



Illinois State Board of Education

Ernest R. Wish, State Superintendent

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Board Chairman

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION*

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SCHEDULE AND AGENDA OF MEETINGS January 16-17, 2002

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WEDNESDAY, January 16

11:00 a.m. STATE BOARD MEETING CONVENES

Lincoln Park Room, 3rd floor

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

HR 1 Overview and Implications/Federal Budget

- [Cover](#)

Noon

LUNCH

Park Avenue Café, 2nd floor

1:00 p.m.

*** Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan**

- [Cover](#)
- [Continuous Improvement Plan for Special Education](#)
- [The Challenge in Illinois: Implementing I.D.E.A. \(Individuals With Disabilities Education Act P.L. 105-17\)](#)

2:00 p.m.

*** Content Standards and Panel Recommendations**

- Middle Level Personnel
- School Service Personnel
- Directors of Special Education
- [Cover - Final Draft: Certificate Restructuring and Content-Area Standards for School Service Personnel, Special Education Directors, and Middle Level Teachers](#)
- [Middle Level Certification Report - Recommendations for Illinois Standards for the](#)

Certification of Middle Level Teachers

- Illinois Content-Area Standards for School Counselor, School Nurse, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, Director of Special Education
- Advisory Panel
- Middle Level Educator Standards-Panel Recommendations, January 2002

2:30 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. * Educator Supply and Demand Report

- Cover
- Educator Supply and Demand in Illinois-2001 Annual Report

3:30 p.m. * Cumulative Waiver Report

- Cover - 2002 Cumulative Waiver Report
- Summary of Approved Waivers and Modifications: A Cumulative Report
- Summary of Approved Waiver/Modification Requests of Rules and School Code Mandates

4:00 p.m. CLOSED SESSION

6:00 p.m. DINNER AND CLOSED SESSION
Old Town Room, 3rd floor

THURSDAY, January 17

8:00 a.m. CLOSED SESSION
Old Town Room, 3rd floor

9:30 a.m. STATE BOARD MEETING RECONVENES

9:45 a.m. School District Financial Profile Update

- Cover
- Changes in Financial Information Reported to ISBE

10:15 a.m. PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING
Lincoln Park Room, 3rd floor

A. Roll Call/Call Meeting to Order

B. Approval of Minutes: December 12-13, 2001

[Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting and Closed Session for December 12, 2001\)](#)

[Minutes of the Plenary Business Meeting for December 13, 2001](#)

[Minutes of the Special Meeting and Closed Session via video and conference call on January 4, 2002](#)

C. Public Participation

D. Action Items

1. Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan
2. Standards and Panel Recommendations
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
3. Educator Supply and Demand Report
4. Cumulative Waiver Report
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
5. Rules - Part 140 (Calculation of Excess Cost Under Section 18-3 of the School Code)
 - [Cover](#)
 - [Rules](#)

E. Announcements and Reports

1. Chair
2. Superintendent
3. Committees
4. Members

11:30 a.m. ADJOURN

11:30 a.m. LUNCH
Park Avenue Café, 2nd floor

OTHER INFORMATION

- [Illinois State Board of Education 2002 Calendar](#)

* Action Items

* All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities.

** Meetings will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
and CLOSED SESSION
DoubleTree Guest Hotel
198 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois
January 16-17, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marjorie B. Branch	Connie Rogers	Janet Steiner*
Ronald J. Gidwitz	Richard Sandsmark	Beverly Turkal
Marilyn McConachie	Vincent Serritella	

Ernest R. Wish, State Superintendent of Education and Chief Executive Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Alison Harbour, the staff secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Ms. Harbour called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

The Chairman indicated that *Dr. Steiner would be unable to attend the meeting in person this month due to an injury. He noted that she would join various parts of the meeting by telephone.

HR 1
Overview

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, HR 1 Overview and Implications/Federal Budget.

Chairman Gidwitz explained that HR 1, now Public Law 107-110, is a sweeping reform of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which is designed to ensure that "no child is left behind." He noted that the new law redefines the federal role in K-12 education by requiring all states to set high standards of achievement and create a system of accountability to measure results.

