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10. Amendment to FY 12 Intergovernmental Agreement with Northern Illinois University for Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC) (Susie Morrison, Monique Chism)  (*pp. 73-74*)

11. FY 13 Intergovernmental Agreement with Northern Illinois University for Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC)  (Susie Morrison, Monique Chism)  (*pp. 75-76*)

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**V. Discussion Items**

A.  Legislative Update (Darren Reisberg, Nicole Wills, Cynthia Riseman)  (*pp.171-213*)

B.  Budget Update (Linda Mitchell)

C.  District Oversight (verbal update) (Superintendent Koch)

D.  Other Items for Discussion

**VI. Announcements**

A.  IBHE Liaison Report (Dr. Proshanta Nandi)

B.  P-20 Council Liaison Report (Joyce Karon)

C.  Superintendent’s/Senior Staff Announcements

D.  Chairman’s Report

E.  Member Reports

**VII. Information Items**

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

**VIII. Adjourn**

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**NOTE:** Chairman Chico may call for a break in the meeting as necessary in order for the Board to go into closed session.
Illinois State Board of Education Meeting

State Board of Education Meeting
via video conference

April 18, 2012
10:30

Chicago Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 14th Floor,
100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL
Springfield Location: ISBE Video Conference
100 N. First Street, Springfield, IL

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Chairman Chico asked Ms. Jean Ladage to call the roll. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was in attendance in Springfield. A quorum was present.

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REQUEST FOR BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATION BY PHONE

Chairman Chico announced that Board Member Jim Baumann will be participating by phone, however, he will not be voting during this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Chico introduced Mr. John Edwardson, Chair of Advance Illinois and Robin Steans, Executive Director.

Mr. Edwardson commented that he has watched with great interest the surge of activity and leadership from ISBE as Illinois undertakes drastic steps to improve schools that serve many of the most vulnerable students. Mr. Edwardson reported that Illinois has received $168 million dollars in federal School Improvement Grants (SIG) with a mandate to use the funds to improve the state’s lowest performing schools. ISBE identified nearly 100 qualified high schools; one-third of the eligible schools applied and 10 schools received SIG grants in the first year.

Mr. Edwardson pointed out that Illinois’ public education system is only as strong as the state’s weakest school. If we can determine how to improve the State’s lowest performing schools, then we can strengthen the public education system for all students. Illinois has become a national model for education reform for which other states routinely consult for guidance. Advance Illinois believes this is a credit to the hard work of ISBE and the dedication of many of the ISBE’s employees and Superintendent Koch. Mr. Edwardson stated that they appreciate the opportunity to come to the Board meeting today to present their progress report.

Ms. Robin Steans presented the Board members with the facts and findings of Advance Illinois’ progress report. She noted that the first ten schools to receive funding had been in crisis for years and faced dramatic challenges that make student learning improbable, if not impossible: very high poverty rates, high absenteeism and high student turnover. Intervention was long...
overdue. Ms. Stearns spoke on the School Improvement Grant (SIG) progress. After a few months of intervention, many schools reported initial improvements in student culture and learning climate, a leading indicator of later academic success. Truancy declined dramatically, mobility decreased slightly and attendance improved. ACT scores improved in most schools as well.

She noted that they did not have as much information as they would have liked on broader school climate issues, but hope to get teacher climate survey results which will result in better baseline information on how safe the environment is, how rigorous the curriculum is, and what the collegial environments are among professionals. This data will provide better information on the schools’ progress, evidence that the grant dollars are being put to good use and provide strong diagnostic information to the schools themselves.

Ms. Steans pointed out that this is long term work; Chicago Public Schools (CPS) has been working on improving their low-performing schools for over fifteen years. It is very important that while these federal dollars are available, we need to learn what is working, and what is not, and to develop some capacity as a state because districts are going to have an ongoing need to improve and stay with this work over the longer term.

Ms. Steans summarized the report recommendations for Illinois:

- Resolve to see this work through the long haul,
- Learn as we go,
- Evaluate the results and spread best practices,
- Build capacity to support this work at the state, district and school levels,
- Provide greater support and monitoring to struggling schools and districts,
- Link improvement efforts in high school and feeder schools (e.g. Title 1 funds),
- Maintain high standards for reform implementation.

Superintendent Koch thanked Robin Steans and John Edwardson for sharing the findings in the report and expressed appreciation to Advance Illinois for their assistance in the review process. He thanked Susie Morrison, Monique Chism and their staff for continued work and dedication to the success of the SIG schools. By bringing up our lowest performing schools the entire bar is lifted. We need to be interrupting all the schools that are in a downward spiral; not just those at the bottom.

III. RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION

Motion:
Ms. LaBarre moved that the Illinois State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing the 2012 Illinois Youth Digital Safety Contest Winners:

- Matthew Lorenz, CCSD 181, The Lane School, in Hinsdale, for a Podcast, Grades 4-6;
- Morgan Gale, Riverview Community Consolidated #2, Riverview Grade School, in East Peoria, for a Poster, Grades 4-6;
- Yuli Salgado, Evanston/Skokie School District 65, Chute Middle School, in Evanston, for a Poster, Grades 7-8;
- Aleena Proctor, Bunker Hill Community Unit District 8, Bunker Hill High School, in Bunker Hill, for a Poster, Grades 9-12;
- Cameron Marsh, Edwardsville CUSD 7, Liberty Middle School, in
Edwardsville, for a Slideshow, Grades 4-6;
• Margaret Hunt, Oswego CUSD 308, Thompson Jr High, in Oswego, Slideshow, Grades 7-8;
• Malik Tifah, Sean Fisher, Valley View School District 365, Lukancic Middle School, in Romeoville, for a Video, Grades 4-6;
• Andie Sherman, Downers Grove School District 58, Herrick Middle School, in Downers Grove, for a Video, Grades 7-8;
• Brittany Bieneman, Breanne Aceret, Kelsey Snodgrass, Oswego CUSD 308, Thompson Jr High, in Oswego, for a Video, Grades 7-8;
• Sameer Andani, Jerry Swanson, Samuel Yoo, Warren Township High School District 121, Warren Township High School, in Gurnee, for a Video, Grades 9-12; and

Dr. Vinni Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent Koch noted that the Digital Safety Contest is a joint effort between the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Attorney General Office, and the Governor’s Office. The Contest is designed to promote awareness and understanding of Internet safety and Bystander Intervention for all students. The Digital Safety Contest Recognition Ceremony will be held on May 7, 2012. The Digital Safety Contest videos are available for viewing on the Illinois State Board of Education website.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Motion:
Dr. Brown moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda items as presented. Ms. Lanita Koster 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
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the March 21, 2012 Board Meeting.

Rules for Adoption

Part 1 (Public School Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)
The Illinois 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 575 (School Technology Program)
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for the School Technology Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 575). 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 and Grants Over $1 Million

Contract Renewal
World-Class Innovations in Developing Assessment (WIDA) Consortium
Intergovernmental Agreement for the ACCESS Assessment for English Language Learners (ELLs)
The State Board hereby authorizes the extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the WIDA Consortium to June 30, 2013. The Intergovernmental Agreement will increase by $4,839,795 for a total amount under the agreement of $32,957,429. The WIDA consortium provides for development and administration services for the ACCESS for ELLs assessment.

Contract Renewal
Request to Release for RFSP for 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Technical Assistance
The State Board hereby authorizes the release of a Request for Sealed Proposals (RFSP) for 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Technical Assistance. The contract will have four potential renewals; the total estimated value of this contract is not to exceed $3,250,000

Contract Renewal
Illinois State University for Illinois National Board Professional Preparation and Support
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the contract with Illinois State University through June 30, 2013, and to increase the contract amount by $298,000 such that the total amount of the contract shall be $1,085,505. This contract is for the administration of the Illinois National Board Professional Preparation and Support System.

Contract Renewal
Approval of ROE #20 - Harrisburg Project
The State Board hereby authorizes the Agency Staff to renew the contract with Regional Office of Education #20 – Harrisburg Project through June 30, 2013, and to increase the contract amount by $692,761 such that the total amount of the contract shall be $1,171,106. This contract is for the Illinois Special Education Child Tracking and Personnel Reimbursement Database Program.

Contract Renewal
Illinois Resource Center for English Language Learning Technical Assistance and Professional Development
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the contract with the Illinois Resource Center through June 30, 2013, and to increase the contract’s amount by $1,885,880 such that the total amount of the contract shall be $2,879,273. This contract is for the delivery of the English Language Learner Statewide Professional Development.

