DECEMBER 18, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Convene Plenary Session
                        Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.      Lunch
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1:00 – 5:00 p.m.       Reconvene Plenary Session
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*5:00 p.m.             Closed Session (as needed)
                        Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield

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

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

II. Presentations/Showcases
   A. FY15 Budget Development
      1. FY15 Revenue Projections: Jim Muschinske and Dan Long, COGFA (p. 4)
      2. FY15 Budget Development: Robert Wolfe, CFO (pp. 5-1-5-19)
      3. FY15 Budget Proposals for East St. Louis District 189 & North Chicago District 187 (pp. 6-1-6-21)
   B. School Improvement Grant Updates

III. IBHE Liaison Report (Dr. Proshanta Nandi)

IV. Public Participation

V. Resolutions and Recognition
   A. Teacher of the Year (p. 7)
   B. Milken National Educator (p. 8)

VI. *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.
   A. *Approval of Minutes
      1. Plenary Minutes: November 22, 2013 (pp. 9-12)
   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (pp. 13-71)
      2. Part 25 (Educator Licensure) (pp. 72-169)
      3. Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois) (pp. 170-179)
   C. *Rules for Adoption
   D. *Contracts and Grants over $1 million
      1. Request to Award Contract: Local Assessment Support (LAS) (pp. 180-183)
      2. Request to Award Grant: Lighthouse Youth Center (pp. 184-187)
      3. RFSP for Induction and Mentoring Programs (pp. 188-190)
4. RFSP for Early Childhood Block Grant Prevention Initiative  (pp. 191-195)

E. *Draft Annual Report  (pp. 196-259)

End of Consent Agenda

VII. Discussion Items
   A. Legislative Update  (pp. 260-285)
   B. Update on TAP and Class Size and Composition  (Superintendent Koch)
   C. Board Operations Discussion

VIII. Announcements
   A. Superintendent’s/Senior Staff Announcements
   B. Chairman’s Report
   C. Member Reports

IX. Closed Session (as needed)

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

XI. Adjourn

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Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Dr. Koch was in attendance and a quorum was present.

**Members Present**
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman
Mr. Steven Gilford, Vice Chairman
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary
Mr. James Baumann
Mr. Curt Bradshaw
Dr. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

**PRESENTATION/SHOWCASES**
Jim Muschinske, Revenue Manager and Dan Long, Executive Director from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shared the FY 2014 Economic Forecast and Revenue Estimate and FY2013 Revenue Update. *(A copy of the presentation is available upon request.)*

Robert Wolfe, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the development of the FY 2015 Budget. Mr. Baumann pointed out that since Fiscal Year 2009; General Fund’s appropriations have decreased by approximately $715 million. For FY 14 the Board sought an increase of $865 million or a 13.4% increase over Fiscal Year 2013 appropriation levels for General Funds. The budget that was enacted reflected a General Funds appropriation of $6.687 billion, which resulted in an overall increase of $137.2 million from the Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations levels.

Mr. Bauman also noted that in FY2014 the appropriation to fund General State Aid (GSA) was approximately $562 million less than what was required to fund GSA at the statutory level. As a result of this it has been necessary to prorate all claims by 88.7%. The GSA claim was prorated at 89% in fiscal year 2013.

Superintendent Koch recommended that the budget include a capital funding request to be included in the Governors capital budget for school technology in the amount of $450 million. This investment would be targeted toward improving the connectivity of buildings to broadband internet service as well as improving the network capabilities within the classroom.

The Board recommended that our budget proposal include costs related to the administration of both PARRC and ACT for FY 15. Mr. Wolfe commented that these recommendations of the FY 2015 Budget will be up for consideration and approval by the Board. The budget recommendation will then be forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT UPDATES**
Ms. Morrison, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Education Officer provided the Board with an update in the School Improvement Grants (SIG). Ms. Morrison stated that the SIG Program was provided by the federal government to ISBE; the ISBE distributed the funds by a competitive grant process to schools that
were persistently low performing. ISBE has awarded more than $150 million dollars in state grants since FY2011; we currently oversee SIG Grants in 24 high schools, across nine districts.

**BREAK/LUNCH**

Chairman Chico announced that the Board would break at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and a choir presentation by Springfield District #186, Iles School Choir. The Board reconvened the open session at 1:15 p.m.

**IBHE Liaison Report**

Chairman Chico introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The IBHE held its last meeting on December 10, 2013 at Governors State University at University Park. Dr. Nandi shared the highlights of the meeting.

The next IBHE meeting will be on February 4, 2014 at Concordia University in River Forest.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Arthur Ryan and Arnett Harvey of Cahokia Unit School District #187 asked the Board to consider giving their district financial assistance because they are a neighboring district to East St. Louis.

Lisa Hood from the Center for Study of Education Policy at Illinois State University addressed the Centers concerns with Part 30, Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois.

Diane Rutledge, Large Unit District Association (LUDA) also shared LUDA concerns with Part 30 Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois.

**RESOLUTION AND RECOGNITION**

Ms. LaBarre moved that the Illinois State Board of Education adopt the resolutions recognizing Pam Reilly, 2014 Illinois Teacher of the Year and Melissa Leisner, winner of the Milken National Educator Award. Mr. Bradshaw seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**FY 2015 BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR:**

*East St. Louis & North Chicago*

Mr. Wolfe noted that the three-year cost of the two proposals is $137.1m or $45.7m annually, and upon Board approval will be included in the ISBE General Funds Budget request.

The funding should provide E. St. Louis and North Chicago school districts with the financial support and stability needed to allow the districts’ administrative teams to focus solely on improving the academic achievement of the children in the districts. *For detailed proposals see pages 6/1-21 of the Plenary Packet.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:**

Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda as presented. Ms. LaBarre seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion.
Approval of Minutes
The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the December 18, 2013, board meeting.

Rules for Initial Review

Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluations, Recognition and Supervision)
Part 25 (Educator Licensure)
Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois)

The State Board of Education authorized solicitation of public comment on these proposed rulemakings, including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million

Request to Award the Contract for Local Assessment Support (LAS)
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a contract with Educational Development Center, Inc. (EDC), the successful bidder under the RFSP for Local Assessment Support (LAS). The cost of the initial term of the contract is $883,352 from upon execution through June 30, 2015. This contract will have three optional one-year renewals.

Request to Award Grant for Lighthouse Youth Center
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award a grant to the Lighthouse Youth Center for an initial period beginning November 20, 2013, through June 30, 2014, with permission given to the State Superintendent to extend expenditure availability of the grant for a period not to exceed two years, if needed, to complete grant activities and provided in Section five of the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705/5), in the amount of $250,000.

RFSP for Induction and Mentoring Programs
The Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release a Request For Sealed Proposals (RFSP) to obtain entities to provide technical assistance for the induction and mentoring programs developed by the participating Local Education Agencies (LEA) and for the development of mechanisms to ensure program quality and accountability whereby, upon further State Board approval, one eligible entity will be selected to receive a contract in an amount not to exceed $1,053,424 over the term of the contract. The contract term is anticipated to be March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 with one possible renewal.

RFSP For Early Childhood Block Grant
The Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release a Request For Sealed Proposals (RFSP) for the provisions of on-site monitoring and evaluation of the programs funded under the Early Childhood Block Grant’s Prevention Initiative (Birth to Age Three). The initial term of the contract is anticipated to be July 1, 2014, or upon execution, whichever is later, to June 30, 2015 and will have four possible one-year renewal terms.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Nicki Bazer provided the Board with a summary of legislation that has been filed in advance of the Spring 2014 legislative session and an update on the Board’s 2014 legislative agenda. Ms. Bazer informed the Board that they would be receiving a copy of the Charter School Report before it is sent to the General Assembly on January 8, 2014.

Update on TAP & Class Size & Composition
Superintendent Koch stated that there have been meetings on the Test of Academic Proficiency and the Special Education Class Size and Composition issues. In addition, we are looking for a better program to mentor middle and high school students who may be interested in a teaching career. There is a successful program in South Carolina that is now in 35 states and we will possibly be adding this program cost into our budget recommendation.

Board Operations
Melinda LaBarre asked if the Board could get a monthly planning calendar or quarterly meeting so that board members will have knowledge of what issues will be coming in future board meetings. Chairman Chico asked the board members to send any suggestions they may have to him.

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

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Brown seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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