Superintendent Wish reported that Illinois already meets, wholly or in part, many of the new requirements; however, the State will need to fill in the missing pieces and redesign those that are not consistent with the federal law. He indicated that the requirements include annual testing of reading and math in grades 3-8 and once in high school, science assessment at three points between grades 3-12, and participation in the NAEP assessments of reading and math at grades 4 and 8.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Chris Koch, Gail Lieberman, and Carmen Chapman Pfeiffer assisted in responding to questions.

Closed
Session
Motion

The Chairman called for a motion to go into closed session.

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education go into a closed meeting on January 16 at 1:00 p.m. and at 5:00 p.m. and on January 17 at 8:00 a.m. 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.
- Section 2 (c) (11) for the purpose of discussing litigation.

She further moved that the Board be authorized to invite anyone else into the meeting as needed.

Mrs. McConachie 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.

Ms. Branch - yes

Mrs. Rogers - yes

Mr. Serritella - yes

Mr. Gidwitz - yes

Mr. Sandsmark - yes

Mrs. Turkal - yes

Mrs. McConachie - yes

The public meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and the Board went into a closed meeting at 1:00 p.m. The closed meeting recessed at 1:45 p.m. and the public meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Special Ed. Improvement Plan The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the five-year Plan is required by the United States Department of Education and is a condition for annual receipt of the IDEA grant. He also noted that development of the Plan began with a state self-assessment in December 2000, and has since included work by a 50-member steering committee. He explained that the draft Plan was the subject of public hearings and consultation with external consultants who have had experience in developing state plans that have already received federal approval.

The Superintendent noted that the Plan includes the following five primary goals to be accomplished in the next five years.

Goal 1: Illinois will increase by 4.5 percentage points per year, the percentage of youth with disabilities who exit school with a standard diploma (reaching 90% in the year 2007) and increase employment and/or post-secondary education opportunities.

Goal 2: Illinois will increase by 5 percentage points per year, the number of students with disabilities (3-21) who are provided Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), in general education classrooms (80% or more of the school day), and in the school they would attend if not disabled.

Goal 3: Illinois will increase by 1 percentage point per year, starting in 2003, the number of fully-certified or licensed general and special education teachers, administrators, and related services personnel who are prepared to provide FAPE in the LRE with individualized supplementary aids and services to students with disabilities.

Goal 4: Illinois will increase the meaningful, effective involvement of families in the educational process of children with disabilities as measured by analyses of survey data and progress from baselines to be established in 2002-2003.

Goal 5: Illinois will have a general supervision and monitoring system that improves student outcomes, as measured by a.) the percentage of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) monitored who are identified as being in the lower quartile on a goal measure, and b.) annual progress of monitored LEAs on the Critical Indicators (e.g., as standardized test data, drop-out rates, graduation data, etc.).

Superintendent Wish indicated that he would be asking the Board to authorize submission of the Improvement Plan to the United States Department of Education, and to modify it as directed by the federal government.

Staff member Dr. Chris Koch and Dr. Alan Coulter, a consultant who has worked closely with the development of the State Plan, described the highlights of the proposed Plan and its implications. Dr. Koch and Dr. Coulter also discussed the policy and administrative issues associated with the proposed Plan and responded to Board members' questions (see Addendum II).

Content
Standards
and Panel
Recom-
mendations

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Certificate Standards for Middle Level Teachers, School Service Personnel, and Special Education Directors.

Chairman Gidwitz stated that the Advisory Panels for each of these certification areas have been working for more than a year to develop recommendations for certification standards and on other matters related to their respective topics.

Superintendent Wish indicated that the recommendations constituted the last in a series of major standards-development initiatives related to improving the educator quality in Illinois. He noted it was his understanding that there may be some "clean up" work remaining in a few fields, but the significant development process resulting from the 1996 adoption of the Illinois Framework has been completed. He and the Board commended the dedication and quality of work of staff and the many panels associated with the overall initiative.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Chris Koch, Frank Llano, and Mike Long assisted in responding to questions (see Addendum III).

Educator
Supply and
Demand
Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Educator Supply and Demand Report.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the Educator Supply and Demand Report was required by the School Code for submission to the Governor, the General Assembly and the institutions of higher education. He noted that this Report was forwarded to the Board members under separate cover and copies were available at the meeting for the audience.

Superintendent Wish indicated that this Report will provide the following information.

1. The relative supply and demand for teachers, administrators, and other certificated personnel by field, content area and levels;
2. State and regional analyses of fields, content areas, and levels with an over/under supply of educators; and
3. Projections of likely high/low demand for educators in a manner sufficient to advise the public, individuals, and institutions regarding career opportunities in education.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Lynne Haeffele, Connie Wise, Jim Sweeney, and Richard Yong assisted in responding to questions (see Addendum IV).

Cumulative
Waiver
Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, 2002 Cumulative Waiver Report.

Chairman Gidwitz noted that the 2002 Waiver Report, which was discussed in draft form during last month's Board meeting, was the final item on the Board meeting agenda.

The Superintendent reported that the Cumulative Waiver Report was due to the Governor and the General Assembly by February 1. He noted that this year the State Board is submitting recommendations associated with legal school holidays and a recommendation to change the Report submission due dates. He stated that the Report also contains a discussion and possible solutions to the difficulties faced by districts in the administration of the Prairie State Achievement Exam and a discussion of the Board's Physical Education and Waiver policy.

The Chairman recessed the public meeting at 4:40 p.m. and the Board went into a closed meeting at 5:10 p.m. The closed meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened on January 17 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman

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

DoubleTree Guest Hotel
198 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois
January 17, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marjorie B. Branch
Ronald J. Gidwitz
Marilyn McConachie

Connie Rogers
Richard Sandsmark

Vincent J. Serritella
Beverly Turkal

Ernest R. Wish, State Superintendent of Education and Chief Executive Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Janet Steiner

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Alison Harbour, the staff secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Ms. Harbour called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

The Chairman indicated that Dr. Steiner would be unable to attend the meeting in person this month due to an injury.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Branch moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meetings held on December 12-13, 2001, and the Special meeting on January 4, 2002.

Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion, and it was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Participation

The Chairman called for Agenda Item C., Public Participation. The following individuals spoke to the Board.

Jay Runner, Facilitating Coordinator in Agricultural Education in Rantoul, Illinois, spoke to the Board regarding teacher shortage and teacher retention. Mr. Runner explained that his handout contained information which details the agricultural teacher vacancies throughout the state (see Addendum II).

Gary Arnold, representing the Illinois Coalition of Non-public Schools, spoke to the Board regarding what his organization does and what types of non-public schools are represented in the Coalition. He thanked the Board for its continued engagement with the nonpublic school community, and he also expressed appreciation for the textbook loan program and the parent transportation reimbursement program. He informed the Board that fifteen percent of the state's school population is educated in nonpublic schools. He concluded his comments by listing the following members of the Coalition.

- Ad Hoc Committee for Illinois Home Education
- Alternative Schools Network
- Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago
- Association of Christian Schools International
- Catholic Conference of Illinois (which includes the Archdiocese of Chicago)
- Community Foundation for Jewish Education
- Lutheran Schools (Evangelical, Lutheran Church of American, Missouri & Wisconsin Synod)
- Illinois Association of Christian Schools
- Illinois Montessori Society
- Independent Schools of Greater Chicago
- Islamic Schools
- Seventh Day Adventist Schools
- Solomon Schechter Day Schools
- Waldorf Schools

Heidi Biederman, representing LUDA, provided the Board and the Superintendent with information regarding her association. She thanked the Board for giving her the time to speak to them and she expressed her appreciation to Chairman Gidwitz for meeting with the LUDA superintendents on January 15. She offered the resources of LUDA and the wisdom and expertise of the superintendents. She indicated that her association feels very strongly that the new state superintendent should not be appointed until after the gubernatorial election.

Ms. Biederman stated that LUDA supports quality-balanced assessment and resources to implement staff development properly and successfully. She noted that her organization values comprehensive long-term education funding reform where every child will have an equal educational opportunity no matter where he or she lives. She told the Board that LUDA hopes the next state superintendent will have experience and demonstrated leadership and be a fierce advocate for children and public education.

Terri Devine, a parent from Orland Park, spoke to the Board regarding the Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan. Ms. Devine indicated that she is a parent of a nine-year old son with Down's Syndrome and also has a daughter in the first grade. She told the Board that her son is educated in a supported manner in a regular education classroom. She commented that she was an attorney, serves on the State Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities, is a member of the board of directors for the National Association for Down's Syndrome, and is also a member of the steering committee that began the process of creating the Special Education Improvement Plan for the State of Illinois.

Ms. Devine indicated that the State Advisory Council had held a special meeting recently and were overall supportive of the Plan, its vision, and how it can vastly improve outcomes for children in Illinois. She indicated that in the process of creating the Plan, the work group took a lot of information fundamentally from the steering committee's efforts in guiding what they needed to present to the federal government. She stated that one of the other things that the group took great guidance from was the information that they received from parents, administrators, and others via input at different public forums.

Ms. Devine stated that it was very important that this Plan be implemented in order to rally the state, parents, and the administrators. She commented that this Plan will make education better for children with special needs and will help teachers and administrators.

Ruth Henning, of Project Choices, spoke to the Board regarding the Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan. She explained that Project Choices was an initiative funded by the Illinois State Board of Education to provide technical assistance to schools on the inclusion of children with disabilities in general education settings. She also indicated that she had been a member of the work group that crafted the Plan. She thanked Dr. Chris Koch and State Board staff for being honest and courageous regarding the level of growth that is needed in Illinois and the benefits that will accrue to children through that growth.

Susan Shea, representing the Illinois Education Association (IEA), spoke to the Board regarding the Middle-Level Certificate, the certification for directors of special education, and the Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan. She asked the Board to delay voting on the Middle-Level Certificate, and she also asked the Board to have more conversations around the issue of grandfathering. She explained that a broader net should be cast to include in the grandfathering provision certificate or approve holders who are not currently employed in these positions. She indicated that IEA was very supportive of having students educated in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), and having them educated in programs where they can make the greatest gains.

Laura Arterburn, representing the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT), spoke to the Board regarding the Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan. She also welcomed Superintendent Wish and indicated that she agreed with Ms. Shea's comments regarding the Plan. She indicated that IFT is concerned about the largely quantifiable number which they believe will be a set up for potential failure. She asked the Board to either lower the number or eliminate it. She also expressed concern regarding the cost of the whole process that is going to be necessary to move students into the regular classroom.

Ms. Arterburn noted that she was glad to hear Dr. Chris Koch make the statement that LRE runs the gamut of placements from a very restricted environment, which may be the least restricted environment for that student, to the regular education classroom. She commented that LRE just doesn't mean regular education classroom but the supports that are going to be necessary and whole process of transition is a very difficult one. She reported that IFT believes that most special education departments in the various schools across the state do have the goal to get the students into the regular education classroom.

Ms. Arterburn indicated that taking a look at increasing the number of teachers that are certified in special education is also important, but it will be a tough road ahead especially with the projected teacher shortages and unstable economy. She closed her comments by informing the Board that most of the people that were a part of the (Office of Special Education Programs) OSEP committee have always fought for inclusion. She stated that she was not sure that the other side had been represented – the side that believes inclusion is not the answer in all cases.

Cynthia Woods, representing the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), spoke to the Board regarding the Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan. She stated that she had served as a member of the steering committee representing the IASB and she had been peripherally involved in the entire process. She commented that the five goals presented were indeed lofty and she applauded them. She noted that these goals had come out of lots of time and effort.

Ms. Woods said that the goals are focused and results oriented and this is what her Association likes. She praised Chairman Gidwitz's questions regarding the funding of the Plan and the right and successful way to implement it. She explained that it will be necessary to proceed cautiously with the implementation of the Plan. She commented that she also agreed with Ms. Shea and Ms. Arterburn's comments and is very concerned about the funding issue. She encouraged the Board to look at this issue further.

Donna Baiocchi, representing ED-RED, spoke to the Board regarding the Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan. She wished everyone a happy "New Year" and also welcomed Superintendent Wish. She thanked Chairman Gidwitz and Mrs. Rogers for attending a meeting at the ED-RED offices regarding the superintendent search. She indicated that the meeting had been very successful and she appreciated their participation.

Ms. Baiocchi addressed the issues regarding the draft improvement plan developed by the OSEP work group. She indicated that there had been controversy regarding the process that was used to complete the self assessment. She stated that the controversy had been greatly diminished due to the efforts of Dr. Chris Koch, Respicio Vazquez, and others. She stated that she had attended discussion meetings in December and January which helped everyone better understand the requirements that will be put upon them by the federal government. She noted that after being apprised of the rationale that was used to arrive at the five goals she now has a better understanding of the Plan.

Ms. Baiocchi stated that ED-RED cannot take a position at this time in regard to supporting this document because of the measures. She explained that ED-RED's membership is diverse and there is some discussion that still needs to be held. She disagreed with the belief that schools that receive little outside state or federal money may not be concerned with compliance. She stated that these schools do not get a lot of money from the state, but what they do get is important to them and is vital to their operation.

Ms. Baiocchi commented that federal dollars in the area of special education form a large percentage of these schools operating budgets compared to other dollars that the districts may get. She noted that the special education funding formula has been omitted in the Plan. She explained that ED-RED believes that special education funding in Illinois needs to be revised to conform to IDEA requirements and she offered ED-RED's assistance in any way possible to affect that change.

An audio tape of the meeting is available through the State Board office in Springfield (217/782-9560).

NBPTS
Donations

The Chairman added an agenda item, National Board Professional Teaching Standards Certification (NBPTS) donations.

Chairman Gidwitz acknowledged the receipt of checks from the following organizations.

Illinois Business Roundtable - \$200,000
Illinois Federation of Teachers - \$25,000
Illinois Education Association - \$25,000

The Chairman indicated that this money would be used to support the efforts of Teachers to pursue NBPTS certification. He thanked the organizations for their generous donations.

Special
Education
Improvement
Plan

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Action Items, Illinois Special Education Improvement Plan.

Chairman Gidwitz called for a motion to authorize the submission of the Plan to United States Department of Education.

Motion

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission of the Continuous Improvement Plan for Special Education to the United States Department of Education.

Mrs. McConachie 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.

Ms. Branch - yes	Mrs. Rogers - yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes	Mr. Sandsmark - yes	
Mrs. McConachie - yes	Mr. Serritella - yes	

Standards & Panel Recommendations The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Actions Items, Standards and Panel Recommendations.

Superintendent Wish asked the Board to defer action on the Middle-Level Certificate proposal for one month, pending discussion with the Regional Superintendents and with other partner and stakeholder groups.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby adopts the certificate changes and standards proposed for the director of special education and school services personnel which includes the positions of school counselor, school psychologist, school nurse, and school social worker, and authorizes staff to proceed with implementation.

Mrs. Rogers 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.

Ms. Branch - yes	Mrs. Rogers - yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes	Mr. Sandsmark - yes	
Mrs. McConachie - yes	Mr. Serritella - yes	

Educator Supply & Demand Report The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Action Items, Educator Supply and Demand Report.

Chairman Gidwitz called for a motion to approve submission of the Educator Supply and Demand Report.

Motion Mr. Serritella moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby accepts the 2001 Educator Supply and Demand Report, and authorizes its transmittal to the Governor, General Assembly, and institutions of higher education.

Mrs. McConachie 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.

Ms. Branch - yes	Mrs. Rogers - yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes	Mr. Sandsmark - yes	
Mrs. McConachie - yes	Mr. Serritella - yes	

Cumulative
Waiver
Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Action Items, Cumulative Waiver Report.

