



Illinois State Board of Education

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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Springfield, IL 62777
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SCHEDULE AND AGENDA OF MEETINGS April 17-18, 2002

**WEDNESDAY, April
17, 2002**

STATE BOARD MEETING CONVENES

State Board Room, 4th floor

11:00

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Preview of Data Warehouse

- Cover

11:45 a.m.

LUNCH

STATE BOARD MEETING RECONVENES

State Board Room, 4th floor

No Child Left Behind (P.L. 107-110) - Discussion and decision items
(Material will be distributed at the Board Meeting)

BREAK

Standard Teaching Certificate Examination

(Material will be distributed at the Board Meeting)

Rules Overview

1:00 p.m.

- Part 140: Calculation of Excess Cost
 - Cover
 - Part 140 Rules
- Part 155: Electronic Transfer of Funds
 - Cover
 - Part 155 Rules
- Part 50: Evaluation of Certified School District Employees in Contractual Continued Service
 - Cover
 - Part 50 Rules

Waiver Report to General Assembly

- Cover
- Report on Waiver of School Code Mandates (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g)

***Board Calendars, 2002 and 2003**

- Cover
- 2002 Board Calendar (with proposed changes)
- 2003 Board Calendar (proposed)

5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent's Conference Room, 4th floor

6:30 p.m.

DINNER & CLOSED SESSION

Springfield Hilton
Vista Rooms IV-V, 29th Floor

**THURSDAY, April 18,
2002**

7:30 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent's Conference Room, 4th floor

STATE BOARD MEETING RECONVENES

State Board Room, 4th floor

9:00 a.m.

State/Federal Legislative Update

- Cover
- Washington Education News - April 17, 2002

****PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING**

State Board Room, 4th floor

- A. Roll Call/Call Meeting to Order
 - o Approval of Minutes: March 20-21, 2002
 - Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting and Closed Session on March 20-21, 2002
 - Minutes of the Plenary Business Meeting on March 21, 2002
 - Minutes of the Special Board Meeting and Closed Session on March 28, 2002 (via conference call)
- B. Public Participation
- C. Immediate Action Items
 1. "No Child Left Behind" Policy Actions
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 2. Standard Teaching Certificate Examination
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 3. Waiver Report to General Assembly
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 4. District Performance Agreements
 5. Board Calendars, 2002 and 2003
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 6. Rules:
 - Part 140: Calculation of Excess Cost
 - Part 155: Electronic Transfer of Funds
 - Part 50: Evaluation of Certified School District Employees in Contractual Continued Services
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 7. Superintendent & Board Travel
- D. Announcements and Reports

10:00 a.m.

1. Chairman
 2. Superintendent
 3. Committees
 4. Members
- E. Other Information

Noon

LUNCH

Superintendent's Conference Room, 4th floor

*Action Items

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

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**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
and CLOSED SESSION**

State Board of Education Office
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois
April 17-18, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald J. Gidwitz

Judith A. Gold

Marilyn McConachie

Connie Rogers

Richard Sandsmark

Janet Steiner

Beverly Turkal

Respicio F. Vazquez, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marjorie B. Branch, Vincent J. Serritella

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 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 Ms. Branch and Mr. Serritella were unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Gidwitz announced that there was a change in the published agenda. He indicated that the Standard Teaching Certificate Examination agenda item will be discussed first, and the Data Warehouse agenda item will be discussed in the afternoon session.

Standard
Teaching
Certificate
Exam

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Standard Teaching Certificate Examination.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that this agenda item was discussed with the Board last month and with the State Teacher Certification Board on April 5. He commented that based on those discussions and further staff work, this agenda item is being presented for discussion today and for Board action tomorrow.

The Superintendent indicated that the development of a plan to meet the requirements for a Standard Certificate Examination is a "work in progress." He reported that considerable progress has already been made since last month's Board meeting, and he asked the Board for its endorsement to move forward. A copy of this agenda item material is available through the State Board office in Springfield (217/782-9560).

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Steve Tozer, of the University Illinois at Chicago, and staff member Chris Koch assisted in responding to questions (see Addendum II for Dr. Tozer's handout).

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

No Child
Left Behind
Act of 2001

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

The Chairman reported that two hours had been allocated for today's on-going discussion about the "No Child Left Behind Act" and what it means for Illinois. He noted that as the date for submission of the plans approaches (end of May), it is increasingly important for the Board to understand the key issues, to take action on critical policy matters, and to give direction to staff where it is needed.

