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

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

III. Resolutions & Recognition
   A. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members
      1. Dr. Andrea Brown
      2. Dr. Vinni Hall
      3. Dr. David Fields
   B. Dr. Nandi Retirement Resolution
   C. Illinois Teacher of the Year, Steve Elza

IV. Public Participation

V. Presentations & Updates
   A. Presentation on low income/high performing schools
      1. Fairmont School District #89
      2. North Palos School District #117
      3. Skokie School District #68
   B. FY16 Budget Development
      1. FY16 Revenue Projections: Jim Muschinske and Dan Long, COGFA

LUNCH BREAK
   2. FY16 Budget Development: Robert Wolfe, CFO
   3. FY16 Budget Proposals for East St. Louis District 189 & North Chicago District 187

VI. Superintendent’s Report - Consent Agenda
   A. *Approval of Minutes
      1. Plenary Minutes: October 15, 2014
      2. Plenary Minutes: December 2, 2014
   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 25 (Educator Licensure) Addresses changes necessitated by recently enacted legislation (P.A. 98-751, P.A. 98-872 and P.A. 98-917) concerning requirements for the educator license with stipulations endorsed for career and technical educator, the superintendent’s endorsement and the principal endorsement, respectively.
      2. Part 33 (Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois) Makes a technical correction in Section 33.70 to correct a reference to "principal" preparation program.
      3. Part 235 (Early Childhood Block Grant Program) Incorporates requirements specific to the
ExceleRate Illinois quality rating and improvement system and proposes standards for programs serving children from birth to age 3.

4. Part 252 (Driver Education) Makes a technical change to update a web address in Section 252.20(e).

C. *Rules for Adoption
   1. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) Responds to P.A. 98-506, effective August 27, 2013, which establishes the criteria for the receipt of the State Seal of Biliteracy, an optional designation that school districts may choose to award to students who demonstrate proficiency in both a foreign language and English. Two entities submitted public comment, and changes are being recommended in response to the comments received.
   2. Part 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education) Proposes new standards that articulate the knowledge and skills in several areas, including English language arts and mathematics, needed for receipt of the early childhood endorsement and to which educator preparation programs and content-area tests must align. Eleven individuals submitted public comment, and one change is being recommended in response to the comments received.
   3. Part 375 (Student Records) A technical change is being made to remind school districts to designate on a student’s academic transcript, which is part of the student’s permanent record, his or her receipt of the State Seal of Biliteracy or the State Commendation Toward Biliteracy. No public comment was received.
   4. Part 425 (Voluntary Registration and Recognition of Nonpublic Schools) Places in rules the requirement for nonpublic schools to submit proof of non-profit status when registering with the State Board; clarifies that only nonpublic schools supported wholly or in part by public funds shall be required to have students recite the Pledge of Allegiance; amends requirements for school employees to show freedom from tuberculosis to conform to changes in the rules for tuberculosis control (Illinois Department of Public Health); and adds the requirement for recognized nonpublic schools to hold an annual meeting for review of their emergency and crisis response plans, to conform the rules to changes in the School Safety Drill Act [105 ILCS 128]. Two individuals submitted public comment, and changes are being recommended in response to the comment received.

D. *Contracts & Grants Over $1 Million
   1. Illinois Licensure Tests for Educators–NCS, Pearson
   E. *Draft 2014 State Board of Education Annual Report
   F. *Resolution to Terminate the ISBE 403(b) Plan

End of Consent Agenda

G. Low Income State Advanced Placement Grant
H. edTPA: Recommended Cut Score

VII. Discussion Items
   A. Legislative Update
   B. Other Items for Discussion

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

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

X. Closed Session

XI. 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
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois
December 17, 2014

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Dr. Koch was in attendance and a quorum was present.

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

Members Present by Phone
Mr. James Baumann

P-20 COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Joyce Karon gave a brief update on the P-20 Council and their progress and invited the Board Members to listen in to a meeting in the future. The Board expressed their gratitude to Joyce on her work with P-20.

RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION

Mr. Gilford read in the resolution recognizing Dr. Andrea Brown for her many years in education. The Board expressed their gratitude for her time spent as a member on the Illinois Board of Education.

Mr. Bradshaw read in the resolution recognizing Dr. Dave Fields for his many years in education. The Board expressed their gratitude for his time spent as a member on the Illinois Board of Education.

Mr. Gilford read the resolution recognizing Dr. Vinni Hall for her many years in education. The Board expressed their gratitude for her time spent as a member on the Illinois Board of Education.

Dr. Fields read in the resolution recognizing Dr. Proshanta Nandi, IBHE Liaison. The Board thanked Dr. Nandi for his contribution and many years serving in education.

Dr. Hall read the resolution recognizing Steve Elza, 2015 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

Chairman Chico resolved to consolidate all resolutions. Mr. Gilford moved that the Illinois State Board of Education adopt all resolutions. Mr. Bradshaw seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Aimee Adkins from Illinois State University spoke to the Board regarding the EdTPA Cut Scores. She informed the Board that it was a dynamic process. Dr. Hall briefly discussed her experience with EdTPA and performance.

PRESENTATION ON LOW INCOME/ HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOLS

Dr. Sonya Whitaker and staff from Fairmont School District presented a video and slideshow displaying the district demographics and the progress Fairmont has made with ISAT and financial achievements.

Leslie Gordan from Highland Elementary School in the Skokie School District presented a slideshow discussing a multi-tiered system of support and
intervention for the school and students. She informed the board of a system the community has adopted to continue the progress the school is making with their students.

Jean Stachowiak presented a slideshow to the Board regarding the progress their students have made in their achievements as well as fiscal progress within the district. They explained to the Board what their goal-setting and quality review processes entail as well as their Intervention and Enrichment Programs.

**FY16 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**

Jim Muschinske and Dan Long from COGFA presented their FY 2015 economic forecast and revenue estimate. They also discussed the FY 2016 revenue outlook. Muschinske mentioned the income decrease affecting the revenue to Education in the state.

**BREAK/RECONVENE**

Chairman Chico announced that the Board would break at 11:48 a.m. for lunch. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:50 p.m.

**FY16 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**

Robert Wolfe discussed information with the Board pertaining to the development of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. The Board discussed various parts of the budget, including funding commitments made to Early Childhood Programs by the administration to secure a federal Early Childhood grant.

**FY16 BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR EAST ST. LOUIS AND NORTH CHICAGO**

Jim Baumann gave a brief overview of the budget situation for the East St. Louis and North Chicago School Districts. Board Members discussed that keeping these districts in the budget is important, and that they need to be specific on where these funds are being appropriated. Robert Wolfe discussed the lack of local revenue in both of these schools as well as the amount of funding that has been appropriated to these schools in past years.

**AMENDED VOTE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chairman Chico moved to amend his vote on the 21st Century Learning Center Grants from the December 2, 2014, special meeting. He is choosing to abstain from voting on this matter, it still passes with a 5-0 vote, with two members abstaining. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Brown moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda. Dr. Fields 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 October 15 and December 2, 2014, board meetings.

**Rules for Initial Review**

**Part 25 (Educator Licensure)**

The proposed rulemaking addresses changes necessitated by recently enacted legislation (P.A. 98-751, P.A. 98-872 and P.A. 98-917) concerning requirements for the educator license with stipulations endorsed for career and technical educator, the superintendent’s endorsement and the principal endorsement, respectively.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Educator Licensure (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.
Part 33 (Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois)
A technical amendment is being proposed in Section 33.70 to correct a reference to "principal" preparation program.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois (23 Illinois Administrative Code 33), including publication of the proposed amendment in the Illinois Register.

Part 235 (Early Childhood Block Grant Program)
The rulemaking incorporates requirements specific to the ExceleRate Illinois quality rating and improvement system and proposes standards for programs serving children from birth to age 3. Based on the results of operational compliance and assessment of a program's quality, Preschool for All (PFA) Children programs will receive a designation (bronze, silver or gold). The proposed rules also set forth the process of triennial program monitoring and require all PFA programs to conduct annual continuous quality improvement planning. The changes are result from the State Board of Education's receipt of Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge II funding.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Early Childhood Block Grant (23 Illinois Administrative Code 235), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Part 252 (Driver Education)
A technical change is being proposed to update a web address in Section 252.20(e).

The State Board of Education authorized solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemakings for Parts 25, 33, 235 and 252, including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Rules for Adoption
Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)
Part 375 (Student Records)
P.A. 98-560, effective August 27, 2013, authorizes school districts to designate a State Seal of Biliteracy and include that designation on the academic transcript and diploma of any student who attains "a high level of proficiency, sufficient for meaningful use in college and a career (...) in one or more languages in addition to English". The program is voluntary. Proposed changes in Part 1 set forth the criteria to qualify for the State Seal of Biliteracy and establish a Commendation Toward Biliteracy for students who are unable to qualify for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

A technical change is being proposed in Part 375 to remind districts of the need to place a designation of receipt of the State Seal of Biliteracy on the academic transcripts of qualifying students, which are retained in the each student’s permanent school student record. A school district also will be required to include the designation of State Commendation Toward Biliteracy on the student's academic transcript. Two entities submitted public comments on Part 1, and changes were made in response to the comments received. No public comment was received on Part 375.

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1) and School Records (23 Illinois Administrative Code
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 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education)**
The rulemaking incorporates the recommendations of the Early Childhood Advisory Group regarding updated standards for the early childhood education endorsement in the areas of English language arts, mathematics, physical and biological sciences, social sciences and assessment. Currently approved preparation programs offering the early childhood endorsement will need to align to the new standards no later than September 1, 2019. Additionally, institutions will not be allowed to admit candidates into programs not aligned to the new standards after February 1, 2017, and candidates enrolled in these programs must complete their studies and receive their early childhood endorsements by September 1, 2019. Eleven individuals and entities submitted public comments and changes were made in response to the comments received.

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 26). 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 425 (Voluntary Registration and Recognition of Nonpublic Schools)**
The proposed rule requires nonpublic schools to submit proof of non-profit status when registering with the State Board; aligns the rule to Section 27-3 of the School Code by limiting recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to nonpublic schools supported wholly or in part by public funds; conforms the rule to rules of the Illinois Department of Public Health addressing tuberculosis control; and in response to P.A. 98-663, effective June 23, 2014, which amended the School Safety Drill Act [105 ILCS 128], adds a requirement for recognized nonpublic schools to hold an annual meeting for review of their emergency and crisis response plans.

The State Board of Education adopted the proposed rulemakings for Parts 1, 26, 375 and 425, including the changes to the proposed amendments in response to public comment, and authorized 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**
**Educator Licensure Award (Pearson)**
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a no-cost contract with the Evaluation Systems of Pearson Inc. for the initial period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020, with the potential for two, two-year renewals to construct, validate, administer, score and report on all computer-based licensure tests required of Illinois educators.

**Draft Annual Report**
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the Draft 2014 Annual Report which includes reports on the following topics: Demographic, Financial and Statistical Data; State, Federal and Local Resources; Schools and
Districts; Students; Student Performance; Educators; Special Education and Categorical Grants. Additional data will be added when available after the first of the year.

**Resolution to Terminate the ISBE 403(b) Plan**

The Illinois State Board of Education currently allows its employees to participate in a Section 403(b) retirement plan. A 403(b) plan, also known as a tax-sheltered annuity (TSA) plan, is a retirement plan available to certain employees of public educational organizations, employees of certain tax-exempt organizations, and certain ministers. The Human Resources and Labor Relations Division requests that the Board authorize the termination of the Agency’s 403(b) plan.

The State Board of Education hereby recommends the adoption of the resolution to terminate the 403(b) plan.

**END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Low Income State Advanced Placement Grant**

The College and Career Readiness Division requests the Board to authorize the Low Income State Advanced Placement Grant in the amount of $1.5 million. This one-year grant will support statewide fee waivers for low income students taking the Advanced Placement (AP) exams for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the College Board, the total of which is expected to exceed $1 million over the term of the grant. The total amount of the grant is $1,500,000 with an end date of June 30, 2015.

Dr. Brown moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the Low Income State Advanced Placement Grant. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a 6-0 vote.

**EdTPA: Recommended Cut Score**

The edTPA is a performance assessment and consists of three tasks: planning, instructional delivery, and assessment. The edTPA requires a candidate to submit the following: lesson plans and supporting materials (planning), an unedited video clip (instructional delivery), and assessment and feedback on student work (assessment). Each of these tasks is augmented by short narratives that assist in understanding the unique context of the classroom in which the edTPA occurred. Beginning on September 1, 2015, candidates must also successfully complete the edTPA.

The State Board of Education approves the passing score for the edTPA.

Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the recommended cut scores for the edTPA. Mr. Bradshaw seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote, with Dr. Hall abstaining.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Nikki Bazer gave a brief update to the board regarding the passing of the Intervention legislation. She also informed the Board that there are still meetings happening in regards to Senate Bill 16, with a resolution being filed in the House. The Legislative Agenda is unchanged.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Gilford moved that the State Board of Education enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings act of the State of Illinois as follows:
Section c1 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and Section c11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board.

Dr. Hall seconded that motion and The Board entered into closed session at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened from closed session at 3:29 p.m.

Mr. Gilford moved that the State Board of Education authorizes the State Superintendent to resolve the underpayments to the State Authorized Charter Schools for the Fiscal Years 13 and 14, as discussed in closed session.

Mr. Bradshaw seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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. Mr. Gilford seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Gery J. Chico
Chairman