

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
via Video Conference**

Chicago Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 14th Floor,
100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL

Springfield Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor,
100 N. First Street, Springfield, IL

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**August 16, 2017
9:00 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. Swearing-In of Susie Morrison, Board Member

III. Public Participation

IV. Resolutions and Recognition

- A. Ben Martindale, Chief Educational Officer, North Chicago School District 187

V. Presentations and Updates

- A. KIDS Update (Advance Illinois)

VI. Superintendent's Report - Consent Agenda

- A. *Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Plenary Minutes: June 14, 2017
- B. *Rules for Initial Review
 - 1. Part 650 (Charter Schools)
- C. *Rules for Adoption
 - 1. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)
- D. *Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million
 - 1. Advanced Placement Test Fee Program
 - 2. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program
 - 3. After School Matters Program Grant
 - 4. Truants' Alternative & Optional Education Program (TAOEP) Grant
 - 5. IDEA Part B Discretionary Grant – Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Collaborative/Illinois Multi-Tiered System of Supports Network Continuation Funding
 - 6. IDEA Part D State Personnel Development Grant – Illinois Multi-tiered System of Supports Network Continuation Funding
 - 7. Contract for Assessment Development, Content Management and Technical Services Provider
 - 8. Illinois Science Assessment Technology Vendor Request for Sealed Proposals October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
 - 9. Illinois Science Assessment Technology Vendor Sole Source Contract with Breakthrough Technologies

10. Illinois Science Assessment Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Trustees of
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

11. Southwest Organizing Project

End of Consent Agenda

E. Illinois Science Assessment Threshold Scores and Performance Level Descriptors

VII. Discussion Items

- A. District Oversight Update
- B. Legislative Update
- C. Budget Update
- D. ESSA Update
- E. Other Items for Discussion

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>*)

X. Closed Session (as needed)

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.

**Approved
9-14-17**

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ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Eligio Pimentel called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Dr. Tony Smith was in attendance and a quorum was present.

Members Present in Springfield

Kevin Settle
Craig Lindvahl
Susie Morrison

Members Present in Chicago

Eligio Pimentel, Vice Chairman
Cesilie Price, Secretary
Lula Ford
Ruth Cross
Jason Barclay

**RESOLUTIONS &
RECOGNITION**

There was a brief, ceremonial swearing-in for incoming Board member Susie Morrison.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Kenneth Newman, a member of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Action Council, expressed his concerns with homeschool students and physical education.

Eligio Pimentel welcomed Regional Superintendents Mark Jontry of ROE #17 and Jane Quinlan of ROE #9 to the meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS &
RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized Ben Martindale for his many years of service in the education field, including those years in the North Chicago School District as a teacher and most recently as the chief education officer. The Board recognized him for his strong leadership and advocacy for education and children.

Cesilie Price moved that the State Board of Education hereby approve the resolution honoring Ben Martindale. Ruth Cross seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**PRESENTATIONS
AND UPDATES**

Jason Helfer, deputy superintendent of Teaching and Learning at ISBE; Diana Rauner, president of Ounce of Prevention; and Amanda Dykstra, curriculum coordinator for Valley View School District #365, presented to the board on the importance of kindergarten readiness in relation to long-term school success. Amanda discussed highlights from the pilot district's experience with implementation and feedback it has received from community stakeholders. There was discussion among Board members regarding transitioning to full-day kindergarten statewide and it was suggested as a topic for the Board retreat in September.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Following discussion among Board members, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program was removed from the consent agenda for a separate 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 June 14, 2017, Board meeting.

Rules for Initial Review
Part 650 (Charter Schools)

The proposed amendments establish criteria to distribute loan funds to charter schools for certain costs incurred during the initial charter term. Specifically, all applications must be received by March 15 of each fiscal year. ISBE will make determinations on whether a charter school will receive funds within 15 days after the award determination date. Applications must include the following: A list of all applicable expenditure areas; the amount of the loan requested; a description of the proposed uses for the funds; and assurances and certifications that include funds will be used only in the specified grade level. The charter school governing board must approve a resolution authorizing the application for funds and will comply with the section of the School Code creating the Charter School Revolving Loan Fund, these rules, and the loan agreement. All loans must be repaid by the end of the initial charter term.

