AGENDA

I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance (Times are estimated and are for planning purposes only)
   A. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

II. Public Participation

III. Resolutions & Recognition

IV. *Superintendent’s Report - Consent Agenda
   9:35 – 10:00 a.m.

   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.

   A. *Approval of Minutes:
      1. Plenary Minutes: January 26, 2012 (pp. 3-10)
      2. Education Policy Planning Committee: January 25, 2012 (pp. 11-12)
      3. Finance & Audit Committee: January 25, 2012 (pp. 13-15)
      4. Governmental Relations Committee: January 26, 2012 (pp. 16-18)

   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 226 (Special Education) (Beth Hanselman, David Andel) (pp. 19-43)
      2. Part 475 (Contested Cases and other Formal Hearings) REPEAL (Darren Reisberg) (pp. 44 thru 46-19)
      3. Part 475 (Contested Cases and other Formal Hearings) NEW PART (Darren Reisberg) (pp. 47-90)
      4. Part 485 (Appeal Proceedings before the State Teacher Certification Board) REPEAL (pp. 72-80) (Darren Reisberg)

   C. *Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million
      1. Contract Renewal: NCS Pearson, Inc. for Administration of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) (Pooja Agarwal) (pp. 81-82)
      3. Contract Renewal: NCS Pearson, Inc. for Development of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) (Pooja Agarwal) (pp. 85-86)
      4. Contract Renewal: ACT, Inc. for Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE), EXPLORE and PLAN Assessments (Pooja Agarwal) (pp. 87-88)

   D. *Spring 2012 Waiver Report (Darren Reisberg, Winnie Tuthill) (pp. 89-112)

End of Consent Agenda
E. The New Teacher Project – Unit Recognition (pp. 113-119) 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.  
(Linda Tomlinson, Vicki Phillips)

F. ESEA Flexibility Waiver (Susie Morrison) (pp. 120-228) 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

G. Rules for Adoption 10:45 – 11:05 a.m.  
1. Part 50 (Evaluation of Certified Employees under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code)  
   (Linda Tomlinson/Vicki Phillips) (pp. 229-300)

V. Discussion Items
   A. Legislative Update (Darren Reisberg, Nicole Wills, Cynthia Riseman) (pp. 301-330) 11:05 – 11:35 a.m.
   B. District Oversight – (verbal update) (Superintendent Koch) 11:35 – 11:45 a.m.
   C. Open Meetings Act Training (verbal discussion) (Darren Reisberg) 11:45 – 11:46 a.m.
   D. Other Items for Discussion 11:47 – 11:50 a.m.

VI. Announcements 11:50 – 12:30 p.m.
   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. Closed Session (as needed)

IX. Reconvene (No action will be taken following closed session, other than to adjourn the meeting.)

X. 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.
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 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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**Member Participating by Phone**

Mr. James Baumann (Participating by phone, but not under an exception of the Open Meetings Act.)

Chairman Chico recognized and welcomed Jane Quinlan from Regional Office of Education #9 Champaign-Ford Counties.

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

**REQUEST FOR BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATION BY PHONE**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Layla Avila, Executive Vice President of The New Teacher Project (TNTP) and School Board Member of a district in Los Angeles County was accompanied by Ms. Katharine Wells, Site Manager for Chicago Teaching Fellows and Caroline Shimozato, a partner with The New Teacher Project. Ms. Avila stated, among other things, that:

- On February 5th the Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensing Board (SEPLB) voted against recommending The New Teacher Project and Chicago Teaching Fellows as an institution and educational unit.
- TNTP respectfully objected to the recommendations of the SEPLB.
- Since 1997, The New Teacher Project has recruited and trained more than 40,000 teachers across the country in 30 states and 200 school districts. It is one of the largest providers of math, science and special education teachers nationwide; and
- TNTP's rigorous selection process (ten percent) ensures that only the best candidates are actually accepted into the program.

Ms. Avila then shared a letter of support from Chicago Public Schools.

