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FEBRUARY 20, 2013

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Convene Plenary Session
Videoconference Room

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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Plenary Session

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

II. Resolutions & Recognition
   A. Monique Chism (p. 4)

III. Public Participation

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.

   A. *Approval of Minutes
      1. Plenary Minutes: January 23-24, 2013 (pp. 5-10)

   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 226 (Special Education) (pp. 11-22)

   C. Adoption
      1. Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois) (pp. 23-48)

   D. *Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million
      1. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Board of Trustees Illinois State University (pp. 49-50)
      2. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Illinois Department of Human Services, Early Learning Challenge (pp. 51-54)
      3. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Illinois Department of Human Services, Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program (pp. 55-57)
      4. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: World-Class Innovations in Developing Assessment (WIDA) Consortium for the ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELLs) (pp. 58-60)
      6. Contract Renewal: Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT), Development Contract (pp. 63-64)
      7. Contract Renewal: Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT), Administration Contract (pp. 65-66)
      8. Contract Renewal: Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE), EXPLORE and PLAN, Locating Information Career Readiness Certificate Program (NCRC) (pp. 67-69)

   E. *Spring 2013 Waiver Report (pp. 70-93)
End of Consent Agenda

V. Discussion Items
   A. Legislative Update (pp. 94-96)
   B. Budget Update (p. 97)
   C. 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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ROLL CALL

Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Chairman Chico asked Ms. Kim Clarke to call the roll. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was in attendance in Chicago. A quorum was present.

Members Present in Springfield  
Dr. Andrea Brown  
Dr. David Fields

Members Present in Chicago  
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman  
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary

Members Absent  
Ms. Melinda LaBarre  
(joined meeting at 10:35 a.m.)

Members Present by Phone  
Mr. James Baumann

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

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Dr. Monique Chism for her comittement to the agency and her numerous contributions to the field of education. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Springfield Public Participation

The following people provided testimony on the Part 226 (Special Education) rule changes:

- Daryl Morrison, Illinois Education Association  
- Cynthia Risema, Illinois Federation of Teachers  
- Michael Jacoby, Illinois Association of School Board Officials  
- Brian Schwartz, Illinois Principals Association  
- Deb Fornoff, Parent of a child with Downs Syndrome and ISAC Member  
- Rodney Estvan, Education Policy Analyst for Acess Living of Chicago  
- Thomas Bertrand, Illinois Association of School Administrators & Superintendent of Rochester School District  
- Bill Phillips, Illinois Association of School Administrators  
- Elizabeth Conran, Chair of Illinois State Advisory Council and Children with Disabilities and a Parent.  
- Representative Roger Eddy, Illinois Association of School Boards

Pension Cost Shift

Jessica Handy from Stand for Children informed the Board of a concept that Stand for Children is proposing to the legislature as they go through their budget process. They see the TRS cost shift as probably the most equitable place to look, if and only if it means preserving education funding to more equitable
funding streams. Ms. Handy suggested that as we are asked to give the General Assembly budget scenarios and projections that the TRS normal cost the state provides be one component of the education funding picture that could perhaps be looked at before we get further into General State Aid.

**Chicago Public Participation**

The following people provided testimony on Part 226 (Special Education) rule changes:

- Margaret Wakelin, Equip fo Equality
- Mike Carlson, Father of a deceased child and a child with Autism, and Chairman of the Local School Council
- Kristine Mayle, Financial Secretary of the Chicago Teachers Union, Chair of the IFT Special Education Committee and Liaison to the Chicago Teachers Union Special Education Committee and a Special Education Teacher.
- Judy Hackett, Superintendent of NNSEO a Special Education Cooperative in the Northwest Suburbs and Represenative of the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE).

Chairman Chico announced written testimony and comments will be accepted before any final action is taken.

- Katie Bailey, Evans-Cahokia Consolidated School School District #65 spoke on setting a higher ISAT standard and the use of of data.
- Rita Maniotis, Resident of Berwin, parent of a student attending Morton District High School #201, and PTO Secretary spoke of her concerns on the graduation credit requiements being changed from 24 credits to just 20 credits to graduate. Ms. Maniotis ask that the State Board review the basic standards for educational programs so that students can earn at least the recommended credits to meet the requirements of admission to our state universities.

**Waivers**

Ryan Linnig, Superintendent and Principal of Dimmick Community Consolidated School District #175 in LaSalle County was seeking waivers from three areas of the Illinois School Code which is based upon the reforms implemented under PERA and SB 7

**Motion:**

Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items IV. B.1. Part 226 (Special Education) and IV.E. Spring 2013 Waiver Report. Mr. Gilford 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 State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the February 20, 2013, board meeting.

**Rules for Adoption**

**Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois)**

(23 Illinois Administrative Code 30)

The State Board of Education adopted proposed amendments for 23 Ill. Adm. Code 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois). These amendments address statutory changes made by P.A. 97-607, effective August 6, 2011. P.A. 97-607 repealed (or will repeal later this year) much of Article 21 in the School Code, which addresses educator certification. The law establishes the
Illinois licensure system, beginning July 1, 2013; requirements for that system are set forth in new Article 21B.

Most of the amendments are technical in nature, including updating statutory citations, revising the name of the licensure board, and modifying requirements in the principal preparation program to conform to the new law. In addition, in response to a concern raised at the January Board meeting, a technical change was made to Section 30.30, General Program Requirements, to better communicate that the leadership qualities exhibited by principals should align to the success factors and competencies outlined in “The Principal Internship: How Can We Get It Right?”, published by the Southern Regional Educational Board.

Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement:
Board of Trustees Illinois State
The Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to increase the Intergovernmental Agreement with Board of Trustees Illinois State University whereby is expected to exceed $1 million over the term of the contract. The total amount of the contract is $1,800,000 with an end date of June 30, 2014.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Human Services (Early Learning Challenge)
The State Board of Education authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Service in the amount of $20,939,776 effective February 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016, for the transfer of funds for Race to the Top, Early Learning Challenge, Phase 2. Subsequent amendments are not to exceed a total of $23,601,495.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Illinois Department of Human Services (Gateway to Opportunity Scholarship Program)
The State Board of Education authorizes the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Human Services contract for the Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program; through June 30, 2014, with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $2,000,000.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (World-Class Innovations in Developing Assessment (WIDA) Consortium for the ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELLS)
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the acquisition of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the WIDA Consortium through June 30, 2016. The Intergovernmental Agreement’s initial term is not to exceed $16,297,441.

The WIDA Consortium provides for the development and administration services for the ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® assessment(s).

Contract Renewals
Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA)
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Illinois Alternate Assessment contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $20,154,071.

Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) Developmental Contract
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) development with NCS Pearson, Inc. with
an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $59,664,771.

**Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) Administrative Contract**
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the renewal of the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) administration contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $107,939,235.

**Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE), EXPLORE and PLAN, Locating Information Career Readiness Certificate Program (NCRC)**
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 $118,173,600.

**END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**IV. B.1. PART 226 (SPECIAL EDUCATION) RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW**
The proposed changes would repeal Section 226.730, which addresses class size restrictions for special education classrooms and includes a definition of “general education classroom” that is used when considering placement of students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment. Additionally, Section 226.731 is proposed for repeal since its provisions are no longer in effect. Staff believe that the class size limitations can diminish the ability of the school districts to make decisions based on the needs of each student with a disability and in some cases, may negatively affect the access a student with a disability may have to the broad array of coursework available to his or her nondisabled peers.

**Motion**
Chairman Chico moved that the 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. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote. 5-1 Vinni Hall voted no.

**SPRING 2013 WAIVER REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
Chairman Chico announced that the Dimmick CCSD 175 is requesting three waiver changes; they will be discussed and voted on individually.

Chairman Chico explained that Dimmick in their first waiver request is seeking to waive the requirement that an individual serving as both the Principal and Superintendent can be evaluated separately as the “Principal” by an individual from outside the district. Chairman asked the Board on whether to support the waiver request. The Board Members votes are as follows: Curt Bradshaw NO, Andrea Brown NO, David Fields NO, Steve Gilford NO, Vinni Hall NO, Gery Chico YES. 5-1 in favor of denying the request.

The second Dimmick request is seeking a waiver for the requirement to complete the ISBE approved Consortium for Educational Change’s online training module. The Board Members votes are as follows: Curt Bradshaw NO, Andrea Brown NO, David Fields NO, Steve Gilford Yes, Vinni Hall Yes, Gery Chico YES. 3-3 Tie vote.

The Board withdrew their vote and remain silent on the second waiver request.

Chairman Chico commented that on our third and last request Dimmick is seeking
a waiver to allow attendance at the Annual Triple I Conference to count toward the requirement of the four hour minimum training for board members in the areas of education, labor law, financial oversight accountability and fiduciary responsibilities. The Board Members votes are as follows: Curt Bradshaw NO, Andrea Brown NO, David Fields NO, Steve Gilford NO, Vinni Hall NO, Gery Chico NO. 6-0 in favor of denial.

Motion
The State Board of Education hereby forwards the following waiver requests to the General Assembly with recommendations for legislative disapproval:

- The request from Dimmick CCSD 175 (WM100-5740-3) requesting that the full board of education evaluate the superintendent/principal in place of an evaluator holding the Type 75 administrative certificate who has gone through the prequalification process and passed the required State assessment;
- The request from Dimmick CCSD 175 (WM100-5740-1) requesting that the board of education attend the Joint Annual Conference in lieu of the required minimum of four hours of professional development leadership training; and
- The requests from Meridian CUSD 101 (WM100-5763-1 and WM100-5763-2) to move from a 5-day to a 4-day school week and to make multiple changes to the daily schedule in order to provide a minimum term of at least 166 days with 150 days of actual pupil attendance.
- The requests from Bluford CCSD 114 and Webber Township HSD 204 (WM100-5755 and WM100-5756) to forward a petition to voters for the formation of a Partial Elementary Unit District, which would not encompass the territory of Farrington CCSD 99.

The State Board of Education hereby forwards the remaining 69 waiver requests summarized in the Spring 2013 Waiver Report to the General Assembly without comment.

DISCUSSIONS

ITEM

Legislative Update
Nicole Wills and Amada Elliott, Governmental Relations Liaisons provided the Board with a summary of items introduced in the General Assembly and an update on Board legislative initiatives.

Budget Update
Superintendent Koch said he attended several meetings concerning the budget, last night’s meeting was with the Department of Revenue and chaired by Representative Bradley, they were very concerned with proration. He also attended a meeting with the Black Caucus where they discussed budget and the education funding formula.

Chairman Chico noted that three of our former ISBE Chairmen, Ron Gidwitz, Lou Mervis and Jesse Ruiz wrote a letter to the Chicago Tribune supporting our request to return the funding that has been cut over the last four years. The Chairman asked everyone to continue to let their legislators know about the dire financial conditions our local school districts are in.

Other Items For Discussion
Matt Vanover reported that The NCLB Waiver Survey has had 657 districts respond to the evaluation, of which 72% said that they would attempt to implement the new evaluation system by 2016. Matt stated that they are currently working on identifying the districts that have not responded and staff will begin reaching out to survey them as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chairman Chico introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher
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<td>Education (IBHE) who was present at the meeting today. The Illinois Board of Higher Education met on February 5, 2013 at the Kendall College in Chicago. Dr. Nandi shared with the Board a written summary of the meeting highlights.</td>
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<td>The next IBHE meeting was held on April 2, 2013 at Elgin Community College in Chicago. Matt Vanover introduced Katherine Galloway who will be our new ISBE Board Services Coordinator. Ms. Galloway will be starting on April 1st and comes to us from the Senate Democratic Staff.</td>
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<td>Dr. Brown moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Halled seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.</td>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Gery J. Chico
Chairman