Contract Renewal
Illinois Migrant Council for Technical Assistance and Professional Development
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the agreement with the Illinois Migrant Council through August 31, 2013, and to increase the contract’s amount by $491,000 such that the total amount of the contract shall be $2,455,000. This contract provides migrant recruiting, interstate coordination, needs assessment, student records transfer, parent involvement, technical assistance and professional development for the
Migrant Education Program (MEP) in Illinois.

**Continuation Grant Agreement with the University for Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)**
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a continuation grant agreement for the provisions of the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM) with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (in an amount not to exceed $496,000 for FY 2013) with the overall grant agreement not to exceed $3,113,913 over the seven (7) year term (i.e., FY 2007 through 3013).

**Grant Agreement Renewal with the University of Illinois for Illinois Early Learning Project**
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a 6-month continuation grant agreement ($135,000 for the six months of FY 2013) for the provisions of the Illinois Early Learning Project (IELP) with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois with the overall grant agreement not to exceed $3,045,943 over the twelve and a half year term.

**RFP for Grant Agreement for Illinois Early Leaning Project**
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release a Request For Proposals for the provision of the Illinois Early Learning Project (IELP) whereby, upon further State Board approval, one eligible entity will be selected to receive a competitive grant in an amount not to exceed $1,925,000 over a five and a half year term (i.e., FY 2013 through FY 2018).

**Amendment to FY 12 Intergovernmental Agreement with Northern Illinois University for Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC)**
The Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to increase the Intergovernmental Agreement with NIU ($200,000 for FY12) to include Race to the Top Phase 3 responsibilities. The total contract will not exceed $6,845,343 through June 30, 2012.

**FY 13 Intergovernmental Agreement with Northern Illinois University for Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC)**
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent enter into a new Intergovernmental Agreement with NIU in the amount of $1,180,000, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, for the refinement and maintenance of the Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC).

**Request to Release RFSP for Local Assessment Support Management Entity**
The State Board hereby authorizes agency staff to proceed with a Request for Sealed Proposals (RFSP) to contract for a Local Assessment Support Management Entity. The total amount of funding available for the initial contract period will be $1,383,600.00 over a two-year term. The contract period will begin no sooner than July 1, 2012 and will extend from the execution date of the contract until June 30, 2014. This contract may be renewed for up to three consecutive one-year contract periods.

**Contract Award for Illinois Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)**
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a contract with WestEd, which was the successful bidder under the RFSP. The total contract will not exceed $8,776,014. The term of the contract is from execution to June 30, 2017.
Ratification of Policy for Score Settings Panels for State Testing

The State Board hereby ratifies the Proposed Policy for Composition of Passing Score Panels for Educator Certification/Licensure Tests.

End of the Consent Agenda

2012 & 2013 Board Meeting Dates

Motion:
Ms. Koster moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the revised 2012 calendar and the 2013 dates for the State Board of Education Meetings. Dr. Vinni Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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August 15 via video-conference (10:00 a.m.)(Springfield & Chicago v-tel rooms)

September 18-19 Board Strategic Agenda Planning Session – Bloomington

October 23-24 Downstate (tentatively in Marion; location to be determined.)

November 22 Chicago – Hyatt Regency (as needed) (12:30 a.m.)

December 18-19 Springfield

Accept Special Education Expenditures & Receipt Report

Motion:
Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the 2012 Annual Report of Special Education Receipts and Expenditures and directs the State Superintendent to forward the report to the General Assembly and Governor by May 1, 2012. Dr. Vinni Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

District Oversight-

Motion:
Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel in East St. Louis School District #189 in Accordance with Section 1B and 1H of the School Code. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous roll call vote.

Superintendent Koch stated that despite significant reductions in staff, school closings and other budget reductions, the East St. Louis district is still unsure of being able to make its payroll in August.

Linda Mitchell noted that East St. Louis has had many financial problems in recent years and has been struggling to put a balanced budget in place. The creation of a Financial Oversight Panel would allow the district to qualify for an Emergency Financial Assistance Loan and would provide another level of scrutiny with respect to the budget and expenditures of the district. The FOP would be in place for up to ten years which is about the life cycle for bonds and other financing a district could expect to receive.

ISBE has been working with the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) reviewing the provisions of the School Code in respect to districts in financial difficulty. Ms. Mitchell reported that the ISBE met with the IFA on April 8th and at that meeting the IFA was made aware that there are nine school districts in various forms of financial/administrative oversight by the State Board. These schools include East St. Louis, North Chicago, Proviso, Hazelcrest, Cairo, Venice, Harrisburg Cahokia and Lemont. Ms. Mitchell stated that she has also met with the Director of the IFA, Christopher B. Meister, and Julie Smith, Deputy Chief of Education for the Governor to keep them apprised of the situation with these districts.

It is projected that East St. Louis will have a $12 million dollar deficit this year and at some point this summer will not be able to make payroll without some additional financing like the Emergency Financial Assistance Loan.

Superintendent Koch added that Art Culver has provided excellent direction in East St. Louis. He has assembled a good team and Dr. Koch is pleased with the direction curriculum and instruction is going in the district. Dr. Koch indicated he has no hesitation in supporting Superintendent Culver in his decisions.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Reisberg commented that the legislative session is scheduled to adjourn
**Legislative Update**

at the end of May and, in his experience, this session is light in terms of education proposals. He stated that pensions, Medicaid and the budget have dominated the session. Mr. Reisberg noted that in the Board materials his staff have highlighted bills of interest as well as a general synopsis of the bills that have moved to the opposite chamber.

He pointed out that transportation funding has been discussed with legislative staff and education stakeholders. Mr. Reisberg stated that they have drafted a proposal they will look to file by the end of the week.

**Budget Update**

Linda Mitchell informed the Board that since the last Board meeting there has been a lot of activity happening with the budget. Many of the proposals on the budget are in dramatic contrast to the Board’s recommendation of the 3.9% increase. The House has discussed a possible $260 million reduction in the education budget for FY 13.

Scott Taylor stated that the House passed House Resolution (HR) 706 and 707. HR 707 set a spending limit of $33.7 billion for FY 13. After accounting for non-discretionary spending like pension contributions, Medicaid and debt service, HR 706 split the remaining funds among the five appropriations committees. The Elementary and Secondary Education committee received 39.4% of the remaining funds. The House also passed a Joint Resolution, which will be sent over to the Senate. The Senate may or may not chose to act upon the Joint Resolution depending upon whether or not members agree with the House’s appropriation splits.

Linda Mitchell recognized and thanked Tim Imler, Deb Vespa, Scott Taylor, Robert Wolfe and her budget staff for their efforts during this difficult budget year.

**District Oversight-Monthly Update**

Superintendent Koch indicated that he will be providing notice to both the East St. Louis and North Chicago school boards of ISBE’s intent to terminate the interagency agreements and replace the locally elected boards.

Dr. Koch commented that this has not been an easy decision, but because of poor execution of duties, concerns over having to reverse decisions of one of the local boards and actions of local board members, it is necessary. Superintendent Koch stated that the local board members from these districts will have the option to attend a State Board meeting to provide testimony as to why the local board should not be removed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IBHE Liaison Report**

Chairman Chico stated that Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) was not present today but Dr. Hall did share a brief summary of the IBHE meeting. The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) meeting was held on April 10, 2010 at Truman College in Chicago. The highlights of that meeting are as follows:

- The Illinois Public Agenda continues to move forward and the board received final report on the Illinois Board of Higher Education Internal Strategic Plan;
- The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on the Longitudinal Data System Governance, Data Quality Campaign by Paige Kowalski;
- The IBHE is looking into a future meeting on Teacher Preparation and Education.

The next IBHE meeting will be June 5 at The Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora.
Superintendent Koch reported that the United States Department of Education has contacted him concerning the rules that were moving forward in JCAR to prohibit the use of the ISAT outside of Chicago for teacher evaluation purposes. After several conversations with the USDE on this matter, JCAR has agreed to delay action in order to further address the issue. It has always been the understanding of all of our stakeholders that ISAT was designed as a proficiency assessment not an assessment to measure student growth for teacher evaluations. Dr. Koch said that he has a video conference scheduled for this Friday with the USDE and they will continue to work together to come to mutual agreement.

Chairman Chico reported that he spoke to the Chicago Bar Association about the efforts of the Illinois State Board of Education to update attorneys in the field who are interested in what is going on in education. The Chairman was accompanied by General Counsel Darren Reisberg. Mr. Chico indicated that he and Superintendent Koch spoke with the Chicago Tribune and Sun Times on education funding. Chairman Chico stated that the commission that met on the Regional Offices of Education has decided to recommend the reduction of ROE’s from 44 to 35.

Ms. Koster reported that she has been asked to review the grants for the UIC Colloquium Program.

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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 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Gery J. Chico
Chairman