Chairman Gidwitz called for a motion to authorize the submission of the 2002 Cumulative Waiver Report.

Motion

Mrs. Turkal moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission of the 2002 Cumulative Waiver Report which addresses:

- A recommendation to allow the use of certain legal school holidays as commemorative holidays, provided appropriate instruction is presented;
- A discussion of the difficulty districts face in administering the Prairie State Achievement Exam and providing a full school day for all students, and a summary of the type of amendments that could be proposed to address these difficulties;
- A recommendations to change the due dates for the Cumulative Waiver Report and spring Waiver report to November 1 and March 1 respectively; and
- A discussion of the Board's Physical Education Policy on Waivers.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Branch.

Vote on
Motion

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

Ms. Branch - yes	Mrs. Rogers - yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes	Mr. Sandsmark - yes	
Mrs. McConachie - yes	Mr. Serritella - yes	

Rules, The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Action Items, Rules, Part 140
Part 140 (Calculation of Excess Cost under Section 18-3 of the School Code).

Motion Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed amendments to the rules for Calculation of Excess Cost under Section 18-3 of the School Code (23 Illinois Administrative Code 140), including publication of the proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register*.

Mrs. McConachie seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Branch - yes	Mrs. Rogers - yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes	Mr. Sandsmark - yes	
Mrs. McConachie - yes	Mr. Serritella - yes	

Supt. The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Action Items, Superintendent Search
Search Firm Contract (not on published agenda).
Firm
Contract Chairman Gidwitz called for a motion to approve the Search Firm Contract.

Motion Mrs. Rogers moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the award of a contract to Proact Search, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$56,493 to secure search services for the next State Superintendent of Education. Further the Board authorizes the Chairman, Ronald J. Gidwitz, to execute said contract.

Mrs. McConachie seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Branch - yes	Mrs. Rogers - yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Mr. Gidwitz - yes	Mr. Sandsmark - yes	
Mrs. McConachie - yes	Mr. Serritella - yes	

Chairman The Chairman called for Agenda Item E., Announcements and Reports, Chairman. There was nothing further to report.

Supt. The Chairman called for Agenda Item E., Announcements and Reports, Superintendent. Superintendent Wish commented that he had enjoyed his first meeting and appreciated the observations of individual Board members with respect to the matters that come before them in the Board meetings.

Committees The Chairman called for Agenda Item G., Announcements and Reports, Committees.

Mrs. Rogers stated that the Board's Search Committee would begin the process of compiling the results from the state-wide constituents meetings and start the development of defining a profile which would be presented to the Board at the February meeting. Mrs. McConachie stated that additional updates regarding the search process would also be communicated to the public. She also reported that the focus group meetings are still being held around the state regarding the superintendent search.

Ms. McConachie reported that the Strategic Planning Committee would be meeting soon to discuss changes in the Board Bylaws relative to the Board's oversight of policy action, contract action, and personnel issues. She also stated that the Committee looked forward to working with the new director of the Agency's Planning and Performance department regarding strategic planning issues.

Mrs. McConachie reported that she would be serving on the NASBE Future of High Schools Study Committee and would be attending a meeting of this group in the next couple of days. She also indicated that this Committee would be meeting three times during the year and producing a report in the fall. She commented that Mrs. Turkal would be serving on the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee, Dr. Steiner would be serving on the NASBE Study group on the Changing Face of American's School, and Ms. Branch would be serving on the NASBE Low Performing Schools Study Group.

Mrs. McConachie commented that she would be speaking on the subject of the NASBE e-Learning report at the American Software Manufacturers meeting in Washington, DC next week. She noted that the NASBE report was having considerable currency around the country. She explained that this report is being used at the university level, school level, and other places to help advance the development of policy around e-Learning issues.

Members The Chairman called for Agenda Item G., Announcements and Reports, Members. There was nothing further to report

Other Business The Chairman called for Agenda Item F., Other Business. There was nothing further to report.

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Adjournment The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman