



Illinois State Board of Education*

100 North First Street
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Springfield, Illinois 62777

**Special Board Meeting
September 20, 2004**

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SCHEDULE AND AGENDA OF MEETING

MONDAY, September 20, 2004

7:30 a.m. Swearing-in of New Members of the State Board of Education

- 7:35 a.m.**
- A. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call**
 - B. Appointment of Secretary *ProTem***
 - C. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Board Officers**
 - D. Public Participation to discuss the role of the State Superintendent of Education in effectuating the policies of the Board**
 - E. Motion to enter into Closed Session (as needed)**
 - F. Closed Session (as needed)**
 - G. Reconvene Public Meeting**
 - H. Personnel Matters**
 - I. Adjourn**

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MINUTES

Prior to calling the meeting to order The Honorable Jesse G. Reyes, Associate Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, administered the Oath of Office to the new members of the Illinois State Board of Education: Chairman Jesse Ruiz, Dr. Andrea Brown, Dr. David Fields, Mr. Edward Geppert, Dr. Vinni Hall, Ms. Brenda Holmes and Dr. Christopher Ward.

A. Call Meeting to Order	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. Chairman Ruiz called the roll. A quorum was present.</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Dr. Andrea Brown Mr. Dean Clark Dr. David Fields Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr. Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Pro Tem Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon Mr. Jesse Rios, Chairman Dr. Christopher Ward</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> None</p>
B. Appointment of Secretary Pro Tem/Roll Call	<p>Chairman Ruiz appointed Dr. Vinni Hall as Secretary <i>Pro Tem</i>. Dr. Robert Schiller, State Superintendent of Education, was also on the conference call.</p>
C. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Board Officers	<p>Chairman Ruiz appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee for Board Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Vinni HallDr. Andrea BrownMs. Brenda Holmes
D. Public Participation	<p>There was no one signed up for public participation.</p>
E. Motion to enter into Closed Session	<p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the State Board of Education go into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:</p>

	<p>Section 2 (c) (1) for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation or dismissal of an employee; and</p> <p>Section 2 (c) (3) for the purpose of considering the selection of a person to fill a public office, or the removal of an occupant of public office.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert further moved that the Board be authorized to invite anyone else into the meeting as needed. Dr. Christopher Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
F. Closed Session	The State Board of Education meeting recessed and the Board went into Closed Session at 7:45 a.m.
G. Reconvene Public Meeting	Chairman Ruiz reconvened the meeting at 8:30.a.m. and all members were present for the reconvening of the meeting.
H. Personnel Matters Dr. Schiller leave of absence	<p>Chairman Ruiz then announced that the State Board of Education received a signed letter from Dr. Robert Schiller dated September 20, 2004 which reads as follows:</p> <p>“...I am requesting the Illinois State Board of Education grant me a paid leave of absence until September 30, 2004. ...I may offer my resignation after that time and would like this board to have an opportunity to anticipate the need to prepare for this event along with recent legislative changes.”</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz recognized Mr. Edward Geppert. Mr. Geppert moved that the State Board of Education grant Dr. Robert Schiller’s request for a paid leave of absence effective September 30, 2004, and further that the Board relieve Dr. Schiller of his duties as State Superintendent as per his request. Dr. Dave Fields seconded the motion.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked if there was any discussion.</p> <p>Mr. Dean Clark went on record as being uncomfortable with the action and that in his personal opinion it does not comply with the tenets of SB 3000 in that there has not been a settlement agreed to between Dr. Schiller and the State Board. Mr. Clark continued that he understands that Dr. Schiller has requested a leave, but it is the relieving of his duties that Mr. Clark is uncomfortable with.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked if there was any other discussion. There was none. . The motion passed with a roll call vote of seven (7) yes votes and two (2) no votes.</p>
Temporary employment of Dr. Randy Dunn	Dr. Andrea Brown moved that the State Board of Education temporarily employ Dr. Randy Dunn to be the State Superintendent starting September 20, 2004, until such time that a permanent State Superintendent is employed, at an annual salary of \$115,000. Dr. Brown further moved that Chairman Ruiz with the advice of the Board’s General Counsel be authorized to negotiate with Dr. Randy Dunn to determine the level of retirement contribution, benefits, vacation and sick leave, consistent with what is provided to other state agency directors and that upon determination of such benefits

	<p>Chairman Ruiz be authorized to sign a performance contract substantially in the form provided to the Board and attached to these minutes. Mr. Geppert seconded the motion.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked if there was any discussion.</p> <p>Mr. Dean Clark commented that he was given insufficient time to review Dr. Dunn's vitae. It was not given to him until this morning and in light of his position on the previous motion, he would have to vote no on this action. Chairman Ruiz commented that the Governor's Office interviewed & vetted candidates. Mr. Clark commented that he understands, but the State Board is responsible for employing the Superintendent, not the Governor's Office.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked for other discussion. There was none. . The motion passed with a roll call vote of seven (7) yes votes and two (2) no votes.</p>
<p>Authorization for separation agreement with Dr. Schiller</p>	<p>Brenda Holmes moved to authorize Chairman Jesse Ruiz to enter into a separation agreement on behalf of the Board with Dr. Robert Schiller and to pay Dr. Schiller an amount not to exceed \$160,000 for a release of all claims against the Board. Mr. Ed Geppert seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote of seven (7) yes votes and two (2) no votes.</p>
<p>I. Adjournment</p>	<p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Dean Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.</p>