Superintendent Koch added that the General Assembly specifically passed a law allowing programs not-for-profit entities like TNTP to apply for approval to operate educator preparation programs without the partnership of a higher education institution. The Superintendent stated his recommendation that the institution be recognized, with the condition that TNTP provide written proof within 90 days of how the two areas for improvement for Standard 1 are being addressed. Dr. Koch indicated he would report back to the Board at the end of the 90 days.
Chairman Chico noted that the Agenda Item C (Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million) would be discussed and acted upon with separate motions and votes.

**Consent Motion:**
Ms. Koster moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items IV.C.1 through C4 (Contracts and Grants over $1 Million). 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 Initial Review**
Part 226 (Special Education)
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Special Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 226), including publication of the proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register*.

Part 475 (Contested Cases and Other Formal Hearings) REPEAL
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rules and repealer for Contested Cases and Other Formal Hearings (23 Illinois Administrative Code 475), including publication of the proposed rules and repealer in the *Illinois Register*.

Part 475 (Contested Cases and Other Formal Hearings) NEW PART
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rules and repealer for Special Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 475), including publication of the proposed rules and repealer in the *Illinois Register*.

Part 485 (Appeal Proceedings before the State Certification Board) REPEAL
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed repealer for Appeal Proceedings before the State Certification Board (23 Illinois Administrative Code 485), including publication of the proposed repealer in the *Illinois Register*.

**Spring 2012 Waiver Report**
The State Board of Education hereby forwards the 73 waiver requests summarized in the Spring 2012 Waiver Report to the General Assembly without comment.

**END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million**

**Contract Renewals**
NCS Pearson Inc. for Administration of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)
Ms. LaBarre moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) administration contract with NCS Pearson Inc. with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $91,392,461. Dr. Brown seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote. Dr. Hall abstained from the vote.
NCS Pearson for Illinois Alternative Assessment
Dr. Brown moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Illinois Alternate Assessment contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. Through December 1, 2013, with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $17,392,462. Ms. LaBarre seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

NCS Pearson for ISAT Development
Dr. Fields moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) development contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $53,685,244. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote. Dr. Hall abstained from the vote.

ACT, Inc. for Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE), Explore and Plan Assessments
Mr. Gilford moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) administration and development contract, and the administration of the EXPLORE and PLAN assessments with Act, Inc. with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $106,519,289. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

IV.E. THE NEW TEACHER PROJECT – UNIT RECOGNITION

Motion
Dr. Hall moved that the State Board hereby recognizes The New Teachers Project as an educational unit with the following conditions.

TNTP, within 90 calendar days from this State Board of Education action, submits to the State Board of Education and State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, written evidence as to how the two areas for improvement for Standard 1 are being addressed. Further, by February 1, 2013, TNTP shall submit written evidence to the State Board of Education and State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board:

- Updated information as to how the two areas of improvement in Standard 1 are being addressed;
- Specific examples of resources and training being used with candidates/fellows related to instructional technology;
- A description of criteria of selection and training for mentors and supervisors that address the concerns of the SEPLB;
- Proof of how TNTP has operationalized exceptional expertise and how TNTP screens staff to ensure the criteria for clinical and professional education instruction are being met; and
- The four areas for improvement in Standard 6 are being addressed, including documentation of feedback from students that support services and technology resources are provided by TNTP.

Further, the State Board directs TNTP to bring its three educational programs to the SEPLB so that the SEPLB can, at its March 1 meeting, make a recommendation to the State Board on each program for approval or denial in accordance with Section 25.65 of Part 23 of the Illinois Administrative Code.

Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 no.
IV. F. ESEA FLEXIBILITY WAIVER

The ESEA Flexibility is designed to offer flexibility with respect to ten specific ESEA requirements and their associated regulatory, administrative, and reporting requirements. The ESEA Flexibility will allow for a better focus on improving student learning and increasing the quality of instruction. This voluntary non-competitive opportunity will provide educators and State and local leaders with flexibility regarding specific requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 in exchange for rigorous State-developed plans designed to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. This flexibility is intended to build on and support the significant State and local reform efforts already underway in critical areas such as transitioning to college-and career-ready standards and assessments; developing systems of differentiated recognition, accountability, and support; and evaluating and supporting teacher and principal effectiveness.

Motion
Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to submit as application for an ESEA Waiver to meet the February 28, 2012 deadline.

Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

IV. G. (PART 50) EVALUATION OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES UNDER 24A AND 34 OF THE SCHOOL CODE

Motion
Mr. Gilford moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Evaluation of Certified Employees under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code (23 Illinois Administrative Code 50). 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.

Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Legislative Update
Ms. Wills and Mr. Reisberg reviewed a listing of pending legislation and discussed proposed positions on various bills. Chairman Chico encouraged members to make visits with legislators about the Board’s priorities and the FY13 budget. Superintendent Koch extended an invitation to Board members to attend any appropriations hearings or attend any legislative visits he has scheduled.

District Oversight
Superintendent Koch indicated that East St. Louis continues to move forward under the leadership of Art Culver. Dr. Koch held a number of meetings in North Chicago regarding the charter school issue. There are a number of concerns about the administration in the North Chicago district. There is no question that some facilities will need to be closed and difficult personnel decisions will need to be made. The Navy indicated that they would be moving forward with a lease of a building with LEARN Charter if the charter is approved and Senator Link committed to proposing legislation during the Veto Session that would establish a set-aside percentage of seats for Navy students. Superintendent Koch indicated that discussions will continue regarding the charter.

Open Meetings Act Training
Mr. Reisberg informed the Board that there is legal requirement for all Board members/appointees to complete Open Meetings Act training. The training needs to be completed within the calendar year. He will provide further information to the Board via an email.

Other Items for Discussion
Dr. Hall indicated she would like to revisit some of the school closings to see if there is any way the State Board might be involved.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

IBHE Liaison Report

(No IBHE report this month.)

P-20 Council Liaison Report

(No P-20 Council report this month.)

Superintendent’s Announcements

Dr. Koch indicated that the Enhanced PE Task Force will be reviewing the ISBE Student Advisory Council Report and potentially revising physical education standards.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman Chico indicated he traveled to Normal, IL to meet with Superintendent Koch for an Honor Roll event at Sugar Creek Elementary. Following the award ceremony, they went to Bloomington High School to visit the Illini Cloud Project and efforts to support technology in schools. Superintendent Koch added that an effort such as Illini Cloud was envisioned in Illinois’ Race the Top applications and it does not make sense in a state with so many districts, for each district to spend money on technology infrastructure versus spending the money on instruction. This combined with the Shared Learning Initiative, which Illinois is one of five pilot states, is a real opportunity for Illinois. These initiatives will provide an individualized approach, timely interventions on behalf of all students; making it easier in the future for all teachers to have curriculum and teaching methods aligned to the deficiencies for each student.

Mr. Chico attended the Governor’s State of the State address on February 1 and he will continue to foster a good working relationship with Governor Quinn on behalf of the Board.

Member Reports

Mr. Gilford indicated he attended the Commercial Club of Chicago’s luncheon on 2/8/12 with Sir Michael Barber. Mr. Gilford was impressed with the implementation formula he has developed and feels it is important to draw on that resource. Mr. Gilford indicated that the CEOs of Kraft, Discover, Tribune, and a number of others attended and all expressed a strong interest in impacting the education system.

Ms. Koster asked if there was a date for ISBE representatives to meet with representatives from IBHE. The meeting is scheduled for April 5 in Chicago, with Superintendent Koch, Chairman Chico, Dr. Vinni Hall, Mr. George Reid, Ms. Carrie Hightman and Dr. Proshanta Nandi.

Informational Items

ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports are available online at www.isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.

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 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall  Mr. Gery J. Chico
Board Secretary  Chairman