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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SCHEDULE AND AGENDA OF MEETINGS May 15-16, 2002

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WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2002

11:00 a.m. STATE BOARD MEETING CONVENES

State Board Room, 4th floor

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Presentation of Student Advisory Council

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11:45 a.m. LUNCH with Student Advisory Council

1:00 p.m. STATE BOARD MEETING RECONVENES

State Board Room, 4th floor

*"No Child Left Behind" Progress Report

Discussion items:

- Choice Policy
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- Update on Various Plans (e.g., Technology Plan)
 - [Cover](#)

*Middle Level Standards/Certificate

- [Cover](#)

BREAK

*Rules Overview

- Part 23: Standards for School Service Personnel Certificate (*Adoption*)
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 - [Part 23 Rules](#)
- Part 252: Driver Education (*Adoption*)
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 - [Part 252 Rules](#)
- Part 375: Student Records (*Initial Review*)
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 - [Part 375 Rules](#)

***YouthBuild Charter School**

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***Spring Lake Financial Decertification**

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***Election of NASBE Officers**

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- [2003 NASBE Board of Directors Election](#)

***Board Bylaws**

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5:00 p.m. CLOSED SESSION
Superintendent's Conference Room, 4th floor

6:30 p.m. DINNER & CLOSED SESSION
Renaissance Hotel

THURSDAY, May 16, 2002

7:30 a.m. CLOSED SESSION (if needed)
Superintendent's Conference Room, 4th floor

9:00 a.m. STATE BOARD MEETING RECONVENES
State Board Room, 4th floor

State/Federal Legislative Update

Budget Report

10:00 a.m. **PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING

State Board Room, 4th floor

- A. Roll Call/Call Meeting to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes: April 17-18, 2002

[Minutes of the State Board of Education Meeting and Closed Session on April 17-18, 2002](#)

[Minutes of the Plenary Business Meeting on April 18, 2002](#)

- C. Public Participation
- D. Immediate Action Items
 - 1. "No Child Left Behind" Policy Actions
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 - 2. Middle Level Standards/Certificate
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 - 3. Rules:
 - Part 23: Standards for School Service Personnel Certificate
 - Part 252: Driver Education
 - Part 375: Student Records

(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 - 4. YouthBuild Charter School
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 - 5. Spring Lake Financial Decertification
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 - 6. Election of NASBE Officers
(See Wednesday's Agenda)
 - 7. Board Bylaws (See Wednesday's Agenda)
- E. Announcements and Reports
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Superintendent
 - 3. Committees
 - 4. Members
- F. Other Information
 - 1. [Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking](#)
 - 2. Standard Certificate Examination
 - [Cover](#)
 - [Amendment to House Bill 1436](#)
 - 3. [Board Calendars](#)

Noon

LUNCH

Superintendent's Conference Room, 4th floor

* Action Items

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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
May 15-16, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marjorie B. Branch
Ronald J. Gidwitz
Judith A. Gold

Marilyn McConachie
Connie Rogers
Richard Sandsmark

Vincent J. Serritella
Janet Steiner
Beverly Turkal

Respicio F. Vazquez, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by the Vice Chair, Mrs. McConachie 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 Vice Chair indicated that Chairman Gidwitz and Superintendent Vazquez had been delayed due to meetings at the Capitol. She also noted that Ms. Branch would join the meeting during lunch, Ms. Gold would join the meeting by telephone, and Mr. Sandsmark would join the meeting on Thursday.

**Student
Advisory
Council**

The Vice Chair called for Agenda Item, Student Advisory Council.

Vice Chair McConachie welcomed the members of the State Board of Education's Student Advisory Council (SAC), and she explained that the SAC would present their annual report and join the Board for lunch.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

The Vice Chair presented certificates of recognition to the students and the advisors, and acknowledged staff member Marilyn Holt, who is leaving the Agency to become District Superintendent of the East Richland School District in Olney.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

“No Child Left Behind” Progress Report The Vice Chair called for Agenda Item, “No Child Left Behind” Progress Report.

The Vice Chair reported that this will be the last Board discussion of the “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) Act requirements prior to submission of the consolidated state plan in June. She noted that issues for which Board direction or decisions are needed must be discussed at this meeting. She commented that Board members should have received e-mail and paper copies of the two NCLB documents.

The Chairman joined the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Staff members Chris Koch and Gail Lieberman provided a status report on NCLB activities and presented two issues related to the NCLB Choice requirements.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members’ input. Staff members assisted in responding to questions.

Staff members Chris Koch and Dick Miguel presented issues related to the technology part of the consolidated state application (see Addendum II and III for copies of the meeting materials and PowerPoint presentation.)

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members’ input. Staff members assisted in responding to questions.

Ms. Branch joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m., and Superintendent Vazquez joined the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Middle Level Standards/Certificate The Chairman Called for Agenda Item, Middle Level Standards/Certificate.

The Chairman reported that the issue of certification requirements for middle school teachers has been before the Board on several occasions over the past two years. He indicated that the Board hopes to bring closure to these discussions by taking action on the recommendations presented by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported that following the last Board meeting discussion of this topic, staff met with a committee of regional superintendents to discuss their concerns. He also commented that several Board members have held focus group meetings with local educators to determine their reaction to the proposed middle level certification. He explained that as a result of these discussions, staff has developed a slightly modified proposal that provides a hold harmless provision for current middle school teachers, and an extended timeline for transition from the current endorsement to the new certificate.

Superintendent Vazquez reported that the regional superintendents believe that this plan is reasonable and adequately addresses their concerns. He noted that the proposal before the Board today would put Illinois on the road to assuring the appropriateness of the training provided for middle school teachers. He indicated that at the same time, the proposal takes into consideration concerns about teacher shortage and the need for a transition period that will not put schools or teachers in untenable positions.

The Superintendent commented that some Board members heard from constituents that they were unaware of this proposal. He indicated that the State Board had sent out thousands of announcements and requests for reactions. He said that if the Board adopts this proposal, whose main component creates a new middle level certificate and the concurrent redefinition of the grade levels of the current K-9 and 6-12 certificates, we will need to secure a change in the law. He explained that this means that the other elements of the proposal are dependent on the General Assembly's decision.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Dr. Debra Curtis, from Illinois State University, and staff members Chris Koch and Mike Long assisted in responding to questions.

Rules
Overview

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Rules Overview, Part 23: Standards for School Service Personnel; Part 252: Driver Education; and Part 375: Student Records.

The Chairman reported that there were three sets of rules to consider at today's meeting – two for final adoption at tomorrow's meeting and one to be sent out for public comment.

The Superintendent indicated that the first set of rules deal with the standards for certification of school service personnel. He noted that the State Board did receive some public comment on these proposed rules. He said that the driver education rules were ready for final Board action, and the last set of rules to be considered deal with student records.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

YouthBuild
Charter
School

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, YouthBuild Charter School.

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that the Rockford YouthBuild Charter School proposal was denied by the Rockford School District and then appealed to the state level. He noted that during the Board's initial discussion of this issue, questions were raised which required additional information. He said that the fact-finding process has now been completed, and the Superintendent is ready to make his recommendation.

The Superintendent commented that the state level appeal panel found that the reasons for the denial of the Rockford YouthBuild Charter school proposal were without merit, the proposal is in compliance with the charter school law, and the proposal is in the best interests of the students it is designed to serve. He noted that he had independently reviewed all of the evidence presented in this case, and he said that he concurs with the appeal panel. He said that he was recommending that the Board overturn the denial of this proposal and award a charter school to the Rockford YouthBuild Charter School.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members David Wood, Gary Anderson, and Janet Allison assisted in responding to questions.

Spring
Lake
Decerti-
fication

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Spring Lake Financial Decertification.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that it was gratifying to take up a "good news" agenda item. He noted that the Spring Lake School District has been able to get its financial house in order well enough to petition for removal of its designation as a district "in financial difficulty." He commented that the Board will officially take action on the Spring Lake petition at tomorrow's meeting.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

Election of
NASBE
Officers The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Election of NASBE Officers.
Chairman Gidwitz reported that each State Board that is a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education or "NASBE" is authorized to cast a collective vote for each of the officers of the organization.

Mrs. Rogers explained that the Board was recommending the following candidates:

President – Alma Allen, Texas
Vice President – Keith Johnson, Louisiana
Central Area Director – Bev Peterson, Nebraska

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

Board
Bylaws The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Board Bylaws.
Chairman Gidwitz called on Mrs. McConachie for discussion of the proposed changes to the Bylaws. She reported that the Board and its committees have engaged in several discussions about changes to the Board Bylaws, primarily in the role and responsibilities of Board committees. She noted that the final vote on the proposed changes will be scheduled for June.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

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.
- Section 2 (c) (4) to consider the evidence presented in open hearing regarding the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the appeal of the YouthBuild Charter School proposal.

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

Ms. Branch 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. McConachie – yes	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mrs. Rogers – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Ms. Gold – not present to vote	Mr. Serritella – 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 May 16 at 9:15 a.m.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Sandsmark had joined the meeting, and Ms. Gold would be participating by phone.

State &
Federal
Legislative
Update

Chairman Gidwitz called for Agenda Item, State and Federal Legislative Update. The Chairman called on staff to update the Board on this agenda item.

Staff member Pete Leonis reported on the status of education bills and budget discussions in the Illinois General Assembly. Staff member Randy Burge discussed federal legislative issues.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

Budget
Report

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Budget Report.

Chairman Gidwitz called on staff member David Wood to update the Board on this agenda item.

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 9:55 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
May 16, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marjorie B. Branch

Connie Rogers

Janet Steiner

Ronald J. Gidwitz

Vincent J. Serritella

Beverly Turkal

Marilyn McConachie

Richard Sandsmark

Respicio F. Vazquez, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judith A. Gold

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. Gold might possibly be able to join the meeting by phone, and Superintendent Vazquez would have to leave the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to meet with legislators.

The Chairman announced that a motion regarding the Student Advisory Council has been added to today's agenda for immediate action.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the April 17-18, 2002, Work Session and the Plenary Business meeting on April 18, 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.

Stephen Riley, representing Omnibus Educational Management, spoke to the Board regarding Operation: College Bound and President John F. Kennedy. He shared a handout with the Board members regarding these two topics and discussed its content (see Addendum II).

Chairman Gidwitz asked for a moment of silence to remember Jim Guilinger – a regular participant in this part of the meeting and a good friend to education. He explained that Mr. Guilinger had died last week and although he will be missed, his efforts on behalf of agriculture education form a legacy that will be long-remembered.

Jay Runner, representing Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE), spoke to the Board regarding agricultural education. He also noted the passing of Jim Guilinger and acknowledged that Mr. Guilinger's total career had been to advance agricultural education in Illinois and throughout the United States. He introduced Mr. Jeff Beavers from the University of Illinois who spoke to the Board regarding his insight about agricultural education.

Jim Hess, representing the Rockford School District, spoke to the Board regarding the Rockford YouthBuild Charter School application. He indicated that he was very concerned about the economics of the YouthBuild proposal, and he noted that the Rockford School District has been providing alternative education programs for years. He said that if this charter school application is granted the Rockford District will lose over a million dollars in the next five years.

Bindu Batchu, Technology Associate of the Network 21/Metropolitan Planning Council, spoke to the Board regarding education technology initiatives (see Addendum III).

Kerry Knodle, Executive Director of Comprehensive Community Solutions, spoke to the Board regarding the Rockford YouthBuild Charter School. He asked the Board to approve and support the YouthBuild application. He said that he believes this charter school will be in the best interest of the young people that live in the Rockford School District.

Paul Seibert, representing Charter Consultants of Belleville, spoke to the Board regarding the YouthBuild Charter School. He told the Board that he supported the approval of the YouthBuild proposal. He said that the State Board's Appeals Panel and Superintendent Vazquez have found this proposal to be compliant with statutory requirements for state approval. He said that this proposal would be one of the most cost effective programs that could be implemented for the district.

Deborah Curtis, from ISU, spoke to the Board regarding the middle level standard certificate. She indicated that she had been involved with middle level schools for 28 years – 10 years in the public schools and 18 years preparing teachers. She stated that middle level education is the last best chance to reach many young learners. She explained that research tells us that if students disconnect at this time in their educational careers, we will not stand much of a chance of reengaging them later. She indicated that we need teachers that are prepared to address these issues.

