Illinois State Board of Education

Board Operations Committee of the Whole

October 20, 2011
2:20 p.m.

(This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.)

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AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Board Member Participation by Other Means

III. Public Participation

IV.*Review Nominations for Recognition (*p. 2)

V. NASBE Annual Meeting Report (Vinni Hall)

VI. Adjourn

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

Honoring

Noble Street Charter School

WHEREAS, State and Federal charter school law reflect a clear legislative intent that best practices in charter schools should be shared with the broader educational community; and

WHEREAS, the Noble Network of Charter Schools (Noble Street) has developed a comprehensive student assessment program (Noble Street’s Curriculum and Assessment Program or CAP) to align student instruction with college readiness standards and to ensure that students graduate from Noble Street high schools college-ready; and

WHEREAS, in 2010-2011, CAP served 5,200 students and 375 teachers within the Noble network. For Noble Street’s Class of 2011, students scored an average gain of 5.1 points on tests administered during their freshmen and junior years, a difference of a score of 15 and 20 on the ACT examination; and

WHEREAS, all seven (7) of the Noble campuses serving juniors last year placed on Chicago Public Schools (CPS) District 299’s 2011 list of the ten (10) CPS non-selective enrollment schools with the highest average ACT scores. Noble Network’s 2011 average ACT score of 20.3 is three (3) points higher than the district’s average ACT score of 17.3; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the third consecutive year that Noble has ranked #1 on the ACT in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Noble has demonstrated that its CAP program model may be scaled from an individual school to a school district level. To date, Noble has shared CAP’s interim assessments and methodology with over 50 sharing partners across the nation, including private, public and charter schools, as well as CPS and national organizations like Teach for America; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation and respect to the administration and staff of the Noble Network of Charter Schools for their commitment and dedication to providing Noble Street students with a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum that will prepare them for success post-high school, and to sharing Noble Street’s successful practices with other systems and educators who share the same objectives.

Gery J. Chico, 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