

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING*

Monday, March 6
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Closed Session
- D. Proposed Rulemaking - Part 25: Certification (Certificate Renewal)

The State Board will consider and take action on recommended changes in the rules that will be proposed for certificate renewal. The rules were first considered at the February 17 meeting.**

- E. Adjourn

* The meeting will be held via **conference-call and video-conferencing**. The public may access the meeting through phone connections in **Springfield (100 N. First Street, V-Tel Room, Third Floor) and Chicago (James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, V-Tel Room, 14th Floor)**.

** [A summary of the recommended revisions to the proposed rules is attached](#)

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

State Board of Education Offices
(via conference-call and video-conferencing)
Chicago and Springfield, Illinois
March 6, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald J. Gidwitz
David P. Gomez
William E. Hill*

Marilyn McConachie
Connie Rogers*

Vincent J. Serritella*
Janet Steiner*

Glenn W. "Max" M^cGee, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandra M. Pellegrino

*Denotes those Board members connected to the meeting via conference-call.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Alison Harbour, the staff secretary to the Board office, to call the roll. Mrs. Harbour called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

(Mr. Serritella joined the meeting during the closed session at approximately 1:43 p.m.)

Chairman Gidwitz announced that proper notice was given for this special Plenary Business meeting. The news release regarding the special meeting was made on Friday, March 3.

The Chairman indicated that the purpose of the special meeting is to take action on recommended changes to the rules that will be proposed for certificate renewal.

General Counsel Michael Hernandez reported that the Board is in the middle of litigation, and there is a temporary restraining order in place. He indicated that before the Board takes action on the agenda item, he needed to brief the Board on the pending litigation.

Agenda

Item C.

The Chairman called for Agenda Item C., Closed Session.

Motion

Mrs. McConachie moved that "the State Board of Education go into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

- Section 2 (c) (1) for the purpose of discussing information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee and

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-- Section 2 (c) (11) for the purpose of discussing litigation.

She further moved that Superintendent M^CGee be included in this meeting and that the Board be authorized to invite anyone else into the meeting as needed."

Dr. Hill seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Dr. Hill - yes

Mrs. McConachie - yes

Mr. Gomez - yes

Dr. Steiner - yes

Mr. Gidwitz - yes

Mrs. Rogers - yes

The meeting went into closed session at approximately 1:38 p.m. Chairman Gidwitz reconvened the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Agenda
Item D.

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Proposed Rulemaking - Part 25: Certification (Certificate Renewal).

Chairman Gidwitz asked the Superintendent to comment on the recommendations.

Superintendent M^CGee provided a brief summary of the changes to the proposed rules regarding continuing professional development.

- On Monday evening, February 28, six provisions of the rules for continuing professional development were discussed by the State Superintendent and representatives of the State Teacher Certification Board, the Illinois Education Association, the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the State Board. The results of that discussion follow.

- Supervision of student teaching and similar activities (Section 25.875 (h))

It was agreed that 30 CPDUs (rather than 25) would be awarded for supervision of a student teacher or other teaching candidate in clinical supervision. Twelve CPDUs would continue to be credited for supervisory service connected to the pre-student-teaching practicum, whether provided to one candidate or to multiple candidates. It was agreed that 40 hours of such service would be required in order to count this activity. The latter item will be treated as separate from supervising a student teacher or other candidate in clinical supervision, which may be counted only once in five years (i.e., a teacher may receive CPDUs for both activities).

- Teaching college courses (Section 25.875 (i))

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No change was made in the provision for 20 CPDUs for teaching a college course. (According to the statute, the same course may be counted only once in five years; the language of the draft rule explains when a course will be considered "the same" as another course).

- Workshops, seminars, etc. (Section 25.875 (k))

It was agreed that the distinction between activities requiring only passive participation by those in attendance and those requiring some form of active response would be eliminated, so that 1 CPDU would be awarded for each hour of a participant's attendance at any workshop, seminar, conference, etc. (subject to the activity's relevance to the individual's plan). Consequently no "bonus points" would be available connected to the nature of any given activity. In order to claim the one CPDU per hour when a teacher turns in to the LPDC the standard form that will constitute the evidence of completion (as well as the evaluation of the activity), that form will be filled in to indicate how the teacher will use what was learned in the context of his or her teaching. [This also involves changing the wording in Section 25.855 (b) on approval of providers.]

- Travel (Section 25.875 (p))

It was agreed that, instead of an explicit limitation on the portion of the total number of CPDUs a teacher could accrue through travel, a limit of 12 per year (or 15 for teachers of foreign languages) would be established for qualifying travel. A teacher would be able to carry over extra travel from one year to another year but could not exceed the annual maximum of 12/15.

- Publishing education articles, etc. (Section 25.875 (w))

It was agreed to award different amounts of credit for writing a book, according to whether the book is technical or research-based (40 CPDUs) or of some other type (20 CPDUs). All other point values remained the same as set forth in both boards' versions of the rules, and multiple authorship will result in division of the available CPDUs among the authors as they agree.

- Districts' use of funds (Section 25.885 (a) (5))

It was agreed that the provision authorizing districts to expend the funds provided by the State Board for "other administrative costs reasonably associated with conducting the meetings of LPDCs" would not be amplified with a specific reference to stipends and the cost of substitute teachers.

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Chairman Gidwitz asked for a motion regarding the proposed rules for continuing professional development.

Motion

Mrs. McConachie moved "to amend the draft rules that the State Board of Education authorized for public comment at the February Board meeting to include the changes agreed to by the Superintendent, his staff, and the State Teacher Certification Board. Further, the Board authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rules for Certification (23 Ill. Adm. Code 25), including publication of the proposed rules in the Illinois Register."

Dr. Hill seconded the motion. The Superintendent reported that the State Teacher Certification Board unanimously approved the changes on Friday, March 3.

Vote on Motion

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Dr. Hill - yes

Mr. Gidwitz - yes

Mrs. Rogers - yes

Dr. Steiner - yes

Mr. Gomez - yes

Mr. Serritella - no

Mrs. McConachie - yes

Adjournment The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn McConachie, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman