

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

DoubleTree Hotel Suites
198 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois
December 18-19, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marjorie Branch	Connie Rogers	Janet Steiner
Judith Gold	Richard Sandsmark	Beverly Turkal

Robert E. Schiller, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vince Serritella

Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chair, Mrs. Marilyn McConachie, who asked Carol Markko, staff secretary, to call the roll. Ms. Markko called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Public Participation The following individuals spoke to the Board.

Dr. Art Stellar, High/Scope and Horace Mann Foundation, Michigan;
Jay Runner, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, Rantoul, IL;
Laura Arterburn, IFT, Springfield;
Peg Agnos, LEND, DuPage, IL; and,
Jolida Perez, Director West Town Leadership United and Chicago Partner for the Solid Foundation, Chicago, IL

Dr. Stellar presented to Superintendent Schiller and Chairman Gidwitz a book written by Horace Mann and a framed print with a quote by Horace Mann.

Ms. Laura Arterburn spoke regarding Charter Schools and support of Senate Bill 1280, and thanked the Board for quick action on Hazel Crest.

Ms. Peg Agnos spoke regarding concerns about the financial profile that were written by two business officials in DuPage County.

Jolida Perez commented on the Chicago Public Schools and the lack of material and programs provided in Spanish to recruit the Latino community into the schools.

Mr. Runner gave his report during the action item section of the State Board agenda. He introduced Rick Wills, Chairman of the ALCAE (agriculture education) for a special presentation. Mr. Wills presented to Chairman Gidwitz a plaque of appreciation for his education leadership.

Minutes Vice Chair McConachie called for approval of November Board meeting and the December 9, 2002 Special Board meeting.

Motion Ms. Branch moved that the State Board of Education approve the minutes of the meetings.

Judith Gold seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Charter School The Superintendent stated that the Board and agency were in a position to submit the Charter School Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly with recommendations for legislative changes.

Motion Ms. Judy Gold moved that the State Board of Education approve the Illinois Charter School Annual Report with the technical changes recommended by the Board and authorized its transmittal to the General Assembly.

Vote on
Motion

The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Illinois
State
Advisory
Council
Report

Dr. Schiller stated that he was asking the Board for acceptance of this Report.

Motion

Mrs. Turkal moved the State Board of Education accept the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities Report.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

2002
AEWL

Dr. Schiller recommended to the Board the approval of the 2002 Academic Early Warning List.

Motion

Ms. Gold moved that the State Board adopt the 2002 Academic Early Warning List.

Mr. Sandsmark noted that he would like the Board to acknowledge progress made by districts on the list.

Vote

On Motion The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

2002

AEWL Superintendent Schiller recommended that the Board to approve the Academic Watch List for 2002.

Motion Ms. Branch moved that the State Board adopt the 2002 Academic Watch List.

Richard Sandsmark seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Supplemental
Service

Providers Dr. Schiller asked that the Board approve the 13 recommended applicants and place them on the initial approval list of supplemental service providers. He noted that a second application period will be offered between February and March, 2003.

Motion Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board approve the providers as eligible to provide supplemental educational services and directed the staff to list them on the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Providers, pending further guidance, if any, from the Federal Government on the standards for approving SES providers.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Assessment
& Accountability
Task Force
Report

Dr. Schiller stated the first recommendation regarded modifications to the Alternative Assessment program that would take effect this school year.

Motion

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board adopt the Assessment and Accountability Task Force recommendations regarding modifications to the Illinois Alternative Assessment.

Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The Vice chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

NCLB
Adequate
Yearly
Progress

Dr. Schiller said that he will be asking the Task Force to reconvene to further examine the issue of AYP for our state as well as many other related issues, and bring a comprehensive recommendation back to the Board for the next Board meeting in January, 2003.

Assessment
& Accountability
Task Force
Recom-
mendations

Dr. Schiller brought forth to the Board the unanimous recommendations of the Task Force Committee that take effect in the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion Ms. McConachie asked that the State Board adopt the Assessment and Accountability Task Force recommendations regarding modifications to state assessments.

Ms. Branch seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The Vice Chair asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Involuntary
Financial
Oversight
Panel for
Livingston
S.D.

Dr. Schiller believed that it would be in the best interest of the Board to authorize the Financial Oversight Panel for the Livingston School District. Petitions and appropriate motions were in place for the consideration by the Board.

Motion Mr. Sandsmark read the attached motion.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Mr. Gidwitz returned to the meeting

Vote on
Motion

Chairman Gidwitz asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Financial
Audit and
Agency
Operations
Report

Dr. Schiller noted that the material covered earlier in the day captured the essence of the reports. He stated that the Board would have a separate action on the contract renewal.

Motion

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board accept the financial, audit and agency operations reports presented during the meeting in December, 2002.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The Chairman asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

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

Renewal
BGR
Contract

Chairman Gidwitz said that the next item was the approval of the Barbour, Griffith and Rogers contract for \$333,000/year which is less than Board had been previously paying.

Motion

Mr. Sandsmark moved that the State Board approve the renewal of the Barbour, Griffith & Rogers contract.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

Chairman Gidwitz asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Dr. Steiner - yes Mrs. Turkal – yes Ms. Branch – yes
Mr. Gidwitz – yes Ms. Gold – yes Ms. McConachie – yes
Mrs. Rogers – yes and stated that Mr. Rogers of the contract is no
relation Mr. Sandsmark – yes

Mr. Gidwitz stated that BGR brought about \$35 million worth of additional revenue last year to education in Illinois.

Superintendent
Travel

Expenses Mr. Gidwitz asked that Mrs. Rogers share with the Board the travel analysis.

Motion Mrs. Rogers stated that the Board members and Superintendent have used wise discernment in using very little tax dollars as they continue to do school business; therefore, she moved that the State Board approve the State Board of Education expenses from fiscal year 2002 through year to date fiscal year 2003, and the State Superintendent's Travel expenses from August 2002 through November 2002 as presented.

Dr. Steiner seconded the motion

Vote on
Motion

Chairman Gidwitz asked Ms. Markko to call the roll. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Mr. Gidwitz would recommend they not vote on their own expense approval. He noted that the roll will reflect that each Board member was voting for everyone else's expenses but their own.

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

Resolution Mr. Gidwitz presented each retiring Board member- Connie Rogers, Marilyn McConachie, and Vince Serritella -with a resolution on their behalf thanking them for their service to the State Board of Education.

The motions carried on a voice vote of all Board members.

- Announcements Dr. Schiller wanted to commend the exceptional work of staff on Hazel Crest. He also said that the Board and agency expects a smooth transition to the new administration. Mr. Gidwitz reflected offered reflections of the past year at ISBE.
- Ms. McConachie and Mrs. Rogers both made final comments.
- Adjournment Chairman Gidwitz adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman