

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

Omni Chicago Hotel
676 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Plenary Session

January 15-16, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Marjorie Branch | Dean Clark | Ronald Gidwitz |
| Judith Gold | Joyce Karon | Greg Kazarian |
| Richard Sandsmark | | |

Robert E. Schiller, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Janet Steiner

Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by the Chairman, Ronald Gidwitz who asked Kay Evans to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Public Participation The following individuals spoke to the Board:

Isadore Glover, Manager, Education Support Personnel Unit, Chicago Public Schools and Lily McDonogh, Project Manager, NCLB, Chicago Public Schools, asked the Board to accept the ParaPro Assessment for their paraprofessionals. They urged the Board to accept Work Keys as a second assessment when complete.

Jay Rehak, Assistant Director, Quest Center, Chicago Teachers Union and Maureen Callahan, Treasurer of the Chicago Teachers Union asked the Board to accept the ACT Work Keys assessment exam and the ETS ParaPro assessment tests.

Laura Arterburn, Illinois Federation of Teachers, asked that the Board accept the Work Keys and ParaPro tests. She also

handed out the Charter School Report from IFT.

Minutes Chairman Gidwitz asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 18-19, 2002 Board meeting in Chicago.

Motion Marjorie Branch moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the meeting on December 18-19, 2002, as published.

The motion was seconded by Greg Kazarian.

Vote on Motion The roll was called and the motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal – yes

Motion Educator Supply & Demand Dick Sandsmark moved that the State Board of Education hereby accepts the Educator Supply and Demand in Illinois 2002 Annual Report and authorizes its transmittal to the Governor, General Assembly, and institutions of higher learning.

Greg Kazarian seconded the motion.

The Superintendent provided a summary of the previous discussion on the topic.

Vote on Motion The roll was called and the motion carried with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal – yes

Motion State Accounta- Beverly Turkal moved that the State Board of Education hereby renews its endorsement of a multiple-indicator comprehensive accountability system and directs the Superintendent and staff to

bility System bring forward recommendations in February, March, and April that meet Board policy directives, best practice parameters, and to comply with federal accountability requirements.

Greg Kazarian seconded the motion.

The Superintendent provided a summary of the previous discussion on the topic.

Vote on Motion The roll was called and the motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal - yes

Motion 2003 Cumulative Waiver Report Joyce Karon said the State Board of Education hereby approves the 2003 Cumulative Waiver Report, including proposed legislative recommendations addressing legally mandated school holidays and the instructional day, and authorizes its transmittal to the General Assembly.

The motion was seconded by Dick Sandsmark.

The Superintendent provided a summary of the previous discussion on the topic.

Vote on Motion The roll was called and the motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal - yes

Motion Paraprofessional Assessment Dean Clark moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the Draft Guidance on Paraprofessional Assessment and the Paraprofessional Assessment Timeline; authorizes staff to distribute the guidance document to local districts, regional offices of education, and other external stakeholders; and directs staff to proceed with the activities as defined in the Timelines' document.

The motion was seconded by Beverly Turkal.

Superintendent Schiller said that a good resource of learning for their paraprofessionals was the Illinois Virtual High School. Chairman Gidwitz asked the Superintendent to look into what we could do, free of charge, to help these individuals prepare for the assessments and provide a report to the Board in February. He further suggested we partner with the Illinois Community College Board because of their expertise and resources. He stated the information needed to be packaged with resources and training materials.

Vote on Motion

The roll call was read and the motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal – yes

Motion Part 25 Cert. & Part 29, Standards for Admin. Cert.

Greg Kazarian moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking, including the changes recommended in response to public comments, for Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25), and Standards for Administrative Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 29). Further, that the State Board authorizes the State Superintendent to make such technical or non-substantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

The motion was seconded by Bev Turkal.

The Superintendent provided a summary of the previous discussion on the topic.

Vote on Motion

The roll was taken and the motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal - yes

Motion Part 228 Transitional Bilingual Education

Judy Gold said that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Transitional Bilingual Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 228) including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Marjorie Branch seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The roll call was taken and the motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal - yes

Motion
Financial,
Audit, &
Agency
Operations
Report

Dick Sandsmark said that the State Board of Education hereby accepts the financial, audit and agency operations report presented during the meeting of January 2003.

Joyce Karon seconded the motion.

Vote on
Motion

The roll was called and the motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal – yes

Motion
Student
Identifier
System

Marjorie Branch said that the State Board of Education hereby approves the RFSP for the Student Identifier System.

Dick Sandsmark seconded the motion.

The Superintendent summarized and stated that they would make available details as the Chairman requested. He added that they would track down, from the discussion of the General Session, the continuation of current identifiers. He said they will be submitting this in the next couple of days.

Vote on
Motion

The roll was called and the motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal – yes

Motion
QZAB

Dick Sandsmark said that the State Board of Education hereby approves the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Credit Allocations for FY02 and FY03.

Joyce Karon seconded the motion.

The Superintendent provided a summary of the previous discussion on the topic.

Vote on Motion

The roll was called and the motion was passed with the following votes recorded.

Marjorie Branch –yes Dean Clark – yes Ronald Gidwitz -yes
Dick Sandsmark -yes Greg Kazarian –yes Judith Gold - yes
Joyce Karon -yes Beverly Turkal – yes

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Schiller stated that the Assessment and Accountability Task Force would meet next week. A number of recommendations would be given at the next Board meeting for the Board's consideration. He noted that on Tuesday, the Superintendent, Chairman Gidwitz and several staff members would be in Washington D.C. for a conference with the Undersecretary regarding pressing issues of *NCLB* as well as preparation of submittal of the checklist and tentative plans for *NCLB* due January 31, 2003. He said that on Saturday he would be addressing the Community College Trustees where he would mention their help in the preparation of paraprofessionals.

Clay Slagle, Assistant to the Superintendent, provided a report of agency operations and the employee evaluation and assessment process. Chairman Gidwitz requested a presentation the following month that included a comparison with specific examples of before and after job descriptions in order for everyone could see what a well written job description looked like. Joyce Karon asked that an example of the rubrics be included. Dick Sandsmark said he would like to compliment the staff on their work with this process.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Gidwitz stated that he has asked Dr. Steiner to Chair the Operations Committee. He suggested the new members visit the committee meetings, and then decide which committee they would like to serve on. He asked that each member let him know their wishes, and if any other Board member would like to change committees to also let him know.

He also said that according to the Bylaws, the Board would be selecting officers at the February meeting.

Adjournment Chairman Gidwitz adjourned the Plenary Session at 11:30 a.m. The members of the Board then had lunch with the members of the Chicago Public Schools Board of Education from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sandsmark
Secretary *Pro Tem*

Ronald J. Gidwitz
Chairman