Illinois State Board of Education
State Board of Education
via Video Conference

Chicago Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 14th Floor,
100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois

Springfield Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor,
100 N. First Street, Springfield, Illinois

April 9, 2014
10:00 a.m.

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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. Public Participation

III. Presentations and Updates
   A. School Funding Legislation Update (pp. 3-7)
   B. Timeline of Requirements for Teacher Candidates, Jason Helfer (pp. 8-17)

IV. IBHE Liaison Report (Dr. Proshanta Nandi)

V. *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: March 12, 2014 (pp. 18-22)
   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 50 (Evaluation of Certified Employees under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code): Modifies the process to be used to identify the school districts whose performance ranks them in the lowest 20 percent of all districts statewide; districts in this group are to implement performance evaluation systems incorporating measures of student growth starting September 1, 2015. (pp. 23-28)
   C. *Rules for Adoption
   D. *Contracts & Grants Over $1 Million
      1. Approval of Grant: Support and Technical Assistance Regional Network (STARNET) (pp. 39-42)
      2. Approval of Contract Renewal: ROE #20–Harrisburg Project (pp. 43-46)
      3. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Renewal: ROE #48–Peoria County for the Illinois Virtual School (pp. 47-51)
      4. Approval of Contract Renewal: Web-Based Illinois Nutrition System (WINS) (pp. 52-54)
      5. Approval of Contract Renewal: Special Education Tracking and Reporting System (I-Star) (pp. 55-57)
E. *New Program Approval: Alternative Licensure Program at Dominican University (pp. 58-60)
F. *New Program Approval: Alternative Licensure Program at National Louis University (pp. 61-62)
G. *Retroactive New Program Approvals (pp. 63-69)

End of Consent Agenda

H. Special Education Expenditure and Receipts Report (pp. 58-62)

VI. Discussion Items
   A. District Oversight – Monthly Update (Superintendent Koch)
   B. Budget Update (pp. 63-99)
   C. Legislative Update (pp. 100-149)
   D. Other Items for Discussion

VII. Announcements & Reports
   A. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements
   B. Chairman’s Report
   C. Member Reports

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

IX. Closed Session (as needed)

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.
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ROLL CALL  
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Dr. Koch was in attendance and a quorum was present.

Members Present in Springfield  
Dr. Andrea Brown  
Dr. David Fields  
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Members Present in Chicago  
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman  
Mr. Steven Gilford, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Jim Baumann  
Mr. Curt Bradshaw

Members Absent  
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
Springfield Public Participation  
No public participation in Springfield.

Chicago Public Participation  
Kenneth Newman spoke about the concerns he has with charter schools in regards to his perception of the adequacy of their sports and recreation facilities.

PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES  
State Senator Andy Manar and Jon Furr, Director of the Office of Education System Innovation at Northern Illinois University provided and overview of the School Funding Reform Act of 2014. The Education Funding Advisory Committee issued a report on January 31, 2014, outlining the committee’s ten recommendations, which lead to Senator Andy Manar filing Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 16, also known as the School Funding Reform Act of 2014. Senator Manar and Furr took numerous questions from the Board and Chairman Chico thanked them for their dedication to education and expressed his support for the legislation.

Jason Helfer, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness gave a presentation on timeline requirements in Illinois for teacher candidates. Teacher preparation programs last two years. There are introductory courses that occur during the first and second years in college. Some institutions allow teacher candidates to apply to a teacher education program and declare a major in education concurrently, whereas others may allow a teacher candidate to declare a major first and then complete the application process at a later date. Preparation programs have additional requirements and checkpoints to track candidate progress.

IBHE LIAISON REPORT  
Dr. Proshanta Nandi gave an update on the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting of April 1 at College of Lake County. They discussed the progress over the past five years of the ten year plan for higher education.

CONSENT AGENDA  
Motion:  
Mr. Gilford moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Baumann 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 March 12, 2014, board meeting.

**Rules for Initial Review**

**Part 50 (Evaluation of Certified Employees under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code)**

This rulemaking proposes a change in the way in which the agency will identify those school districts whose performance ranks in the bottom 20 percent among districts statewide. School districts that fall within the lowest 20 percent will be required to implement performance evaluation systems incorporating data and indicators of student growth, beginning September 1, 2015. Currently, the rules rely on results from the 2014 administration of the state assessments to make the determination of lowest performance by district type (i.e., elementary, unit, high school). Given the pilot test of the PARCC assessments this spring and using ISAT scores that have been recalibrated using cut-scores that better align to the revised Illinois Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, staff proposed that an average of overall district results from the 2011, 2012 and 2013 state assessments be used to make the determination of lowest performing. Additionally, all districts will be grouped together when formulating the list.

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

**Contracts & Grants over $1 Million**

**Approval of Grant: Support and Technical Assistance Regional Network (STARNET)**
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to continue grant agreements with the STARNET Project grantees and increase the amount of funding per Region to $589,250, per year, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 for a maximum grant total not to exceed $15,877,500.

**Approval of Contract Renewal: ROE #20 – Harrisburg Project**
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the current contract with the Regional Office of Education #20–Harrisburg Project through June 30, 2015 and to increase the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $2,598,115. This contract is for the Illinois Special Education Child Tracking and Personnel Reimbursement Database Program.

**Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Renewal: ROE#48-Peoria County for the Illinois Virtual School**
The State Board hereby authorizes the agency staff to renew the intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Office of Education #48 – Peoria County through June 30, 2015 and to increase the contract’s amount by $1,450,000, such that the total amount of the contract shall be $8,704,822. This contract is for the administration and management of the Illinois Virtual School.

**Approval of Contract Renewal: Web-Based Illinois Nutrition System (WINS)**
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the contract with Ashbaugh and Associates to assist with the development and support necessary to consolidate the web-based Child Nutrition System (CNS), Claim...
Entry System (ACES) and the LAN based Child Nutrition System. The contract will extend from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and will not exceed $1,490,729.

Approval of Contract Renewal: Special Education Tracking and Reporting System (I-Star)

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the contract with Ashbaugh and Associates to assist in developing the web-based IEP Special Education Tracking and Reporting System (I-Star) and to integrate the new system with the Student Information System (SIS) and the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS). The contract will extend from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and will not exceed $1,405,313.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS REPORT

Ms. LaBarre moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to forward the Special Education Expenditures and Receipts Report to the General Assembly and Governor by May 1, 2014. Mr. Bradshaw seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

District Oversight

Superintendent Koch and Mr. Baumann, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee are continuing to work on the approach to district oversight and will have an update at an upcoming board meeting.

Budget Update

Robert Wolfe provided the Board with the comparison of the Board’s Fiscal Year 2015 recommended budget to the Governor’s recommended budget.

The board further discussed Senate Bill 16, the Education Funding Reform Act of 2014, and further directed legislative staff to support the bill in its initial form.

Legislative Update

Nicki Bazer, Amanda Elliott and Nicole Wills provided a summary of legislation that has been filed for the Spring 2014 legislative session and an update on the Board’s 2014 legislative agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

None at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chico moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Gery J. Chico
Chairman