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Convene Meeting/  
Roll Call      The special meeting of the State Board of Education was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by the Chair, Dr. Janet Steiner, who asked for the roll to be called. A quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ronald Gidwitz	Beverly Turkal	Dean Clark
Richard Sandsmark	Joyce Karon	Janet Steiner

Greg Kazarian joined the meeting at 4:34 p.m.  
Judith Gold joined the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Chair Steiner indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Governor's vetoes of the FY04 ISBE Budget and implications for the agency.

FY04 Budget      Dr. Schiller proceeded to explain the effects of the budget vetoes on ISBE staffing and services. The services that will be most affected by the cuts include: Certification of teachers, GED testing, Non-public school recognition, Private Business and Vocational Schools (PBVS) oversight, ISBE oversight of numerous state and federal grants, and the Health, Life, Safety Program which reviews school building safety.

The Board received the budget document submitted by the Superintendent (see attached). After discussing the effects of the budget vetoes, Board members expressed their concern about the liability and legal issues that would possibly result from an inability to provide mandated services under the law and statutes due to the lack of resources and vital staffing.

Motion Richard Sandsmark made a motion that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss the liability and legal issues involved in the budget cuts that affect staff and the services they provide. The motion was seconded by Janet Steiner.

Vote All members present voted yes. The meeting recessed at 6:15 p.m.

Closed Session The Board went into Closed Session at 6:20 p.m. All Board members were present as well as Superintendent Schiller and General Counsel Respicio Vazaquez.

The Board discussed the legal implications of the vetoes and the concurrent liability to the Board for services that will not be effectively delivered due to staffing cuts.

At 6:40 p.m. Wade Nelson was asked to join the meeting.

Open Session At 6:45 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session. A quorum was present. All board members were present.

Adjournment Ronald Gidwitz made a motion to adjourn the open meeting. Dean Clark seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.