ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education Meeting
via Video Conference

February 19, 2014

Chicago Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 14th Floor, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL

Springfield Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 100 N. First Street, Springfield, IL

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10:00 a.m.

I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
   A. Consideration of and Possible Actions on any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

II. Public Participation

III. Presentations and Updates
   A. Making Assessments Work: Supporting Teaching and Learning in the Common Core Era – Advance Illinois
   B. Teacher Performance Assessment – edTPA

IV. Closed Session (as needed)

V. Superintendent's Report – Consent Agenda
   A. *Approval of Minutes
      1. Plenary Minutes: January 22-23, 2014
   B. *Rules for Initial Review
   C. *Rules for Adoption
      1. Part 227 (Gifted Education)
         Addresses technical changes to update terminology from "certification" to "licensure" and updates an incorporation of standards to reflect the most current available. Two comments received, and a change is recommended in response to the comments.
      2. Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program)
         Addresses technical changes to update terminology from "certification" to "licensure". No public comment was received.
      3. Part 240 (Alternative Learning Opportunities Program)
         Addresses technical changes to update terminology from "certification" to "licensure" and responds to legislation regarding the placement of certain suspended and expelled students in programs. No public comment was received.
      4. Part 265 (Grants for Arts Education and for Foreign Language Education)
         Addresses technical changes to update terminology from "certification" to "licensure". No public comment was received.
   D. *Contracts & Grants over $1 Million
      1. Request to Award Contract: edTPA Sole Source
      2. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: The Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program
      3. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Illinois Department of Human Services FY 2014
4. Request for RFSP: QRIS Validation and Child Outcomes Study
5. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Summer Food Program Service
E. *Targeted Initiatives Grants
   1. Request to Award Grant: Austin Childcare Providers Network
   2. Request to Award Grant: Chicago Public Schools District 299 for Spencer Technology Academy
F. *Spring 2014 Waiver Report
G. *FY13 Financial Audit Report

*End of Consent Agenda*

VI. Discussion Items
   A. District Oversight – Monthly Update
   B. E-rate and Technology Funding Update
   C. Legislative Update
   D. Other Items for Discussion

VII. Announcements & Reports
   A. Superintendent’s/Senior Staff Announcements
   B. Chairman’s Report
   C. Member Reports

VIII. Information Items
   A. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm)

IX. Adjourn

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NOTE: Chairman Chico may call for a break in the meeting as necessary in order for the Board to go into closed session.
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ROLL CALL
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Dr. Koch was in attendance and a quorum was present.

Members Present in Springfield
Dr. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Members Present in Chicago
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary
Mr. Curt Bradshaw

Members Absent
Mr. Steven Gilford, Vice Chairman

Members Present by Phone
Mr. James Baumann

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No public participation in Springfield or Chicago.

PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES
A presentation was given by Robin Steans and Cheryl Watkins from Advance Illinois on their report “Making Assessments Work: Supporting Teaching and Learning in the Common Core Era”. They discussed the challenges with current assessments and why we need to support the new standards and assessments.

Jason Helfer, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness and Nathan Estel from Pearson gave a presentation on Teacher Performance Assessment. Nathan discussed what edTPA is and how it focuses on student learning and principles from research and theory. Jason Helfer discussed the requirements of edTPA and how ISBE staff is working directly with teachers and school districts on implementation.

CLOSED SESSION
Chairman Chico announced that the Board would be entering into closed session.

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:

Section 2 c 1 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;

Section 2 c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board, and

Section 2 c 29 for the purpose of discussion of meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America.
CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Hall further moved that the Board may invite anyone they wish to be included in the closed session. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and entered into closed session at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened from closed session at 1:27 p.m.

In discussing the waiver requests for daily physical education, State Board members expressed understanding of and sympathy for districts facing funding deficits and facility issues in complying with the requirements for daily physical education. However, the Board is equally concerned with the lack of physical activity so common to many students in Illinois and the increased rate of obesity and associated health problems evident among students as early as the elementary grades.

Going forward, the State Board will highlight requests to waive physical education requirements that either (1) reduce the number of periods physical education is offered to students in the elementary grades to one session per week or (2) allow elementary students to be exempted from physical education for non-athletic activities such as music and band. It should be noted that waiver requests that meet either of these criteria are not rare. In the current report, the requests from Midland CUSD 7 (WM100-5895-1), Rock Falls ESD 13 (WM100-5896) and O’Fallon CCSD 90 (100-5919) meet one of the two criteria described above.

Motion:
Curt Bradshaw moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion.

Approval of Minutes
The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the January 22-23, 2014, board meeting.

Rules for Adoption
Part 227 (Gifted Children)
Part 232 (Summer Bridges Program)
Part 240 (Alternative Learning Opportunities Program)
Part 265 (Grants for Arts Education and for Foreign Language Education)

Proposed amendments to Parts 227, 232, 240 and 265 make technical changes to align terminology in the rules to the new licensure system that took effect July 1, 2013. Additional changes in Part 240 are being made in response to P.A. 97-495, effective January 1, 2012, regarding the enrollment in ALOPs of students who have been suspended or expelled. Two letters of public comment were received for Part 227 concerning the Gifted Institute required for teachers who provide instruction in gifted programs funded under Article 14A of the School Code and a change was recommended in response to the comments received.

The State Board of Education adopted proposed rulemakings for and authorized the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and non-substantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Contracts & Grants over $1 Million
Request to Award Contract: edTPA Sole Source
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a sole source contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. for the purpose of administering edTPA.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: The Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program
The State Board of Education authorizes the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Human Services contract for the Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program; through June 30, 2015, with an increase of the contract’s maximum amount not to exceed $2,500,000.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Illinois Department of Human Services FY2014
The State Board of Education authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into an amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services for the transfer of funds for Race to the Top, Early Learning Challenge. This amendment is for an additional $16,635,871 for a maximum of $37,575,647 effective upon execution through December 31, 2016.

Request for RFSP: QRIS Validation and Child Outcomes Study
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to release a Request for Sealed Proposals (RFSP) to procure a contractor to conduct a validation and outcomes study for the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for a maximum amount not to exceed $2,500,000 over the term of the contract. The contract term is anticipated to be July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2016.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Summer Food Program Service
The Illinois State Board of Education authorizes the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health for an additional $1,035,000 for conducting and coordinating the local health departments to conduct the required health inspections for the Summer Food Service Program through April 30, 2019. The increase of the IGA’s maximum amount is not to exceed $1,684,175.

Targeted Initiatives Grants

Request to Award Grant: Austin Childcare Providers Network
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award a grant to the Austin Childcare Providers Network for support of early childhood care provider training for an initial period beginning January 2, 2014, through June 30, 2014, with permission given to the State Superintendent to extend expenditure availability of the grant for a period not to exceed two years, if needed, to complete grant activities as provided in Section five of the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act [30 ILCS 705/5], in the amount of $20,000.

Request to Award Grant: Chicago Public Schools District 299 for Spencer Technology Academy
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award a grant to Chicago Public School District 299 for Spencer Technology Academy for an initial period beginning January 16, 2014, through June 30, 2014, with permission given to the State Superintendent to extend expenditure availability of the grant for a period not to exceed two years, if needed, to complete grant activities as provided in Section five of the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act [30 ILCS 705/5], in the amount of $10,000.
Spring 2014 Waiver Report
The State Board of Education hereby forwards the 85 waiver requests summarized in the Spring 2014 Waiver Report to the General Assembly without comment.

FY13 Financial Audit Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

District Oversight
Superintendent Koch provided an update on conversations with state legislators about East St. Louis and North Chicago. Superintendent Koch, Chairman Chico, and Jim Baumann will have further discussion on East St. Louis and North Chicago School Districts at a later date and will discuss how to keep them sustainable in the short and long term.

E-rate and Technology Funding Update
Robert Wolfe gave an update to the Board regarding the recent announcements regarding federal funding for school technology and the Board’s request for capital funds to be included in the Governor’s budget for technology for instruction and assessments.

Legislative Update
Nicki Bazer, Amanda Elliott, and Nicole Wills provided a summary of legislation that has been filed for the Spring 2014 legislative session and an update on the Board’s 2014 legislative agenda. The following bills were discussed for the board to consider opposing or supporting:

- HB 5941 sponsored by Kay. Board position: Oppose
- HB 5945 sponsored by Anthony. Board position: Oppose
- HB 5532 sponsored by Chapa LaVia. Board position: Support
- HB 3754 sponsored by Chapa LaVia. Board position: Oppose
- HB 5332 sponsored by M. Davis. Board position: Oppose
- HB 5330 sponsored by Chapa LaVia. Board position: Oppose
- HB 5621 sponsored by Fortner. Board position: none
- SB 2989 sponsored by Delgado. Board position: Oppose
- SB 3533 sponsored by Murphy. Board position: none

Other Items For Discussion
Superintendent Koch’s evaluation was discussed in executive session. He more than exceeds requirements and has received a rating just shy of superior according to the Board’s scale and will receive a 6 percent raise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS
Chairman Chico thanked Board Members for coming to the House and Senate Budget Hearings.
INFORMATION ITEMS
ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm)

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Chico moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Gery J. Chico
Chairman