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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SCHEDULE AND AGENDA OF MEETINGS October 16 & 17, 2002

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WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2002

11:00 a.m.

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Ballroom A/B

Holiday Inn-Collinsville/St. Louis

School/District Dialogue with ISBE

East St. Louis School District #189

- East St. Louis School District #189 Financial Oversight Panel-Annual Report**
 - [Cover](#)
 - [Annual Report to the State Superintendent for East St. Louis School District #189](#)

12:30 p.m.

BREAK/LUNCH

St. Clair Room

1:30 p.m.

Education Policy/Planning Issues

- NCATE/State Partnership Agreement & Protocol (Draft)
 - [Cover](#)
 - [Draft Protocol \(Attachment 1\)](#)
 - [Draft ISBE/NCATE Partnership Agreement \(Attachment 2\)](#)
- Middle Level Certification - Survey Results and Next Steps**
 - [Cover](#)
 - [Middle Level Certification Survey Comparison: July and September \(Table 1\)](#)
 - [Middle Level Certification Survey Response Data File \(Table 2\)](#)
 - [Middle Level Certification Survey Item Analysis \(Attachment 3\)](#)
 - [University Capacity Survey Results \(Attachment 4\)](#)

- [Summary of AIMS Survey Results \(Attachment 5\)](#)

2:30 p.m. BREAK

- 2:45 p.m.**
- Illinois GED Testing Program Application Fee**
 - [Cover](#)
 - Rules for Initial Review**
 - Part 25 (Certification)
 - [Cover](#)
 - [Rules](#)

Finance and Audit Issues

- Standard Monthly Reports:**
 - Finance, Audit, Agency Operations Status
 - [Cover](#)
 - [Appropriations and Spending by Program](#)
 - [Federal Applications and Awards](#)
 - [Financial Status Report \(Contract & Grant Detail\)](#)
 - [Monthly Headcount Graph](#)
 - [Staff Detail](#)
 - [Personnel Transactions](#)
- District Financial Profile System Status Reports - (replaces FAAS)
 - [Cover](#)
 - [Report](#)
- Hazel Crest School District 152 1/2 Petition**
 - [Cover](#)

4:00 p.m. Education Leadership Forum
Ballroom C/D

6:00 p.m. CLOSED SESSION

THURSDAY, October 17, 2002

7:30 a.m. Meeting with local board members and administrators - Edwardsville School District
Administrative Building

9:00 a.m. STATE BOARD MEETING RECONVENES***
Ballroom A/B
Holiday Inn-Collinsville/St. Louis

Governmental Affairs Issues

- State Legislative Status Report
 - [Cover](#)
- Federal Legislative Status Report
 - [Cover](#)

- [Washington Education News](#)

9:30 a.m.

PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING***

- A. **Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call**
- B. **Public Participation**
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** September 18 & 19, 2002
 - [General Session](#)
 - [Plenary](#)
- D. **Immediate Action Items****
 - Accept the East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel-Annual Report (see Wednesday's Agenda)
 - Review the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Notification of Objection
 - Accept the Middle Level Certification Survey-Results & Approve Next Steps (see Wednesday's Agenda)
 - Approve the Illinois GED Testing Program Application Fee (see Wednesday's Agenda)
 - Authorize Solicitation of Public Comment on Rules: Part 25 (Certification) (see Wednesday's Agenda)
 - Accept and approve the Standard Monthly Reports:
 - Finance, Audit, Agency Operations Status Reports (see Wednesday's Agenda)
 - Accept the petition requesting an Emergency Financial Oversight Panel for Hazel Crest School District 152 1/2, certify the district in financial difficulty, and authorize the Superintendent to appoint the Financial Oversight Panel (see Wednesday's Agenda)
- E. **Announcements and Reports**
 - Superintendent
 - Chairman
 - Committees
 - a. Board Operations - Connie Rogers, Chair
 - b. Finance & Audit - Richard Sandsmark, Chair
 - c. Joint Education, Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chair
 - d. Governmental Relations, Bev Turkal, Chair
 - e. Education Policy Planning, Marilyn McConachie, Chair
 - Members
- F. **Other Information**

■ Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking

11:30 a.m. ADJOURN AND LUNCH

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**Action Items

**Meeting 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**

Holiday Inn Collinsville/St. Louis
1000 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, Illinois
October 16-17, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Marilyn McConachie
Connie Rogers
Richard Sandsmark

Janet Steiner
Beverly Turkal

Robert E. Schiller, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vincent J. Serritella

Roll Call

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

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that Mr. Serritella was unable to join the meeting this month, Mr. Sandsmark would join the meeting later this afternoon, and Dr. Steiner will join the meeting before lunch.

East St.
Louis S.D.
Dialogue

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, School District Dialogue: East St. Louis District #189.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the Board was very pleased to continue a series of discussions with representatives from local school districts about their academic challenges and accomplishments. He stated that East St. Louis School District #189 has made progress in student achievement at the elementary level but continues to face many challenges and barriers in relation to school improvement.

Superintendent Schiller reported that he had visited the district on October 1 and spent several hours at three schools – Miles Davis Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High School, and East St. Louis High School. He indicated that this visit had given him an opportunity to visit with students and teachers and to observe the programs that would be discussed during today's dialogue.

Superintendent Nate Anderson introduced the following guests from his school district:

- Dr. Stephanie Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education;
- Dr. Chester Blurette, Principal, East St. Louis Senior High School;
- Dr. Tam Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education;
- Mrs. Darlene Morgan, Principal, Miles Davis Elementary School;
- Mr. Joe Louis, Board Member; and
- Mr. George Mitchem, Board Member.

Representatives from the East St. Louis District #189 Board and administration talked formally and informally with State Board members about the actions they have taken to improve their schools.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

Dr. Steiner arrived at 11:25 a.m.

Financial
Oversight
Panel

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, East St. Louis S.D. #189 Financial Oversight Panel Annual Report.

The Chairman reported that each September 1 the Financial Oversight Panel is required to file its annual report with the State Board. He introduced Richard Mark, Chairman of the Panel. Mr. Mark introduced Ann Duncan, a member of the Oversight Panel, and Jim Tapscott the financial administrator for the Panel. He noted that Sandra Hudson, the remaining member of the Panel, had been unable to attend today's meeting. He thanked the members and State Board staff member Gary Ey and retired staff member Gary Anderson for their hard work over the years with the Oversight Panel.

Mr. Mark reported to the Board regarding the Panel's accomplishments during the past year. He explained the progress the Panel has made to ensure the financial stability of the East St. Louis School District, and his presentation provided the Board with the opportunity to understand in detail the Panel's specific concerns and recommendations (see Addendum II).

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

NCATE/State Partnership Agreement & Protocol The Chairman called for Agenda Item, NCATE/State Partnership Agreement and Protocol (Draft).

Chairman Gidwitz reported that on May 7, 1988, the Illinois State Board of Education approved an initial partnership agreement with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). He indicated that the five-year partnership agreement and protocol under which Illinois continues to operate was signed on October 30, 1996, and extended for two years on December 31, 2000. He noted that the agreement is scheduled for renewal on January 1, 2003. NCATE is scheduled to review the content of its State Protocol form, and some revisions are anticipated.

The Superintendent and staff members Chris Koch and Michael Long explained the terms of the proposed agreement and protocol, and solicited comments and reactions from State Board members. Superintendent Schiller reported that staff would incorporate the Board's feedback into a second draft that would be shared with the Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (IACTE), the Partnership Committee, and the State Teacher Certification Board. He explained that reactions from these entities would be reported to the State Board at its November Board meeting.

Middle Level Certification Survey Results & Next Steps The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Middle Level Certification Survey Results and Next Steps.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that at the August Board meeting, the State Board accepted the findings of a survey on middle level certification distributed by staff in July. He indicated that the purpose of the questionnaire was to define critical issues that seemed to be causing concern or confusion regarding the proposed certificate. He noted that flexibility in assigned teachers, educator supply, capacity to meet anticipated demand, and job mobility were among the concerns cited most frequently by stakeholders who responded to the survey.

The Chairman explained that to increase the level of participation in the questionnaire, the Board directed the staff to re-open the survey on August 26 and to make it available for comment through the middle of September.

The Superintendent reported that the Board has been studying this issue for a long time. He indicated that it is a good example of the Board seeking substantial input on ways to resolve a policy problem.

Superintendent Schiller explained that because of the lengthy dialogue with stakeholders, he was recommending that the Board enhance the present middle level endorsement as an alternative to adopting a middle level certification. He noted that this enhancement would occur by redefining the present endorsement in terms of selected standards and performance indicators selected from those that were developed for the proposed certificate. He indicated that preparation based upon these standards would significantly improve the qualifications of middle level teachers in working with middle grade learners.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input regarding the results of the Middle Level Certification Survey and the many conversations that have taken place with colleges and universities concerning potential capacity for middle-level certification programming. Staff member Michael Long assisted in responding to questions.

IL GED
Testing
Program
App. Fee

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Illinois GED Testing Program Application Fee.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the State Board is responsible for policy implementation and jurisdictional administration of the GED Testing Program, including establishing fees and providing supervision of all testing centers within Illinois. He noted that today's issue is a proposed increase in the program application fee.

Superintendent Schiller reported that the GED Testing Service (GEDTS) introduced a new series of tests on January 1, 2002. He noted that additional costs of the 2002 Series GED Tests include an increase in leasing fees for test batteries, an increase in the per person fee assessed to jurisdictions for first-time examinees, and the establishment of a statewide electronic scoring system.

The Superintendent commented that in response to the increases in July 2001, the Board convened a GED 2002 Fee Committee to review Illinois' options for handling the additional fees for testing and the cost of electronic scoring. The following recommendations were suggested:

- a nominal increase in the application fee for test takers;
- utilizing remaining funds to pay a portion of the test rental fees; and
- an additional state appropriation.

The Superintendent indicated that he was asking the Board to review and approve the recommendation of the GED 2002 Fee Committee to increase the GED application fee from \$30 to \$35 effective January 1, 2003.

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

Rules
for Initial
Review:
Part 25

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Rules for Initial Review: Part 25 (Certification).

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the amendments contained in this set of rules arise from three recent pieces of legislation, as well as from the staff's experience with approving the providers of continuing professional development for purposes of the renewal of teaching certificates.

The Superintendent and staff discussed the proposed amendments for initial review and asked the Board for its authorization to distribute them for public comment.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff member Sally Vogl assisted in responding to questions.

Standard
Monthly
Reports

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Standard Monthly Reports: Finance, Audit, Agency Operations Status.

Chairman Gidwitz reported this was the third in an ongoing series of reports about agency fiscal matters and human resources.

Staff member David Wood reported to the Board regarding key information on fiscal and administrative activities of the state agency.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input.

Financial
Profile
System

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, District Financial Profile System Status Report.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that in March 2002, staff met with the Board to release the final Financial Watch, Financially Certified, and Financially Certified, and Financial Oversight Panel lists under the FAAS measure and process. He noted that at that time, the Board encouraged staff to finalize a new designation system and report progress by mid-year.

Superintendent Schiller reported that the proposed School Financial Profile is ready for use as an internal management tool and will be demonstrated to the Board for discussion during the meeting.

The Superintendent and staff members updated the State Board on the development and implementation of the proposed School District Financial Profile that replaces the Financial Assurance and Accountability System (FAAS), and they explained the overall framework and benefits of the School District Financial Profile. Superintendent Schiller stated that the Board would be asked to approve the designations and criteria indicators at the November meeting (see Addendum III).

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff members David Wood, Gary Ey, Nona Myers and Debbie Vespa assisted in responding to questions.

Ms. Branch left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and she and Mr. Sandsmark joined the Education Roundtable Forum discussions at 4:00 p.m.

Hazel Crest The Chairman called for Agenda Item, Hazel Crest School District 152 ½
Petition Petition.

Chairman Gidwitz reported that the State Board of Education recognizes that Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ is experiencing serious financial problems which have resulted in requests for assistance including a petition from their district for a Financial Oversight Panel. He noted that staff has worked closely with the district and attended the district board meeting on September 30 where a resolution to petition the State Board for immediate appointment of a Financial Oversight Panel was considered.

Superintendent Schiller explained that an Article 1B petition for a Financial Oversight Panel requires a school district to be certified as being in “financial difficulty” under Section 1A-8 and sets forth specific criteria for this designation. He indicated that because of the speed with which Hazel Crest School District found itself in this situation, it is essentially bypassing the normal progression of financial designation and instead is petitioning the State Board to act immediately to appoint a three-member Financial Oversight Panel. He explained that if approved, the Panel would be able to provide immediate oversight and approval for additional borrowing by the district as well as development of an “emergency financial assistance and recovery plan.” He said that there would be three people appearing before the Board from this district: Superintendent Dr. Harry Reynolds, finance officer Donna Gayden, and finance consultant Rob Grossi.

Superintendent Schiller and agency staff provided the Board with the details of the school district’s precarious financial position and the potential for it to exhaust all available cash reserves prior to the completion of the 2002-2003 school year (see Addendum IV).

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members’ input. Staff members David Wood, Gary Ey, and Harry Blackburn assisted in responding to questions.

The Chairman announced that before the Board moves into closed session, the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, Superintendent Schiller, and the members of the State Board would be hosting Education Leadership Forum roundtable discussions at 4:00 p.m. in Ballroom C. He indicated that these discussions would seek input on critical education issues facing the state.

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, compensation, discipline, performance, 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	Dr. Steiner – yes
Ms. Gold – yes	Mrs. McConachie – yes	Mrs. Turkal – yes

The public meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. and the Board went into closed session at 5:30 p.m. The closed session recessed at 9:30 p.m. and the public meeting reconvened at 9:15 a.m. on October 17.

State
& Federal
Legislative
Status

The Chairman called for Agenda Item, State and Federal Legislative Status Reports.

Superintendent Schiller and staff member Peter Leonis updated the Board regarding the process in developing legislative priorities and proposals to support the Board's goals and the needs of school districts in Illinois. The Superintendent, the Board's Governmental Affairs Committee, and the staff agreed to continue to work with stakeholders toward development of a legislative proposal for FY04. The Board also discussed the federal legislative report and its implications for Illinois.

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 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman

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

Holiday Inn Collinsville/St. Louis
1000 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, Illinois
October 17, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Marilyn McConachie
Connie Rogers
Richard Sandsmark

Janet Steiner
Beverly Turkal

Robert E. Schiller, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vincent J. Serritella

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 Mr. Serritella will not be able to attend this meeting due to conflicting business engagements.

Public

Participation

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

Jay Runner, representing Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, spoke to the Board regarding Agricultural Education.

Andy Schwarm, representing the Student Advisory Council, spoke to the Board regarding the Student Advisory Council.

Laura Arterburn, representing the Illinois Federation of Teachers, spoke to the Board regarding the Hazel Crest School District.

Bernadette Anderson, representing Metro-East Parent Connection Solid Foundation, spoke to the Board regarding parent involvement.

Debbie Meisner Bertauski, representing the Illinois Board of Higher Education, spoke to the Board regarding middle level certification.

Donna Baiocchi, representing ED-RED, spoke to the Board regarding the School District Financial Profile System.

Approval of Minutes The Chairman called for Agenda Item C., Approval of Minutes.

Motion Ms. Branch moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the meetings on September 18-19, 2002, as published.

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

Financial Oversight Panel Report The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel Annual Report.

The Superintendent recognized the State Board's support for the tireless efforts of the East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel members, and he recommended that the Board accept the Panel's Annual Report.

Motion Mrs. Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby accepts the East St. Louis School District #189 Financial Oversight Panel Annual Report.

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

Illinois Institute of Technology The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT).

The Superintendent and Board members discussed and considered IIT's notice of objection to the Certification Board's recommendations concerning provisional unit accreditation and program.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the following decision:

Based on a review of the recommendations of the State Teacher Certification Board, the objections presented by the Illinois Institute of Technology to those recommendations and the supporting documentation, the State Board of Education recognizes the institution, accredits the educational unit without conditions and assigns provisional approval to the science education program. There is no requirement for a focused visit within two years as recommended by the State Teacher Certification Board. A written decision will follow within 30 days.

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

Middle Level Endorsement The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Middle Level Certification – Survey Results and Next Steps.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board propose the enhancement of the present middle level endorsement as an alternative to middle level certification by potentially redefining the present endorsement in terms of selected standards and performance indicators.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the next steps regarding the enhancement of the Middle Level Endorsement to increase its rigor and to align it with the State Standards.

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

GED Test App. Fee The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Illinois GED Testing Program Application Fee.

The Superintendent asked the Board to consider the recommendation of the GED 2002 Fee committee and approve the proposed GED application fee increase.

Motion Ms. Gold moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the Illinois GED Testing Program Application Fee increase from \$30 to \$35 effective January 1, 2003.

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 – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	

Rules: Part 25 The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Authorize Solicitation of Public Comment on Rules: Part 25 (Certification).

The Superintendent asked the Board to authorize solicitation of public comment on Rules: Part 25 (Certification). He indicated that with the Board's authorization, staff will submit the proposed amendments to the Administrative Code Division for publication in the Illinois Register to elicit public comment. He said that additional means such as the Superintendent's Bulletin and the agency web site (www.isbe.net) will also be used to inform interested parties of the opportunity to comment on this rulemaking.

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

Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25),

including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Mr. Sandsmark 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 – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	

Monthly Reports The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Finance, Audit, and Agency Operations Reports.

The Superintendent asked the Board to accept and approve the monthly Finance, Audit, and Agency Operations Status Reports.

