

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 N. First St., Springfield, Illinois

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January 24, 2017
10:30 a.m.

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. Swearing in of Jason Barclay, Board Member

IV. Resolution & Recognition

V. Presentations & Updates

- A. Illinois Board of Higher Education
- B. Student Advisory Council Update

VI. FY18 Budget Discussion

VII. Superintendent's Report - Consent Agenda

- A. *Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Plenary Minutes: December 16, 2015
- B. *Rules for Initial Review
 - 1. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)
 - 2. Part 20 (Standards for Endorsement in Elementary Education)
 - 3. Part 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood and Elementary Education)
 - 4. Part 50 (Evaluation of Educator Licensed Employees Under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code)
- C. *Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million
 - 1. Abstinence Education Notice of Funding Opportunity and Award
 - 2. Preschool Program Monitoring for Quality and Compliance
 - 3. IDEA, Part B, Preschool Discretionary Grant Projects
 - 4. Early Childhood Block Grant: Prevention Initiative 0-3, Preschool for All 3-5, and Preschool for All Expansion 3-5
 - 5. Preschool Professional Development
 - 6. Early Childhood Illinois Early Learning Project Website
 - 7. Early Childhood Block Grant Community Systems Development
 - 8. Healthy Community Investment Grants
- D. *Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Audit Report

End of Consent Agenda

VIII. Charter School Commission Appointment

IX. Discussion Items

- A. District Oversight Update
- B. ISBE Draft Annual Report
- C. Legislative Update

D. ESSA Update

E. Other Items for Discussion

X. FY18 Budget Recommendation

XI. Announcements & Reports

A. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements

B. Chairman's Report

C. Member Reports

XII. Information Items

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

XIII. Closed Session

XIV. 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.

**Approved
2-22-2017**

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
January 24, 2017**

ISBE Springfield
100 N. First Street
Springfield, IL 62777

ROLL CALL

Chairman James Meeks called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Tony Smith was in attendance and a quorum was present.

Members Present

James T. Meeks, Chairman
Curt Bradshaw
Craig Lindvahl
Eligio Pimentel
Lula Ford
Cesilie Price
Collin Hitt
Jason Barclay

**SWEARING IN
CEREMONY**

There was a brief, ceremonial swearing-in for incoming Board member Jason Barclay.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Kelly Tracy, a parent from CUSD #7, discussed concerns about the school district's policies and truancy. She asked for assistance from ISBE in dealing with her concerns.

Jessica Handy, government affairs director from Stand for Children, discussed SB 195, which proposes to end the practice of using federal education funds to pay off pension debt. She asked for the Board to consider supporting the legislation.

Chairman Meeks welcomed Jeff Vose, superintendent of ROE #51, to the meeting.

**STUDENT
ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

Chairman Meeks welcomed the Student Advisory Council to the meeting. The council provided an update on its research on improving students' academic, social emotional, and behavioral outcomes in relation to ISBE's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan by raising awareness of mental health issues in schools. The students and members of the Board discussed the issue. The students will present their final presentation at the March Board meeting.

**FY18 BUDGET
DISCUSSION**

Robert Wolfe, chief financial officer at ISBE, outlined the fiscal year 2018 budget recommendation to the General Assembly. He discussed the needs of local districts serving children in every community across Illinois and the need to support high-quality educational outcomes for each and every child in a public system.

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." Therefore, the Superintendent recommends an increase of \$266.4 million (3.6 percent) in General Fund's appropriations for FY 2018. The increase will provide a sufficient appropriation to fund General State Aid at the Statutory Foundation Level of \$6,119, with any remaining funds being distributed in accordance with the manner directed in PA 99-0524, the FY 2017 Budget Bill. Further, the Superintendent will be able to make changes to the "Other State Funds" and "Federal Funds" recommendations outlined in Exhibit A of the board memo as appropriate, pending actions during the legislative session.

Curt Bradshaw moved that the State Board of Education approve the FY 2018 Budget Recommendation as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Eligio Pimentel moved that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. Lula Ford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion.

Approval of Minutes

The State Board of Education approves the minutes for the December 15, 2016, Board meeting.

Rules for Initial Review

Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervisions)

Part 1 is the agency's general set of rules that govern the State Board's required supervision and evaluation of public school districts' compliance with law, rules and policy. The rules also establish a process for identifying the recognition status awarded to a school district and its schools based on the extent of its compliance; that is, fully recognized, recognized pending further review, on probation, or nonrecognized. The Part informs school districts of the requirements that apply in specific areas of operations and programming, such as school governance, instructional programs, health and safety, staff qualifications, and academic standards.

This rulemaking incorporates a number of changes focusing on educator licensure. In particular, this rulemaking clarifies:

- Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers may access the Educator Licensure Information Service in order to ensure educators are properly licensed and endorsed or are qualified for a particular teaching assignment.
- Individuals working as paraprofessionals cannot discipline students.
- Head teachers serving more than 50 percent full-time employment serving in place of a principal must hold a professional educator license endorsed for supervision.
- Effective on and after February 1, 2018, for middle grade teachers first assigned to grades 7 or 8 or departmentalized grade 6 are not applicable to teachers first endorsed in the following on or after February 1, 2018: agricultural education; business, marketing, and computer education; business, marketing, and computer education (computer programming); computer applications, computer science; family and consumer sciences; health science technology; and technology education.
- Any individual who will serve as a substitute driver's education teacher must be endorsed for driver's education.

Additionally, this rulemaking updates the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS). Public school districts and charter schools are required to report to ISBE certain data annually on each student enrolled in their kindergarten programs. Public school districts and charter schools will have to fully implement KIDS starting with the 2017-18 school year. School districts are required to report on the following 14 State Readiness Measures:

- Language and Literacy Development
 - Communication and use of language (expressive)
 - Reciprocal communication and conversation
 - Comprehension of age-appropriate text
 - Phonological awareness
 - Letter and word knowledge
- Cognition; Math
 - Classification
 - Number sense of quantity
 - Number sense of math operations

- Shapes
- Approaches Toward Learning and Social and Emotional Development
 - Curiosity and initiative in learning
 - Self-control of feelings and behavior
 - Engagement and persistence
 - Relationships and social interactions with familiar adults
 - Relationships and social interactions with peers

These measures must be reported for kindergartners in self-contained special education classrooms or alternative settings unless the special education team deems it inappropriate. The explanation must be included in the student's Individual Education Program. Similarly, the measures must be reported for kindergartners who are English Learners unless the Language and Literacy Development measures are deemed inappropriate and should be substituted with more appropriate non-required measures.

Reporting must be completed once a school year and done electronically through the KIDSTech rating system. All teachers teaching in kindergarten in a public or charter school must have completed ISBE's KIDS teacher training by the end of the 2016-17 school year.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1), including publication of the proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register*.

**Part 20 (Standards for Endorsement in Elementary Education) and
Part 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood
and in Elementary Education)**

Currently, licensure candidates who are enrolled in an elementary education program after October 1, 2015, must complete that program by September 1, 2018, and obtain their elementary education endorsement by September 1, 2019.

These rulemakings will change the current requirements to state the candidate must be entitled for the endorsement by September 1, 2019. This change will ensure all candidates meet the stated deadline while providing Educator Effectiveness with the flexibility to properly evaluate all applications.

Additionally, these rulemakings clarify that any applicant seeking an elementary or early childhood endorsement undergoing the transcript evaluation process must submit their application by September 1, 2019.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemakings for Part 20 (Standards for Endorsement in Elementary Education) and Part 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood and in Elementary Education), including publication of the proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register*.

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

Currently, individuals who evaluate certified staff must participate in retraining developed or approved by ISBE. Individual school districts that offer their own retraining must ensure each evaluator completes the retraining at least once during each licensure renewal cycle.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to clarify that before an individual can evaluate certified staff in the next licensure renewal cycle, that individual must complete a retraining program provided or approved by ISBE.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemakings for Part 50 (Evaluation of Educator Licensed Employees Under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code), including publication of the proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register*.

Contracts and Grants

Abstinence Education Notice of Funding Opportunity and Award

The Special Education Services Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to release a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that exceeds \$1 million and award the successful applicant(s) an Abstinence Education grant. The total award over a two-year period will not exceed \$5.4 million.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release the Abstinence Education NOFO and subsequently award to the successful applicant(s).

Preschool Program Monitoring for Quality and Compliance

The Early Childhood Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to release a Request for Sealed Proposals (RFSP) for a vendor for the Preschool for All Children program monitoring for quality and compliance. These assessments will assist with determining program improvement needs as well as professional development needs around the state. In addition, the entity will complete compliance checklists as determined by ISBE and based on the 23 Illinois Administrative Code Part 235, Early Childhood Block Grant. The initial amount (FY 2018) term is \$1.5 million with a contract maximum total not to exceed \$8.5 million over the five-year term.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release an RFSP and award a contract to the successful offeror to procure services for program monitoring for quality and compliance. The initial term of the contract will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018. There will be four possible one-year renewals contingent upon sufficient appropriation and satisfactory contractor performance in each preceding contract year. The estimated contract total costs, including renewal, will not exceed \$8.5 million.

IDEA, Part B, Preschool Discretionary Grant Projects

The Early Childhood Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to release three FY 2018 Request for Proposals (RFPs) -- STARNET, Early CHOICES, and Child Find -- and award grants to successful applicants and to continue funding for the Parent/Infant Institutes. The discretionary grants assist school districts, special education cooperatives, and families in improving educational outcomes of young children with disabilities and meeting the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B State Performance Plan by providing training, technical assistance, materials, and/or special services. The total award over a five-year period will not exceed \$18,216,225.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release three RFPs and award the successful applicants to serve the six STARNET regions, Early CHOICES, and Child Find and to continue funding the Parent/Infant Institutes to assist in building a system that enables all children to meet the Illinois Learning Standards by grade 3 through supporting schools in establishing comprehensive Early Learning Systems. The initial term of the grants will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018. There will be four one-year renewals contingent upon a sufficient appropriation and satisfactory performance in each preceding grant year. The estimated contract total costs, including renewals, will not exceed \$18,216,225.

Early Childhood Block Grant: Prevention Initiative 0-3, Preschool for All 3-5, and Preschool for All Expansion 3-5

The Early Childhood Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to release three FY 2018 RFPs -- one for Prevention Initiative 0-3, one for Preschool for All 3-5, and one for Preschool for All 3-5 Expansion -- and to

award grant agreements to the successful applicants. Funding for the RFPs is subject to appropriation by the Illinois General Assembly.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release three RFPs and award the successful applicants. The initial term of the grants will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018. There will be four one-year renewals contingent upon a sufficient appropriation and satisfactory performance in each preceding grant year. The estimated total cost, including renewals will not exceed \$\$2,568,690,500.

Preschool Professional Development

The Early Childhood Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to release an RFP in FY 2018 for the purpose selecting an applicant to provide professional development, training, and coaching to Preschool for All and Preschool for All Expansion programs. The total grant award over a five-year period will not exceed \$8.5 million.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release an RFP and award the grant to the successful applicant to provide professional development, training, and coaching. The initial term of the grant will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018. There will be four possible one-year renewals contingent upon sufficient appropriation and satisfactory performance in each preceding year. The estimated total cost including renewal will not exceed \$8.5 million.

Early Childhood Illinois Early Learning Project Website

The Early Childhood Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to release an RFP for the Illinois Early Learning Project website. The website provides a portal for teachers, parents, and administrators to access early learning tips, guidance, FAQs, and other aids. These provide teachers, parents, and school leaders with assistance in improving their effectiveness as teachers of young students. These aids to teaching and learning also help ensure that young children will be prepared to succeed in their later learning years. The learning aids are available in different languages, ensuring that more teachers, parents, and children can access and benefit from this source of early childhood education resources.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release an RFP and award the successful applicant. The initial term of the grant will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018. There will be four one-year renewals contingent upon sufficient appropriation and satisfactory performance in each preceding year. The estimated costs, including the renewal, will not exceed \$2.5 million.

Early childhood Block Grant Community Systems Development

The Early Childhood Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to release an RFSP whereby one eligible entity will receive a contract to provide Early Childhood Community Systems Development for Illinois communities. The total award of the five year-period will not exceed \$6 million.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release an RFSP and award a contract to the successful offeror/s to procure the service for Early Childhood Community Systems Development. The initial term of the contract will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018. There will be four one-year renewals contingent upon sufficient appropriation and satisfactory contractor performance in each preceding contract year. The estimated contract total costs, including renewal, will not exceed \$6 million.

Healthy Community Investment Grants

To provide the Board information regarding funding available for Healthy Community Investment Grants and to request authorization to award grants to school districts and community organizations based upon the methodology

presented below.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to execute grant agreements with the school districts identified in Exhibit I and additionally release a Request for Proposals and award to successful community organization applicants based upon the eligibility criteria outlined in the memo.

Financial Audit Report

The Internal Audit division requests the Board accept the Office of the Auditor General's Illinois State Board of Education Financial Audit for the year ended June 30, 2016.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Jason Helfer, deputy superintendent of Teaching and Learning at ISBE, and Claudia Quezada, director of Quality School Options at ISBE, discussed the appointment recommendation from the Governor's Office of Carlos A. Pérez to the Charter School Commission.

Craig Lindvahl moved that pursuant to Article 27A-7.5(c) and 7.5(d), the State Board hereby approves the appointment of Carlos A. Pérez to the State Charter School Commission.

Collin Hitt seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Amanda Elliott, co-director of legislative affairs at ISBE, provided a brief update on the Illinois Education Funding Commission. She discussed legislative updates for the 2017 Spring Session.

ESSA UPDATE

Jason Helfer gave a brief update on the ESSA State Plan, presenting key objectives and a timeline to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Chairman Meeks presented a resolution to Curt Bradshaw recognizing his many years of service to the Illinois State Board of Education. The Board expressed its gratitude for his time and service.

Lula Ford moved that the State Board of Education approve the resolution honoring Curt Bradshaw.

Chairman Meeks seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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 as follows:

Section c (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

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

Cesilie Price seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board entered into closed session at 1:04 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports *(available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm)*

**MOTION FOR
ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Meeks moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lula Ford seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Melinda LaBarre
Board Secretary**

**Mr. James T. Meeks
Chairman**