

## **Balanced Accountability Measure Committee**

### **Via GoTo Meeting**

**December 17, 2021**

**2 – 3 p.m.**

### **Minutes**

#### **IBAM Members Present:**

Jeff Broom, Chicago Public Schools  
Kurt Hilgendorf, Chicago Teachers Union  
Daniel Krause, Illinois Principals Association  
Cathy Mannen, Illinois Federation of Teachers  
Mary Jane Morris, Illinois Education Association  
Erin Roche, Chicago Principals Association  
Chad Watkins, Illinois Association of School Administrators

#### **IBAM Members Absent:**

Thomas Bertrand, Illinois Association of School Boards  
Karl Goeke, Illinois Education Association  
Rhonda Jenkins, Illinois Parent Teacher Association  
Mark Klaisner, Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents

#### **ISBE staff present:**

Rae Clementz, Director of Accountability  
Dana Kinley, Executive Director, Center of Systems of Support  
Christine Paxson, Director of ESSA/IL-EMPOWER  
Pamela Krushall, Program Support Specialist, ESSA/IL-EMPOWER & Accountability

#### **Visiting Members present:**

Melissa Figueira  
Alicia Geddis  
Elliott Regenstein, Foresight Advisors  
Johnathan VanderBrug, Arts Alliance Illinois  
Diana Zaleski, Illinois Education Association

### **I. Welcome/Roll Call**

Ms. Clementz brought the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from the September 28, 2021, Meeting**

Ms. Mannen asked if everyone had received the updated minutes before proceeding. She shared that the minutes were updated to reflect a correction to the attendance and a misspelled name. No other changes were noted. Ms. Clementz suggested taking a moment to allow for introduction of the visitors while the minutes were being reviewed. The minutes were moved by Mr. Broom and seconded Mr. Hilgendorf. A roll call vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

### **III. Approval of Minutes from the November 8, 2021, Meeting**

Ms. Mannen asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the minutes. The minutes were moved by Ms. Morris and seconded Mr. Hilgendorf. A roll call vote was taken by Ms. Clementz and the minutes were approved.

### **IV. Discussion of the Draft ESSA Accountability 2022 Changes**

#### **a. Open Forum December Deck**

#### **b. Redline ESSA Plan**

Ms. Mannen asked if everyone had received the Open Forum December Deck as well as the Redline ESSA Plan. She asked that the members revisit the Redline ESSA Plan as it would be discussed in the January meeting. Ms. Mannen then turned the discussion over to Ms. Clementz.

Ms. Clementz shared information about the proposed changes. She said there were two open forums in November and a critical Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on December 3. The TAC meeting participants were presented with most of the same options that were heard in November at the IBAM Committee meeting. TAC recommended using the recommendations that are on the ISBE website. Ms. Clementz stated that she wanted to be transparent with all, saying most of the proposed changes to the accountability system don't lie within the plan itself but within the business rules pertaining to the calculations.

Ms. Clementz stated there were a lot of changes to the Redline ESSA Plan due to it being open to all the departments within ISBE, allowing for feedback to influence amendments, updates, and changes. She recommended using the Redline ESSA Plan as a guide when reading what is on the website as it is a page-by-page description of the changes. Ms. Clementz asked if there were any questions before moving on. Mr. Broom asked if there was anything in the Redline ESSA Plan that was not covered in the Open Forum December Deck. Ms. Clementz stated the information was basically the same and that the information that was bolded will be put forth for implementation.

Regarding accountability changes, Ms. Clementz briefly went over what was proposed in the last meeting. English Language Arts and Math (setting new targets); Science Proficiency - (substituting participation rate for proficiency rate); English Learner Progress to Proficiency (add an extra year); - Student Growth (use higher baseline); - Chronic Absenteeism (use of bonus points); - Composite 4,5,6 Grad Rate, Climate Survey; - Ninth-Graders on Track (no changes); Meta

Indicators – includes College and Career Ready, PTO Elementary and Fine Arts (delay implementation until 2025); - and Third Support Status (early exit).

Ms. Clementz paused for discussion. She referenced the letter IBAM wrote to ISBE in 2021 regarding the use of waivers. Ms. Mannen spoke about the history of IBAM. She wanted to make sure the new members and visitors understood the process of how the decisions were arrived at. She mentioned the effects of the pandemic and how that is an important part of the process. Dr. Kinley shared her comments regarding what Ms. Mannen had stated and welcomed the feedback. Ms. Mannen asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Krause asked about assessment testing. Ms. Clementz reminded him that last year's data is a wash. Dr. Kinley pointed out that the data is being used to formulate the base and validate the data. Mr. Roche suggested that a projection be made to the schools to see what their data might look like. He also stated the need for more resources for the schools. Ms. Clementz said that is a possibility based on what a school is concerned about. Mr. Hilgendorf wanted to know if there was any modeling on some of the changes. Ms. Clementz stated that she had not been able to do modeling due to just getting the data. Mr. Broom asked about the accountability system for this year and meeting ED requirements. Ms. Clementz replied that yes, the changes are to meet the ED requirements as well as supporting the schools. Dr. Kinley spoke about the reality of the impacts of the pandemic. She mentioned how the accountability formula identifies the most vulnerable schools and helps get the resources to where they are most needed. She asked for feedback on the types of support the schools and districts are need.

## **V. New Business**

### **a. 2021 Letter from IBAM Regarding the Accountability Addendum**

Ms. Mannen asked if the committee was prepared to submit a formal letter to ISBE regarding the recommendations after the January meeting. She also asked if anyone was opposed. There were no objections so the committee will plan to move forward at the January meeting. Ms. Mannen proposed using the 2021 letter that Ms. Clementz had referenced earlier.

Ms. Clementz talked about two open advisory positions on the IBAM Committee. Dr. Geddis has been nominated for one of the positions. Ms. Clementz asked if there were any objections. No objections were made.

## **VI. Public Comment**

Mr. Regenstein commented on the P2 indicator and how we might go forward with support from IL-EMPOWER. Dr. Geddis thanked Ms. Paxson and Dr. Kinley for the opportunity.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Mr. Broom made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Krause seconded the motion. The motion passed by

unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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