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*.

Rules for Adoption
Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)

The proposed amendments update the definitions of "Prescribed Screening Instrument" and "English Language Proficiency Assessment" in the rules for Transitional Bilingual Education. The screening instrument is an assessment schools use to identify English Learners and determine appropriate program placements for them. The Division of English Language Learning was recently made aware that the current screening instrument will no longer be available for use by school districts. ISBE has chosen the World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Screener (2016) as the prescribed screening instrument and ACCESS for ELLs 2.0[®] as the English language proficiency assessment. Both assessment tools were created and maintained by the WIDA Consortium, Wisconsin Center for Education Research.

The State Board of Education 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
Advanced Placement Test Fee Program

The College and Career Readiness Division in the Center for Teaching and Learning requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to use \$148,488 in Title I funds to pay for additional requests for Advanced Placement (AP) test fees for low-income students. An additional 3,907 AP exams were taken during May 2017 with a fee reduction of \$38. The College Board will receive \$148,488 to cover these test fees.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to authorize payment of \$148,488 in Title I funds to the College Board to cover additional Advanced Placement low-income test fees for the May 2017 AP Test Fee Program.

After School Matters Program Grant

The Center for Teaching and Learning requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to award a grant to After School Matters (ASM). ASM will receive a grant that exceeds \$1 million in total over the term of the grant. The total award for fiscal year 2018 will not exceed \$2,443,800.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a new Grant Agreement with After School Matters in the amount of \$2,443,800

to provide after-school programming for Chicago teens. This grant is effective upon execution to June 30, 2018.

Truants' Alternative & Optional Education Program (TAOEP) Grant

Special Education Services requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to award City of Chicago District 299 \$3.082 million for the Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program in fiscal year 2018. This will be the final year of a three-year grant cycle for the district.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award City of Chicago District 299 \$3.082 million for the FY 2018 Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program.

IDEA Part B Discretionary Grant – Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Collaborative/Illinois Multi-Tiered System of Supports Network Continuation Funding

The Division of Special Education Services requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to continue the grant with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County for \$2.5 million to support the implementation of the Illinois Multi-tiered System of Supports Network (IL MTSS Network) for one additional year.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to add one continuation year to the IDEA Part B Discretionary Grant for FY 2018 with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County for \$2.5 million to support the IL MTSS Network.

IDEA Part D State Personnel Development Grant – Illinois Multi-tiered System of Supports Network Continuation Funding

Special Education Services requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to enter into a continuation grant with Regional Office of Education (ROE) 47 for \$2,452,580, with the possibility of two one-year renewals. The total amount of this grant will not exceed \$6,694,380.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award a continuation grant with ROE 47 for \$2,452,580, with up to two one-year renewals not to exceed \$6,694,380.

Contract for Assessment Development, Content Management, and Technical Services Provider

The Assessment and Accountability Division in the Center for Teaching and Learning requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to execute a contract with New Meridian Corporation for development, content management, and technical services support for the state summative assessment in English/language arts and mathematics for the roughly 902,000 students currently in grades 3-8. The contract begins upon execution and extends through June 30, 2018, with two optional one-year renewal periods. The total contract value over the three years is not to exceed \$19,618,500.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a contract from date of execution through June 30, 2018, with two-one year renewals, with New Meridian Corporation as assessment development, content management, and technical services provider for Illinois assessments of English/language arts and mathematics in grades 3-8 for a total amount not to exceed \$19,618,500.

Illinois Science Assessment Technology Vendor Sole Source Contract with Breakthrough Technologies

The Division of Assessment and Accountability in the Center for Teaching and Learning requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to enter into a sole source contract with Breakthrough Technologies to provide services for ongoing support and development of the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

platforms. The contract amount is not to exceed \$2 million for the term of Oct. 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a sole source contract with Breakthrough Technologies for the purpose of providing services for ongoing support and development of the ISA platforms. The contract amount is not to exceed \$2 million for the term of October 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

**Illinois Science Assessment Technology Vendor Request
for Sealed Proposals July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023**

The Division of Assessment and Accountability in the Center for Teaching and Learning requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to release a Request for Sealed Proposals (RFSP) and award the contract to the lowest cost responsible offeror to provide services for ongoing support and development of the ISA platforms. The contract amount is not to exceed \$10 million for the term of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release an RFSP and award a contract to the highest scored responsible offeror for the purpose of providing services for ongoing support and development of the ISA platforms. The contract amount is not to exceed \$10 million for the term of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

**Illinois Science Assessment Intergovernmental Agreement
with the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale**

The Division of Assessment and Accountability in the Center for Teaching and Learning requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC) for services to support the ISA. The IGA will not exceed \$22.5 million for the term of Oct. 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Board of Trustees of SIUC for services to support the ISA. The IGA will not exceed \$22.5 million for the term of Oct. 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022.

Southwest Organizing Project

The Center for Teaching and Learning requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to award a grant to the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) for the Parent Mentoring Program. The total award for a one-year period will not exceed \$1,466,300. The total award over the life of grant will not exceed \$5,865,200.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Southwest Organizing Project in the amount of \$1,466,300 effective August 1, 2017, through August 31, 2018, for the Parent Mentoring Program.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.

21st Century Community Learning Centers Program

The College and Career Readiness Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to renew and extend 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grants for the Cohort Fiscal Year 2013 grantees. The total renewal award over a five-year grant term (FY 2018-22) will not exceed \$72,223,125.

Kevin Settle moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorize the State Superintendent to renew the previously funded FY 2013 21st CCLC projects for the provision of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant in an amount not to exceed \$72,223,125 over the term of five fiscal years (FY 2018-22).

**21ST CENTURY
COMMUNITY
LEARNING
CENTERS
PROGRAM**

Ruth Cross seconded the motion and it passed 7-0 on a roll call vote with Cesilie Price abstaining.

Illinois Science Assessment Threshold Scores and Performance Level Descriptors

ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT THRESHOLD SCORES AND PERFORMANCE LEVEL DESCRIPTORS

The Division of Assessment and Accountability in the Center for Teaching and Learning requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to adopt the ISA threshold/cut scores as determined by the ISBE Standard-Setting Committee composed of Illinois science educators.

Lula Ford moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorize the State Superintendent to adopt the ISA threshold/cut scores and performance levels. Cesilie Price seconded the motion and it passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

BUDGET UPDATE

Robert Wolfe, chief financial officer at ISBE, briefly updated the Board on the current FY 2018 budget. There were questions and discussion Board members and Robert regarding the status of schools operating this fall without a funding formula in place. Robert also gave a brief update on North Chicago and East Saint Louis school districts and their financial situation with the current budget.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Amanda Elliott and Sarah Hartwick, co-directors of government relations at ISBE, provided an update on legislation signed into law. Among those are legislation on initiatives regarding licensure and legislation that would enact two task forces as well as other legislative initiatives. The Pre-school Expulsion Bill was signed into law and will be enacted in January 2018. Sarah discussed the current status of Senate Bill 1947, the school funding formula bill that incorporates Governor Rauner's amendatory veto language.

ESSA UPDATE

Jason Helfer provided an update on the ESSA State Plan, specifically the recently received feedback from the U.S. Department of Education. He informed the Board that his team is working with the P-20 Council to ensure ISBE meets statutory requirements. Jason Barclay suggested more discussion with the Board before the next draft is submitted. Susie Morrison suggested that it could be discussed further at the Board's retreat in September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Superintendent Smith recognized Jeff Aranowski's for his role in guiding the emergency rule making through JCAR recently to help address the teacher shortage in Illinois.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*available online at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Fiscal-and-Administrative-Reports.aspx>*)

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Jason Barclay moved that the meeting be adjourned. Cesilie Price seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cesilie Price
Board Secretary

Mr. James T. Meeks
Chairman