Motion Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby accepts the financial, audit, and agency operations reports presented during the meeting in October 2002.

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

Hazel Crest School District The Chairman called for Agenda Item D., Immediate Action Items, Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ Petition for Financial Oversight Panel.

The Superintendent asked the Board to accept the petition requesting an Emergency Financial Oversight Panel for Hazel Crest School District 152 ½, certify the district as being “in financial difficulty,” authorize him to appoint the Financial Oversight Panel, and direct him to meet with interested individuals regarding the situation.

Motion Mrs. Rogers said that whereas, pursuant to Section 1B-4 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/1B-4), Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ has petitioned the State Board of Education for emergency financial assistance and the establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel by affirmative vote of a majority of the board of Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ on October 7, 2002; and,

Whereas, Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ has presented clear and convincing documentation of its past, present and future financial condition that warrants the immediate Certification by the State Board of Education as being in financial difficulty pursuant to Section 1A-8 of the School Code by the Board; and,

Whereas, the State Board has reviewed the current financial condition of the School District and the Petition for Emergency Financial Assistance and the Establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel (Petition); and

Whereas, the State Superintendent has recommended that the clear and convincing financial documentation of the Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ warrants the immediate Certification by the State Board as a School District in financial need and that the Petition be granted; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 1B-4 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/1B-4), the State Board finds as follows:

1. That allowing the Petition is in the immediate and best educational interests of the students of the School District.
2. That allowing the Petition is in the near term best financial interests of the school district.

3. That the school district has sufficient pupil enrollment to provide and maintain recognized schools.
4. That allowing the Petition is in the best interests of the other schools of the area and the educational welfare of all the students therein.
5. That Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ intends to comply with the requirements of Section 1A-8 of the School Code regarding school districts certified to be in financial difficulty.

Therefore, Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education certifies that Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ is “in financial difficulty” and thereby grants the Petition for Emergency Financial Assistance and the establishment of a Financial Oversight Panel of Hazel Crest School District 152 ½.

Mrs. Rogers further moved that the State Board of Education directs the State Superintendent to meet with the local board of the Hazel Crest School District as well as other interested individuals to explore possible solutions.

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 – yes	Mr. Sandsmark – yes	

Supt.
Report

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

Superintendent Schiller announced the following information:

- Staff member Nona Myers will retire at the end of October;
- The Assessment and Accountability Task Force met on September 23 and October 8;

- Additional clarifications and plans regarding baseline, target, group size, for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) need to be finalized and become part the Consolidated State Plan for No Child Left Behind (NCLB);
- The NCLB Highly Qualified Teachers draft guidance document was disseminated after the September Board meeting and it has been well received by the school community;
- The NCLB Supplemental Education Services criteria was posted on the agency web site and the application for providers was finalized and also posted on the web site;
- The monthly status report regarding the implementation of the recommendations under the Deloitte and Touche Plan has been presented to the Board;
- Clarified that the Deloitte and Touche Plan outlines possible reoccurring savings to the agency and noted that there is some cost associated with potential savings;
- The Education Leadership Forums were very successful and he and the Board were very pleased with the information that was shared;
- He and the Board members had attended a breakfast meeting earlier in the day with local educators from the Edwardsville School District; and
- The Board's Budget hearing would be held today at 1:00 p.m. in the Holiday Inn's Ball Room A/B.

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

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

Board Operations Mrs. Rogers reported that next month's Board meeting would be held on Thursday, November 21 at the Museum of Science and Industry. She noted that this would enable the State Board members to participate in the Joint Annual School Board Conference being held on November 22-24. She commented that the Board hopes to continue the Education Leadership Forums at the Joint Annual Conference to discuss NCLB, funding issues, and teacher shortage issues. She also indicated that during the Joint Annual Conference the State Board would be presenting the following two awards:

- Thomas Lay Burroughs Award for the state's outstanding school board president; and
- The Education Hero Award.

Joint
Education

Mrs. McConachie reported that the Joint Education Committee would meet on Tuesday, October 22 to discuss several topics including the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) tracking study and issues addressing impending teacher shortages.

Members

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

Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. McConachie reported on their attendance at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference on October 11-12 in San Diego. They highlighted the following issues:

- No Child Left Behind (NCLB) excitement and trepidation;
- Professional development and closing the achievement gap;
- Annual testing and ways to address the achievement gap are two general agreement items among superintendents and other "education watchers"; and
- NASBE Study Group on Restructuring High Schools: Rethinking the Institution.

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 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Marilyn McConachie, Vice Chair