The Superintendent reported that State Board staff has been working almost non-stop to find out more about the federal law, determine what other states are doing, consult with stakeholders about the various topics, and to develop plans for meeting the "No Child Left Behind" requirements. He indicated that today's discussion will emphasize the following four key issues:

- Adequate yearly progress;
- Goals/indicators/targets;
- Alignment of the state and federal accountability and support systems; and
- Teacher quality

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Chris Koch, Gail Lieberman, Carmen Chapman Pfeiffer, and Sheryl Poggi assisted in responding to questions (see Addendum II for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation). A copy of this agenda item material is available through the State Board office in Springfield (217/782-9560).

Data
Warehouse

Chairman Gidwitz called for Agenda Item, Data Warehouse.

The Chairman reported that this agenda item is a preview of the staff plans for a data warehouse within the Illinois State Board of Education. He commented that this topic is important for many reasons, including the ever-increasing need to have data that is appropriate and usable for decision-making.

Superintendent Vazquez explained that the State Board of Education collects a huge amount of data. He noted that the collection and management of that data has traditionally been spread throughout the Agency, with each management unit collecting the data relevant to its responsibilities. He commented that this system has resulted in a number of problems, including a large data burden on schools and the Agency, redundant data collection, and an inability to get an accurate profile for a given district or school.

The Superintendent reported that the Agency has also found that it is not in a good position to analyze the data it does have and to use this data for decision-making. He explained that this problem relates to the nature of the data and how it has been collected and stored, and the amount of time staff spend on data collection rather than on analysis. He said that the Agency reorganization was the first step toward resolving these problems. This reorganization effort has started the process of putting data management into a single division under staff member Lugene Finley.

Superintendent Vazquez commented that the Agency has also charged the former research unit with responsibility for data analysis and progress reporting. He noted that the second step is to identify and analyze all of the data elements that will be required to collect by the "No Child Left Behind Act." He said that through that process, the Agency will identify which data that is most important, which can be discarded, and which needs to be added. He reported that the third step is to build a data warehouse.

The Superintendent asked staff members to discuss the data warehouse proposal, and he asked the Board to provide staff with feedback on the idea and endorse the general direction of this initiative.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Lugene Finley, Terry Chamberlain, and Connie Wise assisted in responding to questions.

Rules
Overview

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Rules Overview, Part 140: Calculation of Excess Cost; Part 155: Electronic Transfer of Funds; and Part 50: Evaluation of Certified School District Employees in Contractual Continued Service.

Superintendent Vazquez indicated that the first set of rules for consideration was Part 140 – Calculation of Excess Cost. He noted that these rules were presented to the Board in January and now need final action. He commented that there had been no substantive comments from the public, and the proposal for action is exactly the same as it was in January.

The Superintendent reported that these rules reflect the statutory change to Section 18-3 of the School Code that makes reimbursement available for educational services provided during the summer to groups of students who reside in settings such as detention centers and orphanages. He indicated that these rules define the summer term and the period to be covered by each claim.

The Superintendent reported that the second set of proposed rules is Part 155 – Electronic Transfer of Funds. He indicated that these rules also reflect statutory changes which made electronic transfer of funds due to local districts from the state mandatory rather than optional. He noted that local school districts are still able to request that their funds be transferred to their Regional Office of Education; however, if they choose to do so, the local board must review that decision every two years. He explained that some Regional Superintendents would like the rules to allow funds due to other entities, such as non-public schools, to be transferred through their offices.

Superintendent Vazquez said that these rules do not go beyond the law, which provides such an option only for school districts. He indicated that if the Board endorses the proposed rules, they will be distributed for public comment.

The Superintendent said that the final set of proposed rules deals with the evaluation of certified school district employees in continual contractual service – the official term for tenure. He indicated that these rules again reflect statutory changes. He noted that the law was changed to require evaluation of a teacher who has received an unsatisfactory evaluation every 30 days for a period totaling 90 school days. He explained that the previous law required such evaluations quarterly during the year following such an evaluation.

Superintendent Vazquez stated that if the Board endorses the proposed rules, they will be distributed for public comment.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members Chris Koch, Sally Vogl, Marcia Sailsbury, and Winnie Tuthill assisted in responding to questions.

Waiver
Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Waiver Report to the General Assembly.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that staff has prepared the draft spring Waiver Report to the General Assembly, as well as a cover memo providing background and rationale for the Superintendent's recommendations.

The Superintendent stated that the Waiver Report is primarily focused on the 57 waiver requests that must be transmitted to the General Assembly for its action. He commented that these requests cover eleven areas, with the majority dealing with administrative cost limitations and physical education. He indicated that the following three requests are being recommended for legislative disapproval.

- 1) Antioch High School has asked to administer an assessment other than the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE).
- 2) Savanna Community Unit School District #300 has asked for a waiver of the five-clock hour requirement for students attending the regional safe school that serves their district.
- 3) Freeport Community Unit School District #145 has asked for a waiver of the five-clock hour requirement for students attending the regional safe school that serves their district.

Superintendent Vazquez stated that the Savanna and Freeport requests are renewals of previously approved waivers. He noted that several events that followed the original approvals suggest that the legislature expects students to meet the five-clock hour requirement for average daily attendance. He indicated that although these districts have had a waiver for five years, they have made little progress in modifying the Regional Safe School Program to meet the statutory requirements. He explained that for these reasons, the two requests should be disapproved.

The Superintendent stated that the other major focus of the staff report is the physical education waiver requests. He asked staff members Chris Koch, Shelley Helton, and Winnie Tuthill to comment on this topic and answer any other questions that the Board members may have.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

Board Meeting Calendars, 2002 & 2003 The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Board Meeting Calendars, 2002 and 2003. Chairman Gidwitz asked Mrs. Rogers to comment on the proposed calendar changes for 2002 and the recommended calendar for 2003. She reported that the 2002 calendar changes will allow Board members to participate in the Annual Superintendents Conference in September, the Triple I Conference in November, and will reduce meeting costs. She also indicated that the adoption of the 2003 calendar will allow staff to make meeting arrangements that will maximize budgetary savings.

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 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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mrs. Rogers – yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Ms. Gold – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Dr. Steiner – yes	

The public meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m., and the Board went into a closed meeting at 4:45 p.m. The closed meeting recessed at 8:30 p.m., and the public meeting reconvened on April 18 at 9:05 a.m.

The Chairman announced that there was a change in the published agenda. He indicated that the Deloitte and Touche Report presentation was being postponed until the May or June Board meeting.

State &
Federal
Legislative
Update

Chairman Gidwitz called for Agenda Item, State and Federal Legislative Update.

The Superintendent reported that although the state legislative agenda is dominated by budget issues, numerous other educational issues are being considered in the General Assembly. He also noted that the federal legislative agenda is also focused on budget issues, with early action in the House of Representatives based on President Bush's education budget of a 2.8% increase over FY 2002.

Staff member Pete Leonis reported on the status of education bills and budget discussions in the Illinois General Assembly. Staff member Randy Burge discussed the "Washington Education News" summary, which was printed in the Board meeting materials.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

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

Adjournment The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman

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

State Board of Education Office
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois
April 18, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald J. Gidwitz
Judith A. Gold
Marilyn McConachie

Connie Rogers
Richard Sandsmark

Janet Steiner
Beverly Turkal

Respicio F. Vazquez, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marjorie B. Branch, Vincent J. Serritella

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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.

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that Ms. Branch and Mr. Serritella were unable to attend the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Steiner moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the March 20-21 and March 28, 2002, meetings as published.

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 and Jim Guilinger, representing the Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE), spoke to the Board regarding agricultural education. Mr. Runner provided the Board with copies of the FY 2002 Agricultural Education Incentive Funding Summary. He indicated that this report summarizes the funding that goes to the local school districts on an annual basis through the agricultural education line item. He commented that this report shows the impact of the funding, what the funding is used for, and how the funding is used to implement performance standards.

Zanele Sibanda, representing Chicago United and the Illinois Business Roundtable, spoke to the Board regarding the Standard Teaching Certificate. She encouraged the Board to adopt a single and uniform process that encourages teachers to develop and demonstrate the set of knowledge and skills that are articulated in the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards.

Ms. Sibanda also encouraged the Board to develop a system that demonstrates the Board's commitment to teacher quality and moves teachers toward the highest competencies.

Howard Heath, representing the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU), spoke to the Board regarding the physical education waiver. He told the Board that he been a teacher and a coach before taking his present job with the CTU. He indicated that coaching had been just as important to him as his classroom teaching. He noted that physical education improves cardio vascular function, bone density, and may enhance academic performance. He encouraged the Board to think very seriously about eliminating the junior and senior year of physical education for the schools in Chicago.

Laura Arterburn, representing the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT), spoke to the Board regarding the Standard Teaching Certificate and waivers. She reported that the IFT supports the Illinois Education Association's proposal for moving from the Initial to the Standard Teaching Certificate. She also praised Dr. Steve Tozer's presentation at the Board meeting on Wednesday. She indicated that IFT's concern has always been that brand new teachers should be nurtured rather than have continuous gauntlets thrown at them during the first four years of teaching.

Ms. Arterburn commented that her organization is disappointed that the Standard Examination Committee has not met since last fall to further negotiate this issue. She indicated that the IFT agrees with the State Board regarding the need to focus on induction and mentoring rather than anything else. She noted that her organization also understands that the budget constraints will change this year's priorities. She indicated that the IFT was pleased with the new policy regarding waivers but she did not see any changes regarding which waivers are approved.

Stephen Riley, representing Omnibus Educational Management, spoke to the Board regarding "Operation College Bound." He shared a handout with the Board members regarding this new endeavor and discussed its content (see Addendum II).

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

No Child
Left Behind
Policy
Actions

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Policy Actions.

Chairman Gidwitz called for the motion regarding NCLB adequate yearly progress.

Motion

Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the following method to establish benchmarks for adequate yearly progress.

By this method,

- The state ranks schools by reading scores and again by mathematics scores based on 2002 state test data;
- The state, counting from the bottom of each ranked list, identifies schools that comprise 20% of the student population; and
- The percentage of students that meet and that do not meet the Standards at the 20% student population level will become the benchmark for adequate yearly progress calculations.

Furthermore, the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to work with Illinois partners and with representatives from other states to further define adequate yearly progress implementation issues and find suitable solutions that benefit students.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes

Mrs. Rogers – yes

Mrs. Turkal – yes

Ms. Gold – yes

Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mrs. McConachie – yes

Dr. Steiner – yes

The Chairman called for the motion regarding NCLB performance goals.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the federal performance goals and indicators and sets targets as recommended by the State Superintendent. The State Board further directs staff to pilot the use of these indicators and targets using existing data and to connect the language of the federal law with language currently used in Illinois.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mrs. Rogers – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Dr. Steiner – yes	

The Chairman called for the motion regarding the NCLB corrective actions and system of support.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby directs staff to align the state accountability system to the federal system, with particular emphasis on aligning the corrective actions for schools with chronic academic problems.

The Board further directs staff to align the state system of support for such schools to the federal requirements.

Dr. Steiner 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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mrs. Rogers – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Dr. Steiner – yes	

The Chairman called for the motion regarding the NCLB high quality personnel.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education endorses the proposed Illinois definition for a “highly qualified teacher,” the proposed qualifications and duties of paraprofessionals, and directs staff to disseminate this information to all stakeholders.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes

Mrs. Rogers – yes

Mrs. Turkal – yes

Ms. Gold – yes

Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mrs. McConachie – yes

Dr. Steiner – yes

Standard
Teaching
Certificate
Exam

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Standard Teaching Certificate Examination.

The Chairman indicated that the Board was deferring final action on this agenda item until the Superintendent had additional discussions with stakeholders and legislators. He called for a motion to give Superintendent Vazquez detailed direction regarding this agenda item.

Motion

Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to engage in negotiations on pending legislation, instructed by the following principles:

- Inclusion of induction and mentoring programs;
- Use of four semester hours of ISBE-approved graduate level coursework and National Board for Professional Teaching Standards coursework;
- Exploration of use of the Praxis III Examination; and
- Exploration of other alternatives that are aligned with the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards.

Furthermore, beginning July 1, 2003, persons with an Initial Certificate who have completed four years of teaching will have to comply with the process established according to the principles as stated.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes

Mrs. Rogers – yes

Mrs. Turkal – abstain

Ms. Gold – yes

Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mrs. McConachie – yes

Dr. Steiner – abstain

Waiver
Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Waiver Report to the General Assembly.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that during yesterday's Board meeting, the Board discussed recommendations regarding the waiver requests to be transmitted to the General Assembly as part of the spring Waiver Report. He noted that the Superintendent has advised the Board to recommend legislative disapproval of three waivers requests: Antioch High School, Savanna School District, and Freeport School District. The Chairman called for a motion regarding this agenda item.

Motion

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the proposed spring 2002 Waiver Report to the General Assembly, limiting all of the physical education waivers to one year, along with recommendations for General Assembly disapproval of the waiver requests submitted by Antioch Community High School District 117, Savanna Community Unit School District 300, and Freeport Community Unit School District 145. The staff is directed to submit the report and the recommendations for legislative disapproval to the General Assembly on or before May 1, 2002.

The Board also requests its acting General Counsel to send a written legal opinion to the General Assembly and to also request a written legal opinion from the Illinois Attorney General on the General Assembly's authority to grant physical education waivers for a one-year period.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes

Mrs. Rogers – no

Mrs. Turkal – yes

Ms. Gold – yes

Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mrs. McConachie – yes

Dr. Steiner – yes

Performance Agreements The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Performance Agreements.

The Superintendent stated that one of the major challenges facing the State Board and local school districts is how to turn around those schools with chronic academic problems. He noted that one of the key strategies the State Board plans to use is a "District Performance Agreement" that will provide a framework for local and state efforts.

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

Chairman Gidwitz called for a motion regarding this agenda item.

Motion Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby endorses the development of "District Performance Agreements" between the State Board of Education and local school districts with one or more schools in chronic academic difficulty.

Furthermore, these agreements will serve as a commitment to and framework for action by the district and its chronically failing school(s), and as a template for the State Board's technical assistance to and monitoring of district and school-level efforts.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mrs. Rogers – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Dr. Steiner – yes	

Board Calendars 2002 & 2003 The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Board Calendars for 2002 and 2003.

Chairman Gidwitz called for a motion to approve the Board meeting calendar changes for 2002 and adopt the proposed Board meeting calendar for 2003.

Motion Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the proposed changes to the adopted 2002 calendar:

August 21-22----- Springfield (instead of Chicago)
September 18-19----- Springfield (instead of Chicago)
November 21----- Chicago (instead of Nov. 20-21)

Furthermore, the Board approves the proposed calendar for 2003, as follows:

January 15-16----- Chicago
February 19-20----- Springfield
March 19-20 ----- Springfield
April 16-17 ----- Springfield
May 14-15 ----- Springfield
June 19-21----- Oak Brook (Annual Work Conference)
July----- No Meeting
August 20-21 ----- Springfield
September 17-18 ----- Springfield
October 22-23 ----- Southern Illinois
November 20 ----- Chicago
December 17-18 ----- Chicago

Dr. Steiner 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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mrs. Rogers – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Dr. Steiner – yes	

Rules, Part 140 The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Rules, Part 140: Calculation of Excess Cost.

Chairman Gidwitz called for a final action motion on this agenda item.

Motion Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:

Calculation of Excess Cost under Section 18-3 of the School Code (23 Illinois Administrative Code 140).

Furthermore, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent to make such technical or nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mrs. Rogers – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Dr. Steiner – yes	

Rules, Part 155 The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Rules, Part 155: Electronic Transfer of Funds.

Chairman Gidwitz called for a motion regarding this agenda item.

Motion Dr. Steiner moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for:

Electronic Transfer of Funds (23 Illinois administrative Code 155), including publication of the proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register*.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers.

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

Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mrs. Rogers – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Dr. Steiner – yes	

Rules,
Part 50

Chairman Gidwitz called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Rules, Part 50: Evaluation of Certified School District Employees in Contractual Continued Service.

The Chairman called for a motion regarding this agenda item.

Motion

Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for:

Evaluation of Certified School District Employees in Contractual Continued Service (23 Illinois Administrative Code 50), including publication of the proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register*.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes

Mrs. Rogers – yes

Mrs. Turkal – yes

Ms. Gold – yes

Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mrs. McConachie – yes

Dr. Steiner – yes

Supt. &
Board
Travel
Motion

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Superintendent and Board Travel.

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the travel expenses of the State Superintendent and Board members, as presented.

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.

Mr. Gidwitz – yes

Mrs. Rogers – yes

Mrs. Turkal – yes

Ms. Gold – yes

Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mrs. McConachie – yes

Dr. Steiner – yes

Resolution of Appreciation Chairman Gidwitz called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Resolution of Appreciation for staff member Kathy Nicholson-Tosh (not on published agenda).

The Chairman indicated that the Board wanted to express its appreciation to staff member Kathy Nicholson-Tosh. He explained that Ms. Nicholson-Tosh has accepted the position of Acting Division Administrator for Staff Development within the Agency.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the following resolution in appreciation for the service of Kathy Nicholson-Tosh as the Board's Executive Assistant.

Resolution of Appreciation

Whereas, Kathy Nicholson-Tosh has served as the Executive Assistant for the Illinois State Board of Education for two years; and

Whereas, during this time, Kathy has also provided leadership for project teams, Agency staff development and the integration of Baldrige principles into Illinois education; and

Whereas, Kathy's dedication to these multiple responsibilities could be measured by the following data: hours spent at the office (in double digits every day); the number and weight of the briefcases she carried everywhere (so many and so heavy that the carrier cart ultimately couldn't be lifted into the car); cell phone calls to Board members and staff during the drive time between Bloomington and Springfield (number known only to phone company – but they began as soon as she got in the car and ended only when she reached her destination); e-mails sent in the middle of the night (more than we could believe when we opened them in the morning); and cups of coffee consumed (countless); and

Whereas, in carrying out these responsibilities, Kathy has personified the Board's commitment to collaboration, always consulting with each individual or group with an interest in an issue and working to bring them together to support common goals; and

Whereas, Kathy's service to the Board has also been distinguished by her attention to detail, her responsiveness to the needs and requests of individual Board members, and her graciousness as the Board's representative in a variety of settings; and

Whereas, despite the importance of these characteristics and contributions, Kathy has been best known and will be most remembered for her positive and cheerful nature, her optimistic and constructive approach to every issue, and the joyful smiles and greetings that lifted the spirits of all around her; and

Whereas, Kathy, as an acting division administrator, is now assuming responsibility for developing a state-of-the-art system of staff development for Agency personnel, a goal that has been of great personal interest to her for years and a challenge for which she is exceptionally qualified;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the members of the State Board of Education extend their individual and collective appreciation to Kathy Nicholson-Tosh for having made “service with a smile” a way of life rather than a slogan; and

Further be it resolved, that the Board wishes Kathy great success in whatever role she assumes in the Agency. She deserves it and will no doubt earn it.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandsmark.

Vote on
Motion

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

Mr. Gidwitz – yes

Mrs. Rogers – yes

Mrs. Turkal – yes

Ms. Gold – yes

Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mrs. McConachie – yes

Dr. Steiner – yes

Chairman

The Chairman called for Agenda Item E., Announcements and Reports, Chairman.

Chairman Gidwitz extended the Board’s best wishes to the following individuals:

- Philip Rock, retiring as Chairman of the Board of Higher Education;
- Keith Sanders, retiring as Executive Director for the Board of Higher Education;
- Jane Williamson, long-time Board of Higher Education and Joint Education Committee member, who has resigned to move to New York;
- Daniel LaVista, new Board of Higher Education Executive Director; and
- Senator John Maitland, who has been selected by the State Board as the 2002 recipient of the Lou Mervis Award for distinguished service to Illinois education.

Supt. The Chairman called for Agenda Item E., Announcements and Reports, Superintendent.

Superintendent Vazquez commented that he had attended the Those Who Excel Banquet on Saturday, April 13. He indicated that it had been a great, uplifting event with many people in attendance. He announced that Robert Grim, a teacher at Palatine Fremd High School, had been selected as the State Board of Education Teacher of the Year (TOY).

He noted the USDE Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) would be monitoring special education programs in Illinois during the week of April 22. He announced that new staff member Anthony Sims had been hired as Director of Specialized Support Programs. He also reported that a collaboration of the Illinois Association of School Administrators and the State Board had resulted in the Illinois Education Job Bank – an interactive vacancy list with job openings in Illinois for teachers, administrators, school service personnel and non-certified school personnel (www.iasaedu.org/jobbank).

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

Chairman Gidwitz announced that he and Ms. Gold would need to leave for the airport at this time, and he asked Mrs. McConachie to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Mrs. Rogers reported that the following topics would be discussed at the next Board Operations Committee meeting in May.

- Board Bylaws;
- Recommendation of NASBE officers; and
- Middle School Standards/Certificate meetings with the Regional Superintendents.

Mrs. McConachie indicated that she hoped the Strategic Planning Committee would have the opportunity to meet next week. She also commented that there would be an agenda sent out in advance of the meeting with several discussion topics.

Members The Vice Chair called for Agenda Item E., Announcements and Reports, Members.

Mr. Sandsmark indicated that he planned to attend the NASBE New Board Member Institute in July. Mrs. McConachie and Mrs. Rogers encouraged him to attend this “worthwhile and outstanding” training.

Mrs. Rogers reported that she had the privilege of handing out the awards at the Golden Apple Scholars banquet. She commented that it was very encouraging to see the excitement of new people who want to enter the teaching profession. She also noted that she hears over and over how important the Golden Apple mentoring program is to the success of new teachers – especially during first five years of teaching.

Mrs. Turkal announced that the East Richland School District had been recognized for high scores on the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) for the southern third of the state.

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

Adjournment The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman