

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 N. First Street
Springfield, Illinois**

December 12-13, 2007

NOTE: Staff presentations and detailed Board discussion typically take place during Committee meetings one month prior to State Board action in the plenary session.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

10:00 a.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 0 0 2 2 6 2 7

12:30 – Holiday Luncheon with ISBE Springfield Employees

1:30 p.m. Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole:
Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committees
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 0 0 2 2 6 2 7

***4:00 p.m. Board Operations Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 0 0 2 2 6 2 7

NOTE: The Chairman may call for a break in the Board Operations Committee meeting at which time the Committee of the Whole will go into closed session.

*** The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.**

Thursday, December 13, 2007

8:15 a.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 0 0 2 2 6 2 8

9:00 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session
Board Room, 4th Floor
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**Board Room, 4th Floor
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois**

**Thursday, December 13, 2007
9:00 a.m.**

Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only); Confirmation #: 2 0 0 2 2 6 2 8

The Plenary Session will also be audio broadcast via the Internet.

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A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

1. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

B. Resolutions & Recognition

C. Public Participation

D. Superintendent's Report

*** Consent Agenda**

All action consideration items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion and vote. Any board member who wishes separate discussion on any item listed on the consent agenda may remove that item from the consent agenda, in which event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

Action Considerations

- *1. Approval of Minutes: November 15, 2007 (**Plenary pp. 4-10**)
- *2. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 151 (School Construction Program) (**Rules Packet pp. 5-11**)
 - b. Part 375 (Student Records) (**Rules Packet pp. 12-22**)
- *3. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program) (**Rules Packet pp. 23-30**)
- *4. Approval of Preschool For All Annual Report (**EPPC Packet pp. 36-45**)
- *5. Approval of Draft 2007 State Board of Education Annual Report (**EPPC Packet pp. 46-104**)
- *6. Approval of Charter Schools Annual Report (**Plenary pp. 11-43**)
- *7. Physical Education Policy and Waiver Requests (**Plenary pp. 44-51**)
- *8. Recommendations of the Teacher Certification Board
 - a. Approval of New Teacher Preparation Programs (**Plenary pp. 52-54**)
 - 1) Greenville College – Reading Specialist
 - 2) Illinois State University – School Social Worker
 - 3) Chicago State University – Family & Consumer Science
 - 4) Governor's State University – Mathematics
 - 5) Lake Forest College – Visual Arts
- *9. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million (**Joint Committee Packet pp. 128-129**)
 - a. IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement – Technology Immersion Pilot Project Professional Development

(end of consent agenda)

10. Legislative Proposals (**Joint Committee Packet pp. 18-127**)
11. Bagby v. State Board of Education Settlement Agreement (*as needed*)

E. New Business

F. Announcements and Reports

1. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*)
2. Superintendent's Announcements
3. Chairman's Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Member Reports

G. Information Items

1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (*Plenary pp. 55-57*)
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*Plenary pp. 58-76*)

H. Adjourn

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**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
December 13, 2007
Illinois State Board of Education
Springfield, Illinois**

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</p> <p>The Board members, Dr. Koch and anyone who wished to join them faced the American flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board meeting was being audio-cast live over the Internet.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <u>Members Present:</u> Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Dr. Andrea Brown Mr. Dean Clark Dr. David Fields Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon </td><td style="vertical-align: top;"> <u>Members Absent:</u> None </td></tr> </table>	<u>Members Present:</u> Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Dr. Andrea Brown Mr. Dean Clark Dr. David Fields Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon	<u>Members Absent:</u> None
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RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION	<i>(There were no Resolutions or Recognitions at this time.)</i>		
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	<p>Ms. Janet Milkovich from the Reading for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D) was accompanied by Mr. Nate McCue of Kankakee High School who spoke on the benefits of the RFB&D program in his school. Ms. Milkovich also shared with the Board a summary of the organization's accomplishments for the past year and their goals for the upcoming year. She asked the Board to consider RFB&D's request for additional funding of \$500,000.00 so that that they can continue to serve children in more schools.</p> <p>Ms. Susy Woods, Chair of the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities (ISAC) spoke on the proposed changes to Special Education Rules (23 Ill. Adm. Code 226). Ms. Woods noted that ISAC is mandated by law to comment publicly on proposed state and federal rules. ISAC represents a wide variety of stakeholders including educators, administrators, parents, individuals with disabilities and state agency representatives.</p> <p>ISAC supports the proposed changes to the Special Education rules;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 226. 220 (Development, Review and Revision of the IEP) provision that acknowledges requirements that were added to Section 14-8.02 of the School Code by P.A. 95-257, related to the development of an IEP for a child with a disability on the autism spectrum. • Section 226. 635 (Appointment, Refusal, and Substitution of Impartial Due Process Hearing Officers) wording that specifies a timeframe for substitution of a hearing officer. • Section 226.690 (Transfer of Parental Rights) the incorporation of a student's delegations of rights as set forth in new section 14.6.10 of the School Code (P.A. 95-372). <p>The Advisory Council feels that each of these changes will continue to ensure that</p>		

	<p>students with disabilities receive the best possible education to prepare them for post-secondary success. Ms. Woods thanked the Board for their time.</p>
<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz commented that all items listed with an asterisk (*) on the agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion and vote. Any board members who wishes separate discussion on any item listed on the consent agenda may remove that item from the consent agenda, in which the event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.</p> <p>Mr. Ruiz stated that consent agenda item D.9. Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million will be removed from the consent agenda and considered a separate item for discussion.</p> <p>Dr. Koch noted that as discussed in the Education Policy Planning Committee meeting, there would be an addendum added to the Preschool For All Annual Report that is submitted to the General Assembly.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Mr. Clark moved that the State Board of Education hereby approve the consent agenda items as presented, with the exception of agenda item D.9. Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million. Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Approval of Minutes</u> The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meeting of November 15, 2007 Board meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> Part 151 (School Construction Program) The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: School Construction Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 151) including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> Part 375 (Student Records) The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Student Records (23 Illinois Administrative Code 375), Including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Adoption</u> Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program) The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for: Summer Bridges Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 232), Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Approval Of Preschool For All Annual Report</u> The Illinois State Board of Education approves the FY08 Preschool For All Funding Report for submission to the General Assembly.</p>

Approval Of Draft 2007 State Board Of Education Annual Report

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the Draft 2007 Annual Report pending the inclusion of the *Condition of Education* narrative based on 2007 assessment results and Local Resources for 2006-2007.

Approval of Charter Schools Annual Report

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the Charter School Annual Report as presented at the December Board meeting.

Physical Education Policy and Waiver Requests

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby adopts the following motions:

- The State Board of Education hereby eliminates the 2001 Policy for Physical Education Waiver Requests.
- The State Board of Education hereby discontinues its informal practice of making recommendations on individual waiver requests to the Illinois General Assembly, with the understanding that such recommendations may be made in the future if exceptional circumstances warrant them.

Recommendations For Teacher Certification Board

Approval of New Teacher Preparation Programs

Greenville College - Reading Specialist

The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Reading Specialist program for Greenville College, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

Illinois University College - School Social Worker

The State Board of Education provisionally approves the School Social Worker program for Illinois State University, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

Chicago State University – Family & Consumer Science

The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Mathematics program for Governors State University, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

Governor's State University - Mathematics

The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Family and Consumer Sciences program for Chicago State University, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

Lake Forest College – Visual Arts

The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Visual Arts program for Lake Forest College, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

<p>Contracts and Grants over \$1 Million</p>	<p>Ms. Karon stated that if the agency provides funds for grants to create professional development programs she would like the intergovernmental agreements to state that the programs are property of the agency. The ISBE could then learn from the dollars that it has spent, and share the information as necessary.</p> <p>Mr. Reisberg responded by saying that we do make it very clear to the people we enter into contracts and grants with that we do not make exceptions to our intellectual property provisions in grants and contracts. It is very important that we retain the state dollars we put out and the property rights over these products.</p> <p>Mr. Reisberg stated that we could enter into a license that could be used independently of the contract. This would allow others to use the products in a non commercial fashion, including those entered into in limited circumstances. Generally, we would retain full ownership and will not diverge from that at all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contracts and Grants over \$1 Million</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement Technology Immersion Pilot Project Professional Development</p> <p>Ms. Karon moved that the "The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the Agency to renew for an additional fiscal year (FY08) its Intergovernmental Agreement with IMSA for the provision of professional development funded from the Technology Immersion Pilot Project (with the maximum amount of such agreement not to exceed \$1,365,000)".</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
<p>Legislative Proposals</p>	<p>Ms. Holmes moved that The State Board of Education hereby approves the following legislative proposals to move forward as agency initiated proposals for the spring 2008 legislative session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Consolidation/Reorganization Statutes Clean-up • School Holidays and Parent/Teacher Conferences • 22 GSA Payments • Out of State Teacher Certificates • Court placements for private special education and rehab facilities • Elimination of 11-15 Passenger Vans for Non-Curriculum Trips • Withdrawal from Special Education Cooperatives <p>Ms. Holmes asked that the following three proposals be presented at the January 2008 Board Meeting after additional information can be supplied and considered on the subjects for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development Requirements (HQ) • Educator Misconduct • Obsolete & Duplicative Repeals and Statutory Clean-up <p>Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Bagby v. State Board of Education Settlement Agreement</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the next agenda item D.11. Bagby v. State Board of Education Settlement Agreement will be discussed in closed session and the Board will return and take action on that agenda item following the closed session.</p>

<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Dr. Koch pointed out that there are several areas of misconception that have come to light as part of the IMAGE discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students new to this country for one year do not have to be assessed in reading. • Two years after they exit a bilingual program they continue to be counted in that subgroup. • Our current assessments are not given in native languages, they are provided in English. • Accommodations used for teaching and learning should be used throughout the year, not just for testing situations. <p>Dr. Koch noted that we are working closely with the Bilingual Advisory Council on their recommendations for accommodation and policy. We have been in contact with the US Department of Education and are hoping for a speedy resolution on a specific list of accommodations.</p> <p>Dr. Koch commented that he and Susie Morrison attended the Kaskaskia Regional Alliance Meeting in Litchfield on December 5, 2007. Senator Deanna Demuzio and Representative Gary Hannig also attended.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he had participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>November 16-18</td><td>Attended the Triple I Conference in Chicago.</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 17</td><td>Attended the ISBE Meet and Greet at the Triple I Conference.</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 18</td><td>Presented the Thomas Lay Burroughs School Board President of the Year Award to Mr. Mark Metzger.</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 19</td><td>Attended the Re-Enrolling Student Task Force Meeting in Chicago.</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 20</td><td>Visited the Columbia Explorers Academy on the southwest side of Chicago.</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 20</td><td>Attended the Chicago Budget Hearing at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago.</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 29</td><td>Attended the Grow Your Own Conference. Linda Tomlinson and Linda Jamali were also in attendance.</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 30</td><td>Visited El Valor School with Superintendent Koch.</td></tr> <tr> <td>December 4</td><td>Attended the Illinois Board of Higher Education Board Meeting in Chicago.</td></tr> <tr> <td>December 4</td><td>Attended the Metropolitan Planning Council Annual Meeting.</td></tr> <tr> <td>December 6</td><td>Moderated at the 5th Annual Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus in Rosemont. Superintendent Koch, Susie Morrison, Darren Reisberg and Irma Snopek were also in attendance.</td></tr> <tr> <td>December 7</td><td>Addressed The Leadership Greater Chicago Group.</td></tr> <tr> <td>December 10</td><td>Met with Ms. Kelly James of the Gates Foundation. Ms. James is working with the Boston Consulting Group to form a new education organization to help improve public education in Illinois.</td></tr> <tr> <td>December 11</td><td>Attended a meeting at the Mexican Consul's office to discuss a potential MOU to exchange teachers between Illinois and Mexico.</td></tr> </table>	November 16-18	Attended the Triple I Conference in Chicago.	November 17	Attended the ISBE Meet and Greet at the Triple I Conference.	November 18	Presented the Thomas Lay Burroughs School Board President of the Year Award to Mr. Mark Metzger.	November 19	Attended the Re-Enrolling Student Task Force Meeting in Chicago.	November 20	Visited the Columbia Explorers Academy on the southwest side of Chicago.	November 20	Attended the Chicago Budget Hearing at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago.	November 29	Attended the Grow Your Own Conference. Linda Tomlinson and Linda Jamali were also in attendance.	November 30	Visited El Valor School with Superintendent Koch.	December 4	Attended the Illinois Board of Higher Education Board Meeting in Chicago.	December 4	Attended the Metropolitan Planning Council Annual Meeting.	December 6	Moderated at the 5 th Annual Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus in Rosemont. Superintendent Koch, Susie Morrison, Darren Reisberg and Irma Snopek were also in attendance.	December 7	Addressed The Leadership Greater Chicago Group.	December 10	Met with Ms. Kelly James of the Gates Foundation. Ms. James is working with the Boston Consulting Group to form a new education organization to help improve public education in Illinois.	December 11	Attended a meeting at the Mexican Consul's office to discuss a potential MOU to exchange teachers between Illinois and Mexico.
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<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Education Policy Planning Committee Dr. Fields reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During public participation Amy Alsop and Daryl Morrison of the Illinois Federation of Teachers shared their concerns on RTI. The Committee also heard from Dr. Roger Thornton, Superintendent of High School District #211 and three of his district principals on ACT and WorkKeys concerns. They also voiced their objections to ELL students taking the PSAE with accommodations. • Superintendent Koch and Susie Morrison shared a verbal update with the Committee on the Illinois College and Work Readiness. • Connie Wise and Harvey Smith reviewed the Illinois Interactive School Report Card. • Connie Wise reviewed the Educator Supply and Demand Report with the Committee. • Kay Henderson presented the Committee with the Preschool for all Annual Report. • Superintendent Koch and Susie Morrison reviewed with the Committee the Draft State Board Annual Report. • Chairman Ruiz updated the Committee on the Task Force on Re-Enrolling Students. • Beth Hanselman and Marica Cullen reviewed the State Response to Intervention Plan. • Discussed the agenda for the January 2008 Education Policy and Planning Committee Meeting. <p>Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole: Governmental Relations and Finance and Audit Committees Ms. Holmes and Mr. Clark reported that the Governmental Relations and the Finance and Audit Committees discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee reviewed the State Superintendent's Travel Report. • Public Participation from Illinois Coalition for Homeless and Teach for America requesting more funding. • Shelley Helton and Winnie Tuthill discussed the 2008 Cumulative Waiver Report. The Committee will review further in January. • Nicole Wills and Leigh Ann Vanausdoll updated the Committees on the current legislative proposals. • Marica Cullen reviewed the IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement-Technology Immersion Pilot Project Professional Development. • Dan Long and Jim Muschinske from the Commission on Government Forecasting & Accountability shared an Economic and Revenue update on the financial forecast for Illinois. • Linda Mitchell and Ronny Wickenhauser updated the Committees on the FY08 Budget. • Superintendent Koch, Linda Mitchell and Ronny Wickenhauser had a preliminary discussion with the Committees on the FY09 Budget recommendations. • The Committees reviewed the agendas for the January 2008 Committee meetings. The Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committee will each hold separate meetings in January due to the lengthy agendas of both committees.
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	<p>Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Vespa updated the Committee on Rules for Initial Review: Part 151 (School Construction Program) and Darren Reisberg updated the Committee on Part 375 (Student Records). • Myron Mason updated the Committee on the Rules for Adoption Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program). • Committee reviewed the agenda for the January 2008 Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting. <p>Board Operations Committee of the Whole Meeting</p> <p>Dr. Ward reported that the committee discussed the following topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ward noted that the majority of the Board Operations Committee Meeting was held in closed session. • The Committee recommended that Chairman Ruiz appoint Dr. Hall as a voting delegate to represent the Board at the NASBE Voters Meeting.
<p>Members' Reports</p>	<p>Dr. Fields commented that on November 28, 2007, he spoke to a group of new teachers. On December 5, he attended a program at Danville High School where Leonard Pitts, Syndicated Journalist, spoke on the topics of education, ethnic and race relations.</p> <p>Ms. Karon stated that she attended the Illinois Board of Higher Education Meeting on December 4, 2007 at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>Dr. Ward stated that he attended the Triple I Conference on November 16-18, 2007, in Chicago and the November 20, 2007, Budget Hearing in Chicago. Dr. Ward commented that he been asked by Joliet High School District to work with an agency they have hired to find work placement for students between the ages of 18 and 21 who are mentally impaired. Dr. Ward has agreed to help them in hopes of opening doors for placement of these students.</p> <p>Dr. Hall stated that she will be participating at the American Education Research Association meeting in New York. Her presentation will focus on Illinois' efforts in the area of Supplemental Education Services. On February 27, 2007, she will present to the Learning Disabilities Association. She will continue to work with the Early Learning Council and has been invited by NASBE to speak in Atlanta at the Center for Disease Control on the topic of black youth with AIDS.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes reflected upon the past year and thanked everyone for their hard work and contributions to the education of the students of Illinois. Ms. Holmes then wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year.</p> <p>Dr. Brown attended the Triple I Conference in Chicago on November 16-18, 2007. She also attend ASED/IASA in the southern part of the state.</p> <p>Mr. Clark stated that he attended the Triple I Conference in Chicago on November 16-18, 2007, and that he attended the last two budget hearings held in Chicago and Belleville.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked that Board members continue to work on their homework tasks and keep Jean Ladage updated on any pending work so that she can keep</p>

	the worksheet up to date.
Information Items	Chairman Ruiz asked that the Board members please read the Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking and the State Board of Education Fiscal and Administrative Monthly Reports printed in the Board meeting materials each month for information purposes. (Reports start on page 55 of your Plenary packet.). There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT (Prior to Closed Session)	Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board would enter into a motion to go into a brief close session and then reconvene to act on agenda item D.11. Bagby v. State Board of Education Settlement Agreement. Following action on item D. 11, the phone will be disconnected and no further action will be taken, other than to adjourn the meeting.
Closed Session	<p>Dr. Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Hall further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 10:40 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.</p>
Bagby v. State Board of Education Settlement Agreement	<p>Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes Chairman Ruiz to enter into a Settlement Agreement in the case of Michelle Bagby v. State Board of Education which, without limitation the Agency's agreement to issue Ms. Bagby a substitute teaching certificate and Ms. Bagby's agreement to release the State Board of Education from all actions and claims and to dismiss the action with prejudice within 15 days of Chairman Ruiz signing the Settlement Agreement.</p> <p>Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
Closed Session Reconvened	Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board would now reconvene the closed session for discussion of personnel issues. Following the adjournment of closed session the Board will reconvene the open meeting only to adjourn. No substantive action will be taken. The Board returned to closed session at 11:00 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.
Motion for Adjournment	Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:57p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

**Board Operations Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, December 12, 2007**

4:00 p.m.

The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Minutes of the October Board Operations Committee Meeting (***pp. 2-3***)
4. Adjourn

NOTE: Chairman may call for a break in the Board Operations Committee meeting at which time the Committee of the Whole will go into closed session.

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.

BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
December 12, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Members Physically Present

Chris Ward, Committee Chair
David Fields
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon
Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Dean Clark
Brenda Holmes

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Christopher A. Koch
Darren Reisberg

Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. and asked members to introduce themselves for purposes of roll call. (See above.)

On December 12, 2007 at 4:27 p.m. Dr. Ward called a break in the Board Operation Committee of the Whole meeting in order for the committee to go into closed session.

Ms. Karon moved that the Board Operations Committee of the Whole enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;

Ms. Karon further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.

Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board Operations Committee Meeting of the Whole meeting went into closed session at 4:30 p.m.

The public meeting reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

Ms. Karon moved that the Board Operations Meeting of the Whole be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice call vote. The committee meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
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10:00 a.m.

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1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the November Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (***pp. 2-3***)
5. Illinois College and Work Readiness (verbal update) (*Chris Koch, Susie Morrison*)
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- *8. Preschool For All Annual Report (*Kay Henderson*) (***pp. 36-45***)

10-minute break

- *9. Review Draft State Board Annual Report (*Chris Koch, Susie Morrison*) (***pp. 46-104***)
10. Update on Task Force on Re-Enrolling Students (*Jesse Ruiz*) (***p. 105***)
11. Draft State Response to Intervention (Rtl) Plan (*Beth Hanselman*) (***pp. 106-119***)
12. Committee Agenda Planning
13. Adjourn

**EDUCATION POLICY PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Dave Fields, Chair
Andrea Brown
Joyce Karon
Vinni Hall

Other Board Members Physically Present

Dean Clark
Brenda Holmes
Jesse Ruiz
Chris Ward

Committee Members Participation Via Phone Conference

None

Board Members Absent

ISBE Staff

Superintendent Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Rene Valenciano

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. David Fields requested a roll call for attendance purposes. See above.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** There was no participation from Board members by any other means.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Dr. Fields introduced Amy Alsop of the Illinois Federation of Teachers and Daryl Morrison of the Illinois Education Association who were present at the EPPC meeting to share support and concern about the statewide implementation of the Response to Intervention (RtI) initiative. They stated that they appreciated the collaborative means by which the plan was developed and support the concept of Response to Intervention. Additionally, they will continue to be actively involved in the process to ensure that quality professional development is available to educators to keep RtI from being an undue burden.

Dr. Fields recognized Superintendent Roger Thornton and Tim Little of Palatine/Schaumburg HSD 21, who were present to relay concerns with regard to the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) and the negative impact it is having on their students' ACT scores. Mr. Thornton stated that it is his position that ACT has thus far been the "gold standard" of testing and those scores have been "trumped" by Work Keys. Mr. Thornton stressed that they believe there should be a progressive alignment/more correlation between ISAT and PSAE beginning at the middle school level. He is very concerned with the 4.4% drop in scores in his district from one year to the next. Mr. Thornton was also concerned about the decision to stop administering the IMAGE to ELL students. Mr. Thornton also requested permission to administer the PSAE to senior students.

4. **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2007 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes from the November 2007 EPPC Meeting.
5. **Illinois College and Work Readiness (verbal update) (Chris Koch, Susie Morrison):**
Superintendent Chris Koch and Susie Morrison provided the Board with a verbal update. Superintendent Koch addressed concerns raised during the Public Participation portion of the Board Meeting. He provided an update on the work in progress by Achieve. He stated that ISBE must know if our standards address the most critical and relevant standards. Superintendent Koch stated that recommendations for Illinois Math and English/Reading/Language Arts Standards will be forthcoming in January 2008; and Science in February 2008. A report is expected in April or May.

Dr. Koch announced that the negotiations with ACT concerning the cost of the Explore & Plan tests are almost finished. The end result of the negotiation will be to obtain the best possible cost for these tests and the ACT pre- test so the Agency can reimburse districts for the cost of the tests. Dr. Koch also stated that he would like the Board to support continued funding in the FY09 budget for these efforts.. Susie Morrison announced that Great Lakes West is working with us to coordinate a meeting with ISBE staff and two other states who have already implemented P-16 or P-20 Councils. Great Lakes will assist in the development of a plan with IBHE, ICCB, ISBE and the Governor's Office. Superintendent Koch stated that discussions have taken place with IBHE and ICCB regarding a Longitudinal Data System and the use of student identifiers that would allow school districts to communicate with institutions of higher education more efficiently.

6. **Illinois Interactive School Report Card (Connie Wise, Harvey Smith):** Connie Wise introduced Harvey Smith who gave the Board a demonstration of the Illinois Interactive School Report Card. Mr. Smith stated the interactive program was designed to be "user friendly" with "Point and Click" summary reports for every school district in Illinois. Mr. Smith added that the IIRC is logically presented and sequential offering several ways to analyze student, school and district data with simple interactive tools; colorful charts, graphs and scatter plots that visually display data and growth trends. He said that the program offers quick access to learning standards, lesson plans, student work and other classroom resources, up-to-date details on assessment frameworks, performance descriptors and classroom assessments. The site goes beyond simply providing Report Card data. The Interactive School Report Card represents an effective way to use outcome and demographic data. He added that the site will help teachers become comfortable using data. He emphasized that all data contained in this program is classified as public information but that the interface program belongs to NIU.
7. **Educator Supply and Demand Report (Connie Wise):** Connie Wise and Jim Sweeney provided the Board with the results of the 2007 Educator Supply and Demand Annual Report. Dr. Wise stated that the report indicated that retention rates have remained high in 2007 and that the number of re-entries hired has also increased by 42%. Further, student enrollments are expected to peak in 2008 and then will begin to decline. While the downstate workforce increased this year; special education shortages remain. Dr. Wise also reported that unfilled positions have decreased by 6%; however, 55% of those unfilled positions were in Chicago Dist #299 and for the sixth straight year, special education was at the top of the list in terms of both the number of districts reporting a shortage and the severity of the shortages reported. Board member Holmes suggested that the report be provided to IBHE and ICCB.
8. **Preschool for All Annual Report (Kay Henderson):** Kay Henderson was present to share the findings of the Preschool for All Annual Report. Ms. Henderson stated that the Preschool for All program is targeted to assist at-risk children and their families. In October new funding was awarded for the Preschool for All program that is expected to reach approximately 4,000 new children in 2007-08. One hundred percent of the FY 08 funds were awarded to programs serving primarily at-risk children. Ms. Henderson also stated that the approved Preschool for All Funding Report will be submitted to the General Assembly. Jesse Ruiz asked that an addendum to the report be added to show where funds are actually used.
9. **Review Draft State Board Annual Report (Chris Koch, Susie Morrison):** Dr. Koch stated that Susie Morrison assisted in compiling the State Board Annual Report and The Condition of Education in Illinois. The report includes demographic, financial and statistical data. Data that is not available until the end of December was not included but will be added as soon as it becomes available.

Suggestions were made by Joyce Karon and other board members regarding external communication about the report content:

- include snippets of information in 'small doses' to the field to highlight important data
- add bookmarks in external messages to allow for easy access of specific data
- raise awareness of the annual report by including references in Superintendent's Weekly Messages to the field

Dr. Koch added that the Governor and members of the General Assembly will each receive a printed copy of the report. Member Ward reminded the Board that poverty continues to be a serious concern and the annual report highlights the plight of students in poverty conditions.

- 10. Update on Task Force on Re-Enrolling Students (Jesse Ruiz):** Board Chairman Jesse Ruiz was present to update the Board on the current activities of the Task Force on Re-Enrolling Students. Chairman Ruiz stated that members of the task force would be meeting on Friday (December 14, 2007) to review the draft report and that the Board Members will receive a draft copy later today. Mr. Ruiz further stated that the report will be used as a template by the newly formed Re-enrollment Council that will be moving forward to endorse the recommendations in the report. Chairman Ruiz emphasized that the task force's single focus was on the current 200,000 16 to 19-year old dropouts in the state of Illinois rather than prevention. The report should be finalized in January.

Committee Chairman Fields stated that research has shown that offering differentiated schedules would increase student retention but schools seem to be unwilling to do this. Dr. Fields further stated that he believes that more focus should be placed on student retention rather than re-enrollment.

- 11. State Response to Intervention Plan (Beth Hanselman, Marica Cullen):** Beth Hanselman and Marica Cullen were present to report on the progress of the Response to Intervention Plan. Ms. Hanselman stated that Rene Valenciano and several members of the Special Education staff recently attended the National RtI Summit in Arlington, Virginia. Ms. Hanselman added that the attendees came away with the belief that training and Professional Development are crucial to successful RtI implementation. Ms. Hanselman emphasized that the program will not succeed without appropriate funding, support and resources. The plan represents a beginning process that is fluid and dynamic and the development of state-wide RtI should be continuously monitored for improvement. Marica Cullen reported on details of the summit and shared that she believes Illinois is ahead of other states in the development of plans. Ms. Cullen further stated that RtI is a general education initiative that has profound power to change education throughout the state of Illinois and it should continue to be a highly collaborative process. In January, the plan will be disseminated statewide.

- 12. Committee Agenda Planning:** Suggestions were made by the following Board Members:
- Andrea Brown: The Board should have a discussion of math and science evaluator expectations.
 - Vinni Hall: There is a need to follow-up on ACT
 - Chris Koch: The Great Lakes Center Report on ISBE Staffing Analysis will be shared with the board prior to the next meeting.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Dr. Hall moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

**Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole
Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committees
Wednesday, December 12, 2007**

1:30 p.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor

Public Conference Call Access Number: 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*)
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JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the November Joint Committee Meeting (***pp. not available at time of publishing***)
5. 2008 Cumulative Waiver Report (*Winnie Tuthill, Shelley Helton*) (***pp. 4-17***)
- *6. Legislative Proposals (*Nicole Wills, Leigh Ann Vanausdoll*) (***pp. 18-127***)

10-minute break

7. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million (Marica Cullen)
 - a. IMSA Intergovernmental Agreement – Technology Immersion Pilot Project Professional Development (***pp. 128-129***)
8. Revenue Presentation by Commission on Government Forecasting & Accountability (***pp. 130***)
9. FY 08 Budget Update (*Linda Mitchell, Ronny Wickenhauser*) (***verbal update***)
10. Preliminary Discussions of FY09 Budget Recommendation (Chris Koch, Linda Mitchell, Ronny Wickenhauser) (***pp. not available at time of publishing***)
11. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items for Finance & Audit Committee
12. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.

**JOINT FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Springfield Illinois

Committee Members Present

Dean Clark, Co-Chair
Brenda Holmes, Co-Chair
Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Chris Ward
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Vinni Hall

Staff Present

Chris Koch
Linda Riley Mitchell
Susie Morrison
Darren Reisberg
Connie Wise
Linda Tomlinson
Ronny Wickenhauser
Don Evans
Rene Valenciano
Marica Cullen
Linda Jamali
Leigh Ann Vanausdoll
Sumantra Lahiri

Nicole Wills
Beth Hanselman
Michelle Heninger
Shelley Helton
Winnie Tuthill
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffitt
Kathi Best
Deb Vespa
Tim Imler
Matt Vanover

1. ROLL CALL

2. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lorrene Heybach, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

The Coalition is making a request for \$15 million in the FY 09 budget for Homeless Education. Handouts were submitted to committee members detailing how the Coalition believes additional funds should and the increasing number of homeless students was also discussed.

Larry Stuffle Teach for America

Mr. Stuffle requested an increase in the appropriation for the Teach For America from \$450,000 to \$1.4 million in FY 09.

4. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Chris Ward made a motion to correct the November Joint Committee meeting notes to add Leigh Ann Vanausdoll under staff members present. Chairman Jesse Ruiz seconded the motion.

5. 2008 CUMULATIVE WAIVER REPORT

After a brief presentation on the components of the report for ISBE staff member Winnie Tuthill, the Committee members discussed the proposed recommendations for legislative change. Committee members agreed with that a recommendation to change the statutes concerning school holiday waivers and parent-teacher conferences; however, board members expressed a difference of opinion on the proposed recommendation to the General Assembly to increase the driver's education fee to \$250.00. Board member Chris Ward questioned whether or not any limit should be in statute, and instead local school districts would have the ability to set its own fee if needed.

Co-Chair Brenda Holmes asked that the discussion be continued until January when the State Superintendent could bring back a recommendation on the driver's education fee issue for the Board.

6. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

State Board staff presented the ten legislative proposals recommended for approval by the State Superintendent for the spring 2008 legislative session. The Committee members agreed that staff could move forward with seven of the ten presented proposals, including:

- 1) School Consolidation/Reorganization Statutes Clean-up
- 2) School Holidays and Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3) General State Aid – 22 Payments (Template)
- 4) Out of State Teacher Certificates
- 5) Court Placements for Private Special Ed. & Rehab Facilities
- 6) Elimination of 11-15 Passenger Vans for Non-curriculum Trips
- 7) Withdrawal from Special Education Co-ops

The committee requested that Governmental Relations staff bring proposals #8-10 back to the committee in January with further information. These proposals include:

- 8) Professional Development Requirements (HQ)
- 9) Educator Misconduct
- 10) Obsolete & Duplicative Repeals and Statutory Clean-up

END OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS PORTION OF THE MEETING

7. CONTRACTS & GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION

a. IMSA INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – TECHNOLOGY IMMERSION PILOT PROJECT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Marica Cullen stated that ISBE would like to continue the agreement with IMSA for this year for these projects. Board members asked if any evaluations had been done and Ms. Cullen stated that an RFSP was in the process of being done for such an evaluation.

Dean Clark stated that the recommendation would be to adopt the motion to approve this in the plenary session tomorrow. Motion carried.

8. REVENUE PRESENTATION BY COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING & ACCOUNTABILITY

Dan Long and Jim Muschinske from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability gave a presentation on the economy, as well as the revenue outlook for the state in fiscal year 2008 and 2009. Mr. Long and Mr. Muschinske indicated that state revenues received from corporate taxes and from sales taxes were coming in lower in fiscal year 2008 than over the same period in fiscal year 2007. They discussed the pressure this put on the fiscal year 2008 budget as the budget assumed increases in both revenue sources for the fiscal year. Mr. Long and Mr. Muschinske also discussed the continuing pressure that the growth in retirement payments and in Medicaid payments places on the overall availability of funding for other needs in the budget.

9. FY08 BUDGET UPDATE

Linda Mitchell stated that ISBE has been continuing to pay General State Aid at FY07 levels. Ms. Mitchell also told the Board that a few districts will begin to receive overpayments from General State Aid if we continue to pay them at fiscal year 2007 levels as they have had significant increases in EAVs or Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes, and/or they have had decreases in their Average Daily Attendance. This situation has been discussed with the districts involved. Ms. Mitchell stated that the situation was being monitored and appropriate action would be taken to prevent such overpayments.

10. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF FY09 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Linda Mitchell thanked the Board members who were able to attend the Budget Hearing that were held across the state. Ms. Mitchell stated that there was a very good participation at the hearings.

There were several requests on issues, such as Drivers Education, Superintendent Mentoring and direct appeals from various museums and specific line items.

Ms. Mitchell stated that ISBE's concerns include staffing. ISBE's attempt last year to secure 60 additional positions was not successful. The Budget Division is in the process of developing an estimate for the cost of additional staff for the coming fiscal year. Ms. Mitchell also stated that ISBE has some technology issues, including concerns about our servers and the development of a data warehouse. ISBE has attempted to get federal funding for this and has not been successful, in part due to a lack of state resources. ISBE will also have a union contract coming up for negotiation, and travel reimbursements and building rent are expected to go up.

Ronny Wickenhauser discussed various line items with requests for increases in fiscal year 2009.

11. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dean Clark stated that the Great Lakes report on ISBE staffing will be addressed in the Finance and Audit committee meeting in January.

Linda Mitchell stated that in the future there needs to be status update on the audit findings.

Brenda Holmes stated that there needs to be an agenda item to come back to certain legislative proposals.

Linda Mitchell also mentioned for the February meeting that there would be a discussion of audit findings, the common monitoring database project, and a presentation on school districts in financial difficulty.

12. ADJOURN

**Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Thursday, December 13, 2007**

8:15 a.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor

Public Conference Call Access Number: 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*)
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the November Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
- *5. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 151 (School Construction Program) (*Deb Vespa*) (**pp. 5-11**)
 - b. Part 375 (Student Records) (*Darren Reisberg*) (**pp. 12-22**)
- *6. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program) (*Myron Mason*) (**pp. 23-30**)
7. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
8. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Thursday, December 13, 2007

8:15 a.m.

State Board of Education Office
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Dean Clark
David Fields
Vinni Hall
Brenda Holmes
Joyce Karon
Chris Ward

Absent

Others

Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Deb Vespa
Sharryon Dunbar
Sally Vogl

Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. and noted that no members were participating by other means. It was determined that no one had signed up for public participation.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dean Clark moved approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2007, meeting and David Fields seconded the motion. It was adopted unanimously and the minutes were approved as presented.
5. **RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW:** The Chairman noted that amendments were being presented to Parts 151 and 375 and turned the discussion over to General Counsel Darren Reisberg.

PART 151 (School Construction Program)

Mr. Reisberg briefly introduced the amendment being presented and indicated that Division Administrator Deb Vespa was available to answer any questions Board members might have. Ms. Vespa explained that the amendment was being made to incorporate a reference to new statutory requirements regarding "green" buildings. As such it was straightforward, and there were no questions related to the rule.

Ms. Vespa noted for Board members' information that ISBE staff had worked with representatives of the Capital Development Board (CDB) on this matter and that CDB was developing the rules that would actually implement the statute. There would be three options by which districts could comply, and ISBE would be communicating with schools as soon as the language about those was available. The present amendment was being initiated to let school personnel know the requirements would apply to their projects.

Chairman Ruiz asked if these requirements related to "LEAD" certification, and Ms. Vespa replied that they were the same thing. In response to a question from Chris Ward, she clarified that new requirements related to equipment and cleaning supplies were covered under separate legislation. A guidebook was being prepared to cover these subjects. David Fields inquired about the potential impact on districts' finances. Ms. Vespa stated that compliance might cost approximately \$20,000 according to CDB but that this amount would be included in the grant agreement for each construction project.

PART 375 (Student Records)

Darren Reisberg provided an overview for the Board members of the new legislation related to biometric information and noted that this kind of information is often used in school food service

lines to charge students for meals. Parents had raised questions about what would happen to this information, resulting in a legislative proposal by Senator Del Valle to protect it. That, in turn, had led to the need to update the rules for student records to incorporate the new provisions.

Mr. Reisberg indicated that a further provision had been identified to be updated so that it would match a requirement stated in the rules for Transitional Bilingual Education (Part 228). Those rules had recently been amended to require that each student's temporary record include the completed home language survey, so that the definition of "student temporary record" found in Part 375 needed to be revised accordingly.

Discussion ensued regarding several related points, including the appropriate placement of scores from the various state assessments and the limitations on access to students' records. Mr. Reisberg noted that the confidentiality of students' records is taken very seriously by the agency. Board members discussed the possibility of making students' records accessible to personnel in higher education. Joyce Karon clarified that discussion at the last meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education had focused on remediation of academic deficits and questions as to whether information from schools could be shared for that purpose. It was noted that a shared database of university students exists, and the possibility of an interface with the Student Information System is being explored. Mr. Reisberg also noted the U.S. Department of Education had issued guidance regarding the appropriateness of sharing student information following the incident at Virginia Tech.

Ms. Karon also mentioned that a concern had been expressed for students with special needs who may not be identified at the higher education level and thus may miss out on available services. Andrea Brown asked whether ISBE is able to track the number of "hits" on various portions of the web site and noted such information might enable staff to have greater understanding of how well ISBE is communicating on a variety of subjects.

6. RULES FOR ADOPTION

PART 232 (Summer Bridges Program)

Darren Reisberg stated that the amendments to Part 232 had undergone initial review in September and there had been no public comment. Sharryon Dunbar was available in case Board members had any questions. There were none.

Chairman Ruiz noted that action would be taken on all these sets of rules during the upcoming plenary session.

- 7. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Darren Reisberg indicated that the rulemaking items to be brought forward for initial review at the January 2008 meeting could include amendments to Part 60 (The "Grow Your Own" Teacher Education Initiative) and Part 252 (Driver Education) and that the possibility of amendments to Part 305 (School Food Service) might be further discussed. Amendments to Parts 25 and 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services) would be ready for adoption at that time also. It was agreed that a Thursday morning committee meeting would provide sufficient time for the consideration of these items.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** Vinni Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Fields seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.