Susan Shea, representing the Illinois Education Association (IEA), spoke to the Board regarding the middle level standard certificate. She invited the Board and audience to the May 17 open house of the Illinois Professional Development Center. She thanked the Board for the “No Child Left Behind” information, especially State Board staff member Randy Burge. She also thanked State Board staff members Lou Ann Reichle, Pete Leonis, Sally Vogl, Chris Koch, and Superintendent Vazquez for their collaborative work on the move from the Initial to the Standard Certificate issue.

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 reported that the Board had discussed the following four issues during yesterday’s Board meeting.

1. Public school choice as it applies to schools that are not making adequate yearly progress;
2. Supplemental educational services to be provided by schools not making adequate yearly progress;
3. Public school choice as it applies to school safety; and
4. Technology.

He called for the motion regarding NCLB – choice and supplemental services.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the following policies related to the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001:

The State Board will recommend that each local school board establish and implement a policy on public school choice for the possible transfer of students from attendance centers identified as having the consequence of public school choice due to lack of academic progress.

The State Board will recommend that each local School Board establish and implement a policy governing the provision of supplemental educational services for students from attendance centers which have the consequence of public school choice and supplemental education services due to lack of academic progress.

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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

The Chairman called for the motion regarding NCLB – choice and school safety.

Motion Mr. Serritella moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes dissemination of the draft policy regarding the “unsafe school choice option” for public comment. He also stated that the Board authorizes staff to make changes to the draft policy in response to the public comment and to submit it to the U.S. Department of Education as part of the Illinois Plan. He said that should there be further guidance by the Department of Education on this issue, then staff is authorized to incorporate that at a later date and keep the Board informed of changes.

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.

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

The Chairman called for the motion regarding the NCLB – technology.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby endorses the use of the National Education Technology Standards as the Illinois Technology Literacy Standards for K-12 Students. She indicated that these standards reflect the “six essential learnings” for technology which were adopted by the Board as part of its Technology Plan in 1995.

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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

Middle Level Certificate The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Middle Level Standards and Certificate.

The Chairman reported that during yesterday’s discussion it was apparent that Board members were supportive of the proposed middle school actions. He also indicated that there was unanimous concern that the Board has not built a base of understanding or support for the proposal. He noted that Mr. Serritella had reminded the Board that it is important to address these “change management” issues and move this issue to closure as quickly as possible. He explained that the Board has established a timeline for further work on this issue and that timeline and procedure are incorporated in the motion.

Motion Mr. Serritella moved that the State Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to develop an analysis of the issues and concerns associated with the proposed creation of a middle level certificate and a plan for addressing them with the public. He said that the Superintendent is further directed to provide the Board with this “change management plan” in July and to implement it over the following months. He said that the Board will revisit the middle level certificate issue in October 2002.

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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

Rules The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Rules: Part 23 – Standards for School Service Personnel Certificate; Part 252 – Driver Education; and Part 375 – Student Records.

The Superintendent reported that these rules are very straight forward, and he suggested to the Board that it move forward with the recommended actions.

Motion, Part 23 Dr. Steiner moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:

- Standards for the School Service Personnel Certificate (23 Illinois Administrative Code 23).

She further moved that the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education 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.

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

Motion,
Part 252

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:

- Driver Education (23 Illinois administrative code 252).

He further moved that the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education 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. Turkal 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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

Motion,
Part 375

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

- Student Records (23 Illinois Administrative Code 375,

including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

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.

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

YouthBuild Charter School The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, YouthBuild Rockford Charter School.

The Chairman reported that the YouthBuild Rockford Charter School proposal was denied at the local level and then appealed to the state level. He indicated that Superintendent Vazquez has reviewed the evidence, including the findings of the state level appeal panel, and has recommended that this Board overturn the denial and issue a charter to the YouthBuild Rockford Charter School.

Motion Mr. Serritella moved that the State Board of Education hereby overturns the denial of the YouthBuild Rockford Charter School proposal by the Rockford School District Board of Education and directs the State Superintendent to issue a charter to the YouthBuild Rockford Charter School.

Mrs. McConachie seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Branch – yes	Mrs. Rogers – no	Dr. Steiner – no
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – no	Mrs. Turkal – no
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

Mrs. Rogers commented that she voted no because she believes that most charter schools fail because of lack of financing and she does not want students put in jeopardy because of this problem.

Mr. Sandsmark commented that he voted no because to him this is an economic issue. He said that the Rockford School District has had financial problems for as long as the thirty years that he has lived in the area. He stated that the school district is starting to move in the right direction and he believes that they don't need one more issue to deal with at this time.

Dr. Steiner commented that she voted no because of the financial issue and she believes that the State Board should not go against the local board's control.

Mrs. Turkal commented that she voted no because of the current economic problems that the Rockford School District has and she noted that she believes the district has adequate programs in place to meet the needs of students.

Spring Lake
Financial
Decertifi-
Cation

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Spring Lake Financial Decertification.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the Spring Lake School District has petitioned the State Board for removal of its certification as a district "in financial difficulty." He indicated that State Board staff has reviewed the district's financial condition and it meets the criteria for removal of the certification status.

Motion

Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby removes the certification of Spring Lake Consolidated School District #606 as a "district in financial difficulty."

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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

NASBE
Officers
Election

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Election of NASBE Officers.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that today's vote will be cast with the NASBE office as the official Illinois vote for NASBE officers.

Motion

Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby casts its votes for NASBE officers as follows:

President -- Alma Allen, Texas
Vice President -- Kenneth Johnson, Louisiana
Central Area Director -- Bev Peterson, Nebraska

Ms. Branch 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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

Student
Advisory
Council

The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Student Advisory Council (SAC). (Not on published agenda.)

Chairman Gidwitz reported that he had been unable to participate in one of his favorite Board activities during yesterday's meeting – the annual report of the Student Advisory Council. He called on Mr. Serritella to comment about the meeting and to reiterate the motion from yesterday.

Motion

Mr. Serritella moved that the State Board of Education hereby commends the members of 2001-2002 Student Advisory Council for their exceptional work on a variety of educational issues. He indicated that the Board supports the Student Advisory Council's "School Safety Audit Resolution" and the Council recommendations for continued work on the School Safety Audit, teacher quality issues, and legislative involvement by students. He noted that the Board strongly supports the continued operation of the SAC and its partnership with the Illinois Association of Student Councils.

He reported that the Board directs the Superintendent to explore the options for implementation of the Council's Illinois State Board of Education recommendation for an addition of a new "Global Education" standard to the Illinois Learning Standards and report back to the SAC in October 2002.

Mr. Serritella further moved that the Board directs the Superintendent to provide a copy of this motion and commendation to each member of the Student Advisory Council.

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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

Board Bylaws The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Board Bylaws.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that this was the first reading of the proposed changes to the State Board Bylaws. He noted that final action on the Bylaws will be taken at the June Board meeting.

Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the proposed changes to the official State Board Bylaws, as published.

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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes
Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mr. Serritella – yes	

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

Chairman Gidwitz reported that Mrs. McConachie would be participating in the NASBE Study Group on Reforming High Schools on June 7-8, 2002, in Washington, D.C.

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

Superintendent Vazquez reported that the State of Illinois was recently recognized by the International Reading Association. He indicated that Illinois received the “Five Star Policy Recognition Award.” He explained that this award Illinois State Board of Education

is presented to states and provinces that have adopted and implemented policies that support effective literacy instruction for all children.

The Superintendent introduced the 2002 Illinois Teacher of the Year (TOY), Robert Grimm. He noted that Mr. Grimm is a Physics teacher at Fremd High School in Palatine. He reported that Mr. Grimm will be representing Illinois Education and the very best of the teaching profession in a variety of forums over the next year.

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

Mrs. Rogers reported that the Search Committee is on schedule with the timeline posted on the ISBE website (www.isbe.net). She indicated that the Committee has engaged many stakeholders in the process beginning last November with focus groups conducted by the Board around the state. She commented that as of May 1, the Committee has received 31 applications, two of which were later withdrawn. She noted that half the applicants are or have been school superintendents and almost 30 percent can be considered "non-traditional." She indicated that the search consultant is now screening and interviewing candidates, and it is the intention of the Search Committee to review candidate materials before the end of May.

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

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 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman