MARCH 18, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Board Seminar (GSA and Senate Bill 1)
Board Room

10:30 a.m.  Convene Board Meeting
Board Room

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

*1:00 p.m.  Reconvene Board Meeting
Board Room

*2:00 p.m.  Closed Session
Board Conference Room

*2:30 p.m.  Reconvene Board Meeting
Board Room

* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.
I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
   A. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

II. Swearing-In of Board Member John Sanders

III. Public Participation

IV. Presentations and Updates
   A. Student Advisory Council Presentation
   B. SIG Progress Update Susan Sarfaty
   C. National Louis University New Teacher Preparation Model Dr. Nivine Megahed
   D. Senate Bill 1 Model Results and Edunomics

Break for Lunch

V. Superintendent’s Report - Consent Agenda
   A. *Approval of Minutes
   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 50 (Evaluation of Educator Licensed Staff under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code) 
         Updates references to the new testing system, per P.A. 98-972, effective August 15, 2014, and 
         addresses the use of the climate survey results in principal evaluations.
      2. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education) Updates references to the new testing system and 
         emphasizes the responsibility of charter schools to conform to State and federal requirements 
         pertaining to English learners, as is required under P.S. 98-639, effective June 9, 2014.
      3. Part 600 (Enrollment of and Payment for Nonresident Students at the Philip J. Rock Center and 
         School) Authorizes the enrollment of students from out of state at the school portion of the Philip J. 
         Rock Center and School, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements and the school has 
         space available that is not needed for eligible students from Illinois.
   C. *Rules for Adoption
      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. One public comment was received, supporting the 
         rulemaking.
      2. Part 33 (Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois) Makes a technical correction 
         in section33.70 to correct a reference to “principal” preparation program. No public comment was 
         received.
      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. Three entities submitted public comment and changes are being proposed in response to the comments received.

4. Part 252 (Driver Education) Makes a technical change to update a web address in Section 252.20(e). No public comment was received.

D. *Contracts & Grants Over $1 Million
   1. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grant Continuation
   2. Request for Sealed Proposals for College Entrance Assessment
   3. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant Agreements

E. *Special Education Expenditure and Receipts Report

*End of Consent Agenda*

F. Review of Annual Financial Profile

G. Consideration of Approval of Dominican University Alternative Secondary English Language Arts Program

H. Consideration of Approval of Relay Graduate School of Education Programs

VI. Discussion Items

A. District Oversight – Monthly Update *(Superintendent Koch)*

B. Legislative Update

C. 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 Reports *(available online: http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm)*

IX. Closed Session

X. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

XI. Adjourn

This meeting will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons planning to attend who need special accommodations should contact the Board office no later than the date prior to the meeting. Contact the Superintendent's office at the State Board of Education. Phone: 217-782-2221; TTY/TDD: 217-782-1900; Fax: 217-785-3972.

**NOTE:** Chairman Meeks may call for a break in the meeting as necessary in order for the Board to go into closed session.
Prior to the Board meeting, Robert Wolfe conducted a seminar for Board members on General Student Aid.

Mr. James Meeks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Dr. Koch was in attendance and a quorum was present.

Members Present
Mr. James Meeks, Chairman
Ms. Melinda LaBarre, Secretary
Ms. Lula Ford
Mr. Eligio Pimentel
Mr. Steven Gilford
Mr. Curt Bradshaw
Mr. Craig Lindvahl
Mr. John Sanders
Mr. Jim Baumann

Nicki Bazer conducted the Oath of Office for newly appointed member John Sanders.

Representative Kelly Cassidy addressed the Board asking for support of House Bill 494.

Chairman Meeks asked Melinda LaBarre to give an overview of the “Year of the Volunteer” coordinated by the Generations Serving Generations Committee through the Department of Aging. Ms. LaBarre introduced Kathy Lamsargis, a former teacher who began a program providing children gifts to give to their families.

Representatives from FFA addressed the Board regarding the Agriculture Education line item in the budget and asked for the Board’s continued support.

Janet Allison, President of the Illinois Federation of State Office Educators (IFSOE) and Sue Taylor, Secretary of IFSOE came before the Board and said they would like to open lines of communication between agency staff and the Board.

Chairman Meeks welcomed the Student Advisory Council. The Council provided an update on their research to identify a recognition program that demonstrates proficiency of Career Technical Education skills in students. The students’ final presentation will be at the June Board meeting.

Susan Sarfaty, Regional Superintendent for St. Clair County, Matt Snyder, Regional Superintendent for Macon and Piatt Counties, Dr. Gabe Schwemmer, IARSS Lead Partner Liaison and Judy Smith, Cahokia District Transformation Officer gave an update on the School Improvement Grant provided to Cahokia High School.

National Louis University presented on the Adaptive Cycles of Teaching Model. Presenters were Provost Alison Hilsabeck, Dean Stuart Carrier, and Professors Diane Salmon and Ruth Freedman.
Chairman Meeks announced that the Board would break at 12:46 p.m. for lunch and closed session.

Eligio Pimentel moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois for the following reasons:

Section c (11) for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board, and

Section c (21) for the purpose of discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

He further moved that the Board may invite anyone they wish to be included in this closed session.

Lula Ford seconded the motion at it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Melinda LaBarre moved that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda. Eligio Pimentel 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 February 11, 2015 Board meeting.

**Rules for Initial Review**

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

This rulemaking updates the references in the rules to the statutory citation for the new State assessments (P.A. 98-972, effective August 15, 2015). Additionally, the proposed amendments limit the use of a climate survey as a part of a performance evaluation incorporating data and indicators of student growth for principals and assistant principals to a survey authorized under Section 2-3.153 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.153].

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed amendments for Evaluation of Educator Licensed Employees under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code (23 Illinois Administrative Code 50), including publication of the proposed amendments in the **Illinois Register**.
Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)
This proposed amendments respond to two pieces of legislation enacted in 2014 that require charter schools to comply with all rules and regulations specific to English learners (P.A. 98-639, effective June 9, 2014) and changed statutory citation for the State assessments (see above).

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed amendments for Transitional Bilingual Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 228), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Part 600 (Enrollment of and Payment for Nonresident Students at the Philip J. Rock Center and School)
These proposed rules would authorize the enrollment of students from out of state (i.e., nonresident students) at the school portion of the Philip J. Rock Center and School, a statewide service center and school that provides special education or career and technical rehabilitation programs for students who are both deaf and blind and who meet the eligibility criteria set forth in Section 14-11.02 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/14-11.02]. The rules, as proposed, pertain only to nonresident students and would provide for the admission and enrollment of eligible students from Illinois before nonresident students are admitted to or retained at the school. The rules set forth the admission process, terms and conditions of enrollment, and fiscal procedures, including how the State Superintendent will determine the per diem rate to be charged of nonresident students.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed amendments for Enrollment of and Payment for Nonresidents Students at the Philip J. Rock Center and School (23 Illinois Administrative Code 600), including publication of the proposed rules in the Illinois Register.

Rules for Adoption

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. One letter of public comment supporting the changes was received.

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Educator Licensure (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25). 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 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. No public comment was received.

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois (23 Illinois Administrative Code 33). 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 235 (Early Childhood Block Grant)
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 program monitoring at least once every four years and require all PFA programs to conduct annual continuous quality improvement planning. The changes result from the State Board of Education's receipt of Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge II funding. Three entities submitted public comment and changes are being proposed in response to the comments received.

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Early Childhood Block Grant (23 Illinois Administrative Code 235), including the changes recommended in response to public comment. 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 252 (Driver Education)
A technical change is being proposed to update a web address in Section 252.20(e). No public comment was received.

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Driver Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 252). 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.

Contracts and Grants Over $1 Million
Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grant Continuation
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to add one (1) additional continuation year to the Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Collaborative (ISTAC) award to utilize the maximum four (4) continuations for a five (5) year grant period before a Request for Proposal (RFP) is required.

Request for Sealed Proposals for College Entrance Assessment
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to issue a Request for Sealed Proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract(s) for an off-the-shelf college-entrance exam and for a workplace readiness exam for a maximum amount not to exceed $34,000,000 for the initial term and four possible one-year renewals.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) Grant Agreements
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a Grant Agreement with:

- East Aurora School District #131 to begin March 2, 2015 and to end September 29, 2015 for a total contract amount of $521,388 with four (4) renewals based upon Federal appropriation of funds with a total of the contract not to exceed $2,606,940;
- Decatur Public School District #61, to begin March 19, 2015 and to end
September 29, 2015 for a total grant amount of $459,388 with four (4) renewals (March 19, 2015 – September 29, 2019) based upon Federal appropriation of funds with a total of the grant not to exceed $2,296,940;
- Harrisburg Community Unit #3 School District, to begin March 2, 2015 and to end September 29, 2015 for a total contract amount of $459,388 with four (4) renewals based upon Federal appropriation of funds with a total of the contract not to exceed $2,296,940; and
- The School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED), the current fiscal agent for Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Collaborative (ISTAC), to begin March 19, 2015 and to end September 29, 2015 for a total grant amount of $268,000. It is anticipated there will be four (4) renewals based upon Federal appropriation of funds with a total of the grant not to exceed $1,340,000.

**Special Education Expenditure and Receipts Report**

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, 2015.

**END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Jim Baumann moved that the Illinois State Board of Education approve the financial designations of school districts as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Profile Scores. Craig Lindvahl seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Lula Ford moved that the State Board of Education authorizes the State Superintendent to grant approval to the following programs at Relay Graduate School of Education:
- Alternative Secondary Education – Science-Biology,
- Alternative Secondary Education – Science –Chemistry,
- Alternative Secondary Education – Mathematics,
- Alternative Secondary Education – English Language Arts,
- Alternative Secondary Education – Social Science – History,
- Alternative Middle Grades Education – Science,
- Alternative Middle Grades Education – Mathematics,
- Alternative Middle Grades Education – Language Arts, and
- Alternative Middle Grades Education – Social Science

Jim Baumann seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Meeks invited Colleen Reardon, Director of Alternative Licensure at Dominican University to address the Board regarding the Secondary English Language Arts Program.

Curt Bradshaw moved that the State Board of Education authorizes the State Superintendent to grant approval to the Secondary English Language Arts Alternative Licensure Program at Dominican University. Melinda LaBarre seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Nicki Bazer provided a legislative update to the Board.

Chairman Meeks announced that the April 15, 2015, Board meeting will be a one-day meeting in Springfield instead of the scheduled video conference meeting from Chicago and Springfield.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Steve Gilford moved that pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act, the State Board of Education has reviewed the minutes of its closed sessions for September 2014, October 2014, December 2014 and February 2015.

Therefore, I move that the State Board of Education certifies that the need for confidentiality still exists for the closed session minutes for the time period reviewed. Further, the State Board of Education approves the destruction of all closed session verbatim recordings from September 2013 and prior.

Melinda LaBarre seconded the motion at 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

John Sanders moved that the meeting be adjourned. Steve Gilford seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Melinda LaBarre  Mr. James T. Meeks
Board Secretary  Chairman