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. Resolutions & Recognition
   A. Burroughs Winner, Dave Dickson

IV. FY16 Budget Discussion

V. Superintendent's Report - Consent Agenda
   A. *Approval of Minutes
      1. Plenary Minutes: December 17, 2014
   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 650 (Charter Schools) Addresses changes necessitated by recently enacted legislation (P.A. 98-783 and P.A. 98-1048) concerning school closures and material revisions to charter contracts, respectively.
      2. Part 1105 (Procurement by the State Board of Education) Repeals Part 1105 due to statutory changes that place the State Board of Education under the Chief Procurement Officer for General Services for purposes of procurement.
   C. *Rules for Adoption
      1. Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois) Aligns Part 30 to the requirements of P.A. 98-917, effective August 15, 2014, regarding the requirements for selection of candidates for principal preparation programs; includes a technical change to cross-reference the rules for the new superintendent endorsement found in Part 25. No public comment was received, although a nonsubstantive change is being made in response to statutory changes effective December 31, 2014, regarding out-of-state educator experience.
      2. Part 5001 (Access to Information of the State Board of Education under the Freedom of Information Act) Responds to P.A. 98-1129, effective December 3, 2014, regarding requests under FOIA that are considered to be "voluminous" and requests for records that are posted online.
   D. *Contracts & Grants Over $1 Million
      1. Educator Data Systems RFSP for Programmer Analysts
      2. Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) RFSP for Business Analyst and 3 Programmer Analysts
      3. Intergovernmental Agreement Extension with Regional Office of Education #9 for Professional Development in Support of the New Illinois Learning Standards
      4. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Office of Education #9 for Resource
Development in Support of the New Illinois Learning Standards for Math and Science
5. Intergovernmental Agreement Extension with Illinois State University to Support the New Illinois Learning Standards in Fiscal Year 2016

End of Consent Agenda

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

VII. FY16 Budget Recommendation

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 (as needed)

XI. Adjourn

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NOTE: Chairman Meeks may call for a break in the meeting as necessary in order for the Board to go into closed session.
ROLL CALL
Mr. Steven Gilford, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Dr. Koch was in attendance and a quorum was present.

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

A brief swearing in ceremony was conducted for Chairman James Meeks.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Peg Agnos from LEND discussed concerns regarding the KIDS Assessments in Illinois.

Chairman Meeks recognized Jane Quinlan, Regional Superintendent of Regional Office of Education 9.

RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION
Mr. Fields read the resolution honoring Mr. Dave Dickson as the 2014 Thomas Lay Burroughs Award recipient. Mr. Fields moved that the Illinois State Board of Education adopt the resolution. Mr. Gilford seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Baumann introduced the FY16 State General Funds budget recommendation to the Board. Robert Wolfe, Chief Financial Officer for ISBE, presented a PowerPoint presentation to explain the Superintendent’s current budget recommendations. Mr. Wolfe discussed the increases and decreases for many different programs included in the General Funds.

Chairman Meeks announced that the Board will break briefly at 11:20 a.m. The Board reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

BREAK

FY16 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
Mr. Baumann commented that Article X, Section 1 of the Illinois State Constitution states in part, “The State has the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education.”

Mr. Baumann moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby recommends an increase of $729.9 Million (10.7%) in General Funds appropriations for FY 2016. The increase will provide a sufficient appropriation to fund General State Aid at the Statutory Foundation Level of $6,119, which is $286 less than the FY 2006 Education Fund Advisory Board Recommended Foundation level and is $2,780 less than the recommended Foundation Level of $8,899. He further moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to make changes to the “Other State Funds” and “Federal Funds” as appropriate pending actions during the legislative session. The full recommendation for the FY 2016 State Board of Education Budget is outlined in the budget handout dated January 21, 2015.

Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.
Dr. Brown moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda with the removal of the December 17, 2014, minutes. Dr. Hall 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.

**Rules for Initial Review**  
**Part 650 (Charter Schools)**  
This rulemaking responds to two recently enacted public acts. P.A. 98-783, effective January 1, 2015, adds Section 27A-10.10 to the School Code, which addresses the procedures for the disposition of unspent public funds and other property and assets at the time that a charter school closes. P.A. 98-1048, effective August 25, 2014, amended Section 27A-6(e) of the School Code regarding material revisions to a certified charter school contract.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Charter Schools (23 Illinois Administrative Code 650), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Part 1105 (Procurement by the State Board of Education)**  
As a result of statutory changes in the Illinois Procurement Code and an informal opinion of the Illinois Attorney General, the State Board of Education is now under the Chief Procurement Officer for General Services for purposes of procurement, necessitating the repeal of Part 1105.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Parts 650 and 1105, including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Rules for Adoption**  
**Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois)**  
Section 30.70(a) (Candidate Selection) currently limits enrollment in principal preparation programs to only individuals holding professional educator licenses with teaching endorsements. To address the concerns of school support personnel who had been contemplating becoming principals, P.A. 98-917, effective August 15, 2014, provides additional opportunities for school support personnel to enter and complete principal preparation programs by June 30, 2019. Changes in Section 30.70 acknowledge the anticipated participation of school support personnel by modifying admission requirements, including the evidence of experience that these educators would present when applying for principal preparation programs. A technical change was made in Section 30.80 (Program Approval and Review) to include reference to the new superintendent endorsement, the requirements for which are set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.355 (Educator Licensure). No public comment was received, although a change was made in response to statutory changes effective December 31, 2014, regarding out-of-state educator experience.

The State Board of Education adopted the proposed rulemakings for Parts 30, including changes made in response to recently enacted legislation, and authorized the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and non-substantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.
Part 5001 (Access to Information of the State Board of Education under the Freedom of Information Act)
P.A. 98-1129, effective December 3, 2014, made several changes in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that affect the agency’s rules governing FOIA requests. The proposed changes align the rules to FOIA, acknowledging the special consideration afforded to requests that are considered to be "voluminous" under new Section 3.6 of FOIA (see Section 5001.300 of the rules). The rules also recognize the responsibility of the agency under new Section 8.5 of FOIA to provide records that it has posted online, if the person requesting the records is unable to access them (see Section 5001.210 of the rules).

The State Board of Education adopted the rulemaking for Part 5001, which will become effective upon filing with the Administrative Code Division of the Secretary of State.

Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million

Educator Data Systems RFSP for Programmer Analysts
The Information Technology Division (IT) seeks to issue a Request for Sealed Proposals (RFSP) to acquire two programmer analysts on a time and materials basis to assist in the further development of the educator data systems, including but not limited to: Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS), Employment Information System (EIS), and the ISBE Data Warehouse.

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release an RFSP to procure two programmer analysts who will assist in the further development of the educator data systems. The initial contract term and five possible one-year renewals will not exceed $2,151,360.

Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) RFSP for Business Analyst and Three Programmer Analysts
The Information Technology Division (IT) seeks to issue a Request for Sealed Proposals (RFSP) to acquire one business analyst and three programmer analysts on a time and materials basis to assist in the continued development and maintenance of the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS).

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release an RFSP to procure one business analyst and three programmer analysts who will assist in the continued development and maintenance of ELIS. The initial contract term and five possible one-year renewals will not exceed $4,302,720.

Intergovernmental Agreement Extension with Regional Office of Education #9 for Professional Development in Support of the New Illinois Learning Standards
The Office of the Deputy Superintendent requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to amend and renew the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Regional Office of Education #9 (ROE 9) Champaign-Ford to coordinate and support the development of professional development resources and trainings around implementing a curriculum aligned to the New Illinois Learning Standards in the amount of $500,000.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement through June 30, 2016 for an additional $500,000 with Regional Office of Education #9 Champaign-Ford to coordinate and support the development of professional development resources and trainings aligned to the New Illinois Learning Standards. The total Intergovernmental Agreement will not exceed $1,455,761.
Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Office of Education #9 for Resource Development in Support of the New Illinois Learning Standards for Math and Science

The Office of the Deputy Superintendent requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to amend and renew the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Regional Office of Education #9 (ROE 9) Champaign-Ford to coordinate and support the development of professional development resources and trainings around implementing a curriculum aligned to the New Illinois Learning Standards in the amount of $500,000.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement through June 30, 2016 for an additional $500,000 with Regional Office of Education #9 Champaign-Ford to coordinate and support the development of professional development resources and trainings aligned to the New Illinois Learning Standards. The total Intergovernmental Agreement will not exceed $1,455,761.

Intergovernmental Agreement Extension with Illinois State University to Support the New Illinois Learning Standards in Fiscal year 2016

The Office of the Deputy Superintendent requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Illinois State University (ISU) for $900,000 which will increase the total Agreement to $3,600,000. This renewal will support the New Illinois Learning Standards for English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies statewide implementation in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY 16).

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University through June 30, 2016, for an additional $900,000 in order to support the New Illinois Learning Standards for English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies statewide implementation. The total Intergovernmental Agreement will not exceed $3,600,000.

Illinois Math and Science Partnerships I-STEM Network Lead Partnership Grant

College and Career Readiness requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement of $946,435 for a one-year term for the provision of the initial term with two one-year renewals for Illinois Mathematics and Science Partnerships (IMSP), Illinois-Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (I-STEM) Network Lead Partnership Grant. Authorization is requested to execute a grant agreement with Bureau/Henry/Stark Regional Office of Education #28 in an amount not to exceed $2,839,305.

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award a grant to Bureau/Henry/Stark Regional Office of Education #28 for the initial period beginning January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017 with two, one year renewals for a maximum total not to exceed $2,839,305.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bradshaw moved that the State Board of Education approves the minutes from the December 17, 2014, meeting. Mr. Gilford seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. Chairman Meeks did not vote.
Nicki Bazer gave a brief description of bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly for the Spring Legislative Session.

Superintendent Koch led a discussion on the ongoing conversation with Chicago Public Schools and their decision to test only a fraction of their students with the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The Board discussed their concerns with the district not participating in this assessment and the statewide impact it will have on the collection of data, the NCLB waiver and potential loss of federal funds for all Illinois districts, as well as, the precedent it could set. The Board was in agreement that if CPS does not indicate intent to participate in PARCC to the full extent as required by law, strong and swift sanctions would need to be handed down. Among sanctions the Board discussed was possible loss of recognition of the district. Chairman Meeks indicated the need for continued discussion with CPS so that they fully understand the statewide implications of their actions as well as the sanctions that would be required of the state to impose on the district in the event they refuse to assess students as required by law.

Robert Wolfe briefly explained the Executive Order that Governor Rauner announced with regard to contract and grants. Nicki Bazer also gave a brief explanation of the Executive Order concerning ethics. The Board questioned the applicability of the Executive Orders to the agency and indicated a desire to cooperate in some way for a limited time. Chairman Meeks suggested clarification be sought from the Governor's staff regarding the applicability of these orders to the agency.

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Chairman Meeks moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Baumann seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Secretary

Mr. James T. Meeks
Chairman