

Due Process Screening Committee Meeting
April 18, 2007
ISBE – Chicago Office
(14th Floor, James R. Thompson Center)

Members in attendance:

Kathy Lyons, Chairperson
Christina Denman (by telephone)
Rick Ramirez (by telephone)
Terri Devine (by telephone)
Dr. Joseph Vaal (by telephone)

Others in attendance:

Andy Eulass, ISBE Due Process Coordinator
Robert Lehrer, Impartial Due Process Hearing Officer
Ann Breen-Greco, Impartial Due Process Hearing Officer
Carolyn Ann Smaron, Impartial Due Process Hearing Officer

The meeting was convened at 10:02 a.m. It was explained by Ms. Lyons that late the previous day, one Committee member reported that he would be unavailable to attend the meeting scheduled for today. There did not appear to be a quorum as a result of this fact and therefore it was announced that no official action could be taken by the Committee that day.

A review of the draft minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting took place for which one needed changes was noted. Andy Eulass stated that the change would be made and the revised minutes submitted for review at the next meeting.

A discussion was then had concerning the compensation for hearing officers for Fiscal Year 2008, beginning on July 1, 2007. Several questions were raised and discussed by members of the Committee pertaining to concerns raised by several hearing officers about the possibility of a reduction in the annual stipend provided to the hearing officers per the requirements of the School Code. Kathy Lyons then solicited input from hearing officers present at the meeting concerning their views on what would serve as reasonable compensation for the next contract year. After several points and issues were raised by the hearing officers, Ms. Lyons complimented the hearing officers for their constructive feedback.

There being no further issues that the Committee could address, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.