyond her years; and

Whereas, INSTRUCTOR LISA LACOMPTE GIESE has aided and guided Krista in her success a student and in the appropriate use of the Internet; and

Whereas, PRINCIPAL TOM DUBOIS AND SUPERINTENDENT DAN OEST recognize the value of Internet safety and Digital Citizenship for all students; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that Krista Toms is hereby recognized for her outstanding creativity, effectiveness and content reflected in the project submitted for the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest.

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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

RECOGNIZING

Joseph Firestine, Austin Howell and Sharon Kelley

May 2011

Whereas, Joseph Firestine, Austin Howell and Sharon Kelley, students from Belleville East High School, Belleville Township High School District 201 in Belleville, Illinois, received first place in the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest for a video, Grades 9-12. The 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest is sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office; and

Whereas, Joseph, Austin and Sharon have created a video that exemplifies a remarkable interpretation of the contest’s theme, Digital Citizenship. Joseph, Austin and Sharon’s artistic talent demonstrates skill, creativity and understanding of the importance of Internet safety beyond her years; and

Whereas, INSTRUCTOR TAMMIE G. HETTENHAUSEN has aided and guided Joseph, Austin and Sharon in their successes as students and in the appropriate use of the Internet; and

Whereas, PRINCIPAL STEPHANIE POSEY AND SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT SPURGEN recognize the value of Internet safety and Digital Citizenship for all students; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION that Joseph Firestine, Austin Howell and Sharon Kelley are hereby recognized for their outstanding creativity, effectiveness and content reflected in the project submitted for the 2011 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest.

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

In Recognition of the
Round Lake Community Unit School District #116 School Finance Authority
May 2011

Whereas, the Round Lake Community Unit School District #116 School Finance Authority (SFA) was established in August 2002 as a result of the Round Lake Financial Oversight Panel’s petition to the Illinois State Board of Education; and

Whereas, when the SFA was established, the District, among other things, was experiencing significant financial difficulties; and

Whereas, the voting members of the SFA are Dr. Doug Parks (Chairperson); George Lingel, Bish Krywko, Rosa Reyes-Prosen, and Hal Davis. The SFA appointed Dr. Ben Martindale to serve as the current SFA Financial Administrator throughout the term of the Agreement; and

Whereas, through the efforts of the SFA, the District has made improvements in board member training, district finances, instructional and facility improvements since the institution of the School Finance Authority; and

Whereas, due to the assistance and guidance of the SFA, the District has significantly improved its cash flow and financial position, as well as having achieved the designation of Financial Recognition; now

Therefore be it Resolved by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION and the State Superintendent of Education that Dr. Doug Parks, George Lingel, Bish Krywko, Rosa Reyes-Prosen, Hal Davis and Dr. Ben Martindale are hereby recognized for the hard work and dedication that the Round Lake Community Unit School District #116 School Finance Authority has given to the children of Round Lake, and to the entire community.

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
RECOGNIZING RICHARD A. MYERS
May 2011

WHEREAS, Richard “Rich” A. Myers began his illustrious career in education in 1969 as a fourth-grade teacher at Grand Ridge Grade School where he later served as Dean of Students prior to being hired as Principal from 1976-1985. Rich was tapped by Deer Park Grade School to serve as Superintendent from 1985-1987; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Rich received the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America Award and in 2004 he received Justice Benjamin K. Miller’s Recognition Award for leadership and commitment in the prevention of family violence within the communities of LaSalle County; and

WHEREAS, Rich’s outstanding personal and professional qualities led to his selection in 1987 to serve as LaSalle County’s Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools and his 2007 election to the office of Regional Superintendent, where he has continued to serve; and

WHEREAS, Rich has worked diligently to increase the fiscal efficiency of LaSalle County schools by promoting a variety of shared services, safety in schools through the development of alternative education programs, and implementing student and educator recognition programs; and

WHEREAS, through his vision and leadership for Excellence in Education, all students in LaSalle County schools can be successful. Rich’s legacy will be his commitment to continuous improvement for all educators through high quality professional development, certification and recertification guidance and advocacy for community partnerships.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to RICHARD A. MYERS for his tireless efforts to enhance the image and performance of schools throughout the State of Illinois and his dedicated service in the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools.
WHEREAS, Kenneth H. Maurer began his career in education as a high school Social Science teacher at Orchard Farm High School in St. Charles, Missouri, where he taught for ten years. In 1980, he became the High School Principal at Elmwood High School and in 1984 was hired as the Superintendent of Elmwood Community Unit School District #322. 

Ken has served as Superintendent of Metamora Township High School District #122 since July 1987; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as MTHSD Superintendent Ken implemented the Core Curriculum, with a strong emphasis on creativity, curriculum, motivation and technology. KEN has been a tireless advocate of Fine Arts, Vocational Education, the Sciences and Project Lead the Way; and

WHEREAS, KEN’s compassionate, empathetic and understanding nature has provided a safe, nurturing educational arena for ALL students. As Superintendent, KEN’S open door policy has created a sense of camaraderie among students, parents, administrators and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ken’s financial expertise assisted in passing a $10 million project referendum for a new gymnasium, auditorium and classrooms in conjunction with his research on energy efficiency options for the schools has resulted in a sound financial picture for MTHS District #122; and

WHEREAS, throughout Ken’s administrative career, he has been an active member of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Illinois Principals Association, and has served in a leadership capacity; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Kenneth H. Maurer for his leadership and commitment 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
Rich L. Fields, Member

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

Resolution

Honoring

Jesse H. Ruiz

May 2011

WHEREAS, Jesse H. Ruiz earned a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Illinois, a J.D. Degree from the University of Chicago Law School, and is a partner in the Chicago law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath where he serves the firm in the Corporate and Securities Group; and

WHEREAS, Jesse also serves as chief legal counsel to the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation and in August 2010, was appointed to the American Bar Association Presidential Advisory Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities, was a Commissioner, by appointment of the Illinois Supreme Court, on the Character and Fitness Committee for the First Judicial District of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Jesse has served as a Commissioner, by appointment of the Chicago Board of Education, on the Chicago Public Schools’ Desegregation Monitoring Commission; was appointed in February 2011 by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to the United States Department of Education Equity and Excellence Commission; and

WHEREAS, Jesse has been recognized as a rising star by Chicago Lawyer and Crain's Chicago Business magazines and was listed among the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in America in the October 2010 issue of Hispanic Business magazine; and

WHEREAS, since September 2004, Jesse has served honorably as Chairman of the Illinois State Board of Education, during which time Illinois has become a leader in the national discussion on internationally benchmarked standards and is developing a Longitudinal Data System to collect and maintain high quality individual staff and student data from preschool through college and careers, and through his leadership, Illinois has received recognition from the National Institute of Early Education Research, ranking number one among states in access to preschool for 3-year-olds, has clarified rules for enrolling students, making it easier for homeless, migrant and other students to access public education, developed Teacher, Administrator and Principal Mentoring Programs to provide guidance to new professionals in the field of education with the goal of increasing retention rates; and

WHEREAS, he learned his most important lessons from his first teachers, Jesus and Socorro Ruiz, that the way to success is through hard work, honor and respect, and that the American dream is possible for anyone who is resolved to better themselves and serve others; and in honor of their legacy he has tirelessly sacrificed by attending countless meetings throughout Illinois and the nation to better the lives of more than two million Illinois schoolchildren, while at the same time managing to balance the demands of his career and family, Michelle, Jonathan and Benjamin; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION extends its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Jesse H. Ruiz on this the 26th day of May, 2011, for his extraordinary years of service to the children of Illinois.
Illinois State Board of Education Meeting  
April 13, 2011  
(via video conference)

Chicago Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, James R. Thompson Center  
14th Floor, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL

Springfield Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor  
100 N. First Street, Springfield, IL

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

Members Present in Chicago  
Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman  
Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary  
Ms. Lanita Koster

Member Participating by Phone  
Mr. James Baumann (joined meeting at 11:00 a.m.)

Members Present in Springfield  
Dr. Andrea Brown  
Dr. David Fields  
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Members Absent  
Steven Gilford

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION BY PHONE  
Chairman Ruiz announced that Board Member Jim Baumann has requested to participate by phone. Dr. Hall moved that that in accordance with the Illinois Open Meeting Act Board Member Jim Baumann be permitted to participate by telephone for this meeting. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION  
Dr. Ward moved that the Illinois State Board of Education, with its sincere appreciation and gratitude, adopt the resolution honoring David Elson for his leadership and dedication to the field of education. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
Public Participation from Chicago Site  
Gerald P. Doyle, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Enrollment and Financial Aid at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) addressed the Board on IIT’s campaign to inform superintendents and principals of scholarship assistance for secondary school students and community college students throughout the State of Illinois. The STEM+ scholarships would grant a student's tuition, books and fees, with each recipient committing 100 hours of community service and 100 hours of campus service each year. It is IIT’s goal to be a major partner in developing STEM+ pipelines. Chairman Ruiz directed Mr. Doyle to Matt Vanover, ISBE’s Director of Public Information, to discuss potential dissemination of information to districts regarding IIT scholarships. Mr. Doyle thanked the Board for their time, energy and work on behalf of the children of Illinois.

Public Participation from Springfield Site  
None
CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion:
Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Approval of Minutes

Rules for Adoption
Part 226 (Special Education)
The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Special Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 226). 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.

Grants Over $1 Million
RFP for Support and Technical Assistance Regional Network (STAR NET)
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into up to six grant agreements with selected grantees in amounts now to exceed $500,000 per region for the continued provision of the Support and Technical Assistance Regional Network (STAR NET).

Contracts Over $1 Million
Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program-Illinois Department of Human Services Intergovernmental
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Contract with the Illinois Department of Human Services contract for the Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program; through June 30, 2012, with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $1,305,000.

Evaluation of the Early Childhood Systems-Erikson Institute Contract
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the sole source extension of the contract for the evaluation of the Birth to Three data for the Early Childhood Systems with Erickson Institute for FY12 with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $3,459,090.

RFSP for ELL Professional Development Contract
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a contract with the prevailing bidder for the delivery of English Language Learning Statewide Professional Development services including the providing of a coordinated statewide approach to training and technical assistance to school districts based on best practices. The initial contract term will begin July 1, 2011 and end on June 20, 2012 with four (4) one-year renewal terms. Funding for the initial contract term will not exceed $2,125,000, $2,000,000 of which will be from State TBE/TPI bilingual funds and $125,000 from Title III English Language Acquisition funds.
RFSP for Redesign of the ISBE Teacher Certification Information System (TCIS) and Teacher Service Record (TSR)
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release a Request for Sealed Proposal (RFSP) for the redesign of the TCIS and TSR systems and to enter into a contract with the successful bidder(s) through June 30, 2013. The contract’s initial term will not exceed $4,000,000. The resulting contract will have five optional one-year renewals.

Principal Mentoring-Illinois Principals Association Contract
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the renewal of the contract with the Illinois Principal’s Association in the amount of $900,000 for the provision of the Illinois New Principal Mentoring Program in FY 2012 (July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012).

Approval of 2011 Board Calendar Revisions
The State Board of Education hereby approves the change to the May 2011 Board Meeting to May 25-26, 2011.

Alzina Building Lease
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Alzina Building lease agreement through June 30, 2016 in an amount of $10,894,449, plus the utilities surcharge.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

FY12 Budget
Linda Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer updated the Board on the seven House Elementary and Secondary Appropriations Committee hearings. She also noted that Chairman Ruiz and several board members attended the Senate Appropriations hearing on March 16, 2011. Discussed in detail at the hearings were after-school programs, assessment and standards, educator quality, district consolidation and school transportation. The members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have also been very interested in the learning impact of Early Childhood Education programs. Ms. Mitchell commented that there will likely be a few more hearings prior to the May 31 deadline.

Ms. Mitchell discussed the FY12 General State Aid forecast based on estimated data and the Illinois State Board of Education’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget presentation document. Ms. Mitchell noted that there are about 48 days left in the budget process and there have been various proposals for not only the FY12 budget, but it is rapidly evolving into a process of cutting from the FY11 budget appropriation for the current year.

The General Assembly’s approach has been to identify available revenue for all state agencies and assign a percentage based on historical information to each agency. The House believes the ISBE percentage should be somewhere around 28% of the state budget. There are differences in the revenue projection between the House, Senate and the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (GOMB).

Ms. Julie Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff for Education for the Governor, commented that the House and Senate are working with different revenue projections which will lead them to different analyses of what might be available next year, but both of those predications show a reduction from FY11. The reduction is somewhere in the range of $1-2 billion. The other element that complicates things is that the proposal that the Governor made in respect to borrowing has not been advanced in either chamber. Not only do we have continued growth in the State’s
responsibility for its pension funds or health coverage, we could also have the impact of FY11 dollars also counting against that cap.

Superintendent Koch stated that he is under the impression that the legislature is unlikely to appropriate lump sum budgets, so the Board may not be afforded the opportunity to direct funds to the Board’s priorities. Dr. Koch commented that the $3.5 billion in federal funds that Illinois distributed to school districts over the last two years is ending. Districts that spread their last installment of Jobs Bill money over the last two years will have some cushion this year; otherwise there is nothing else in the federal pipeline.

Ms. Smith commented that Governor Quinn remains committed to education as a priority in the ongoing FY12 budget negotiations and will continue to emphasize how very critical it is to maintain a commitment to education. She knows how committed the Board is to the reform effort and they will attempt to protect those line items as much as possible during the negotiations process.

Dr. Koch stated that the agency is fielding many questions on the funding formula, i.e., if the numbers go down could there be other ways to realize savings that have less impact; i.e., reviewing the structures by which we fund school districts, for example transportation, flat grants, Hold Harmless and PTELL adjustments.

Linda Mitchell summarized the budget update by stating that the final three pages (pages 4-6) reflect the $99 million dollar proposed reductions (Page 4). Page 5 reflects the relative amounts of the foundation districts, alternate method districts, and the flat grants. There is also a copy of the matrix indicating that if Illinois were to continue to use the existing formula and reduce the amount of the foundation level to generate a $100 million reduction in the appropriation, the foundation level would have to be decreased by $115 dollars.

East St. Louis District 189 Oversight

Superintendent Koch announced that Dr. Theresa Saunders, Superintendent of East St. Louis School District #189 and Mr. Garrett Hoerner, Attorney for East St. Louis School District #189, were present in Springfield. Dr. Koch asked for the State Board to grant authority to intervene with East St. Louis School District 189. Dr. Koch stated he recently visited East St. Louis as well as the Charter School and met with district representatives to discuss the his potential request for oversight. Special education issues continue in the district; ISBE Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Beth Hanselman has been corresponding to assist in making progress in that area. Superintendent Saunders has indicated that evaluations have been taking place to address the issues. Dr. Koch noted that this is a very serious, very time intensive undertaking and the intervention will not be short term. This authority comes to us through the low performance of the district and it is necessary to provide opportunities for these students. Superintendent Koch indicated the East St. Louis Board and staff will be informed that this is a partnership and the success of the students of East St. Louis is of utmost importance.

This comprehensive intervention agreement is similar to others as it covers every aspect of the district from governance to hiring, fiscal decisions, and instructional components. The agreement carries forward the six component plan and reflects the knowledge garnered from other district interventions. Dr. Koch commented that he will add a monthly update on future State Board agendas to discuss district oversights.

Mr. Garrett Hoerner, Attorney for East St. Louis School District #189, was accompanied by Dr. Theresa Saunders, Superintendent of East St. Louis School
District #189. Mr. Hoerner and Dr. Saunders stated their presence is merely to listen and to report back to their board. Mr. Hoerner asked that the Board keep an open mind in respect to the agreement and terms.

Chairman Ruiz asked Dr. Saunders if she could share with the Board her thoughts on what support the school district needs for their students. Dr. Saunders responded that the primary need is in the improvement of instruction in their high school. The high school has been underperforming for some time and they have tried a variety of different strategies. Dr. Saunders stated that for three years their special education services were compliant and this year they did not have the capacity to maintain compliance. Dr. Saunders indicated the district has a new Special Education Director who will need support. These are the two categories in which Dr. Saunders and their board feel they need the most assistance. Dr. Saunders noted that the district welcomes the assistance, resources and the support and asks that the State Board have an open mind about the extent of the agreement.

Superintendent Koch clarified that oversight is a very serious undertaking for ISBE and the agreement will not be open to negotiation. The Agency is taking on a huge responsibility.

**Motion:**
Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to pursue an intergovernmental agreement with East St. Louis School District 189, with conditions, and, should the District refuse to enter into such an agreement, further authorizes the State Superintendent to pursue those actions available pursuant to Section 2-3.25f of the School Code and any other applicable laws. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Legislative Update**

Nicole Wills, Cynthia Riseman and Darren Reisberg provided the Board with an update on recent amendments and items of interest to the Board during the third reading deadline in both chambers.

Ms. Riseman indicated that during the veto session last year the Chicago Educational Facility Task Force was created and its final recommendations were submitted in March. From the final recommendations two identical bills have been introduced to create an ISBE-staffed commission to create data bases and provide oversight/accountability of school facility closures, construction plans, facility master plans and set forth arbitrations for building closures. Legislative staff have indicated there will be multiple changes to the current proposals. The Agency’s concern outside of the local issue would be being able to staff a long standing commission.

Ms. Wills provided a brief summary of SB 626 on school consolidation which was assigned to a subcommittee of the Executive Committee, and apparently would affect Illinois’ approximate 100 high school districts and the approximate 375 elementary districts. The bill would require that there be only one elementary school district per high school district and that they have identical boundaries. There are changes to the tax rates and within 60 days after the bill goes into effect the State Superintendent would be required to set a date for local school board elections.

**HB 1216** establishes the School District Realignment and Consolidation Commission and directs it to make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the number of school districts in the state.
SB 1743 would allow an exemption for districts receiving less than 15% of their total revenue from the state to indefinitely waive mandates in the School Code and administrative rules with the exception of special education teacher certification, teacher tenure and NCLB. Currently there are about 270 schools which have 15% or less revenue coming from the state. Mr. Reisberg noted that there is already a waiver process for districts to be relieved of mandates. Representative Eddy sponsored a similar bill last year which included only new mandates.

Ms. Wills indicated there was a lot of discussion on which denials should be included in Senate Joint Resolution 27, the waiver resolution. Driver Education fees appear to be limited, but the resolution will not affect range driving or simulators at this time. There are two bills that would raise the maximum Driver Education fee from $50 to $250; one is HB 1071 by Representative Sandra Pihos which has failed to get the necessary votes and the other is SB 1463 by Senator John Sullivan.

SB 79 on the State Charter School Commission has been amended at the request of CPS (Chicago Public Schools). Mr. Reisberg stated that it is the desire of CPS to ensure sufficient CPS representation on the Commission given the fact that they have the lion’s share of Illinois’ charter schools.

Nicole Wills, Cynthia Riseman and Darren Reisberg also provided the Board with an update on the following ISBE legislative initiatives:

**GSA Hold Harmless HB 3539** has now passed through the House (Representative Morrison, House sponsor) with a vote of 73-37. Senator Murphy is the Senate sponsor and staff are working with him to educate legislators on the Senate side.

**Textbook Loans HB 3115** passed the House; Representative Gordon carried the bill in the House and Senator Maloney will carry the bill in the Senate. There has been an amendment to the bill at the request of the Catholic Conference.

**Bilingual Funding Bills, SB2133 and HB1831:** SB2133 was carried by Senator Garrett and has passed the Senate and is now in the House. HB 1831 was carried by Representative Hernandez and passed the House unanimously.

**Obsolete/Duplicate/Clean-up Bills, SB1794, SB1795, HB3022, HB3027, HB3464.** The plan for these bills is to streamline them and one of them will be used for the Private Business Vocational School change. Staff have met with Representative Crespo (to sponsor) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education is willing to take on the responsibility of monitoring the schools.

**Financial Oversight Panel/School Finance Authority Bills, SB 2149 and HB3108** are moving forward. There have been multiple amendments to the bills and staff have negotiated removal of opposition from the IFT and the School Management Alliance and staff is not aware of any opposition from IEA.

Ms. Wills noted that **Article 21** language has been sent out to all of the stakeholders (unions, school management, higher education, Regional Offices of Education, Bilingual Advisory Council, Special Education Groups, etc.) and staff have been receiving valuable feedback. She said she will be sharing with the stakeholders a revised version for final cleanup; she will put a substantive amendment on SB 1799 in the House and if passed, it would need to go back over to the Senate to be concurred upon. There is a fee increase in this bill.
Mr. Reisberg indicated that the Education Reform Package will go before the committee April 13, at 8:30 a.m. He noted that there have been bumps in the process but language has been developed which has brought everyone to agreement on all issues originally on the table, including collective bargaining. A tremendous amount of credit goes to all of the stakeholders that came to the table in good faith to work through these issues. Mr. Reisberg pointed out the major issues will require a substantial amount of education to the field with respect to implementation, i.e. issues about how tenure will be obtained, how performance will be a component of that tenure attainment and the possibility of tenure portability in limited context.

Reduction in force is probably the greatest change as it is currently carried out strictly by seniority. Performance would now be prioritized over seniority, with all employees categorized by position, then grouped by performance. The bill also streamlines the teacher dismissal process addressing the concern that it has been too costly and too time consuming. In order to reduce State cost, the State Board of Education’s role in the teacher dismissal process has been removed.

Mr. Reisberg stated that the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council is in the process of developing templates for principal and teacher evaluations and there have been legitimate concerns about high stakes employment and certification decisions now being tied to a not yet developed evaluation system. There will likely be some standardization as there will be a state template for both teacher and principal evaluations. However, districts will have the ability to work locally with the union to customize evaluations within certain parameters.

Superintendent Koch and Chairman Ruiz thanked and recognized Darren Reisberg, Nicole Wills and Cynthia Riseman for their efforts on behalf of the Board.

ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports
Chairman Ruiz announced that the Monthly Fiscal and Administrative Reports are now available on line at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chairman Ruiz stated that Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) was not present today and that Dr. Hall would be reporting on the IBHE meeting. Dr. Hall stated that meeting was held on April 12, 2011 at Northern Illinois University in Naperville. The IBHE has begun to talk more about Common Core Standards as the standards begin to move into teacher preparation programs. Dr. Hall also noted that proprietary schools have become a point of discussion at these meetings.

P-20 Council Chairman Miguel del Valle addressed the Board of Higher Education and referred to a Time Magazine article related to the debt students are incurring in universities and colleges.

P-20 Council Liaison Report
No report at this time.

Superintendent’s Announcements
Superintendent Koch asked Darren Reisberg to update the Board on the JCAR Part 30 Principal Preparation rules. Mr. Reisberg commented that a number of ISBE staff and others devoted a lot of time to reach out to members of JCAR and other legislators and the results were very positive. The actions taken by JCAR were that they issued a prohibition on two aspects of the rules; one was related to
the requirement that a teacher would need four years of teaching in order to be enrolled in a principal preparation program and the other issue is the composition of the panel that would complete a program review before it would be advanced to the Certification Board and then the State Board for approval. The original composition of the panel included two out-of-state individuals and JCAR asked that we replace these two out-of-state members with two additional in-state principals. We had no concern with making these concessions and we will now be filing the rules with the Secretary of State, save the two components just mentioned. We will respond to JCAR regarding our proposal to address those two issues and presumably they will not have concerns and we can move on with the actual application process for these new programs.

Chairman’s Announcements

Chairman Ruiz announced that he will speak at the Aurora University Latino Student Alumni Banquet on Friday evening, April 15, 2011.

Member Reports

Ms. LaBarre stated that both she and Dr. Hall attended the NASBE webinar on Common Core Standards and it was very well presented and she has some recommended questions for Board members which she will give to Jean Ladage to share with the Board. She also read to the first grade students at Fiechens School on Community Day and attended the Arts Alliance Award Ceremony at the Governor’s Mansion.

Dr. Fields mentioned he enjoyed reading the Chicago Tribune article which profiled Superintendent Koch.

Dr. Hall mentioned that she judged the Chicago Tribune High School Essay Contest and at the NASBE webinar she was able to speak with Erickson Institute staff who will be conducting the early childhood evaluations. She also said that she and Chairman Ruiz visited Southland Charter School and it was a very interesting experience.

Ms. Koster visited Southland Charter School with Dr. Hall, Darren Reisberg and Jen Saba and they have invited the Board to hold a board meeting at Southland. She also attended a meeting of the Poverty Commission on April 11.

Dr. Ward said he will be available to share information about autism at Lord & Taylor in Oak Brook with his wife, Katie, on Saturday April 16, 2011.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall  Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Board Secretary  Chairman