

## ISBE Board Meeting

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# Illinois State Board of Education

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ISBE Board Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
100 N First St, Springfield, IL

**April 19, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

#### 1. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### 2. Resolutions

- A. Dr. Nike Vieille, ISBE Board Member

#### 3. Public Participation

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#### 4. Closed Session

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

#### 5. Public Participation (as needed)

#### 6. Superintendent's Report – Consent Agenda

*\*All action consideration items listed with an asterisk (\*) below 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.*

- A. \*Approval of Minutes – Plenary Minutes, March 15, 2023

- B. \*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for the provision of the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map
- C. \*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval to Amend Contract with Catapult Learning West, LLC to extend Nonpublic Tutoring
- D. \*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Learning Conditions – Statewide Trauma Response Initiative – Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Public Health: Three Month Extension
- E. \*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Learning Conditions – Statewide Trauma Response Initiative – Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Public Health
- F. \*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with West 40 for the Execution of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant/REACH Out
- G. \*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million - Approval of the One-Year Intergovernmental Agreement with Northern Illinois University for the Illinois Report Card, My Data Dashboard, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- H. \*Approval of the FY 2024 Board Meeting Calendar

**7. Decision on Urban Prep Academies-Englewood Campus Charter School Appeal**

**8. Decision on Urban Prep Academies-Bronzeville Campus Charter School Appeal**

**9. Upcoming Board Action**

- A. Approval for Publication – Parts 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) and 555 (Children’s Mental Health Initiative Grants)
- B. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE #9 to administer Learning Technology Center
- C. Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Member Initiative Grant to Virtual Learning Systems
- D. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health for the Execution of a Project AWARE 2.0
- E. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE 40 for the Execution of a Project AWARE 2.0 Grant
- F. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with West 40 for the Execution of a Project AWARE 2.0
- G. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Southern Illinois University for the Execution of a Mental Health Services Provider Grant
- H. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with University of Illinois Springfield
- I. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University Center for Intensive Behavioral Supports for the execution of the RTO Training and Supports
- J. Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University to Administer the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Program
- K. Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Sole Source Contract with Illinois Education Association to Administer the Virtual Coaching and Mentoring Program
- L. Approval of State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board Appointees

M. Adoption of the PaCE Framework

**10. Discussion Items**

A. Legislative Update

**11. Announcements & Reports**

A. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements

B. Chair of the Board's Report

i. Appointment of Committee Chairpersons – Illinois State Board of Education Bylaws Article VI(A)1 (as needed)

1. Education Policy Planning Committee

C. Member Reports

**12. Information Items**

A. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports

B. FOIA Monthly Report

**13. Adjourn**

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The Chair of the Board may call for a break in the meeting as necessary in order for the Board to go into closed session.

**Approved**  
**5/17/2023**

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting**

April 19, 2023  
ISBE Board Room, 4th Floor  
100 N First St, Springfield, IL  
*And via Webinar*

**ROLL CALL**

Chair of the Board Steven Isoye called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Chair Isoye announced that the Board meeting was being audio-cast live over the internet and video recorded.

Chair Isoye asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present with five members attending in person. Dr. Patricia Nugent was present via phone call. State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders was also in attendance.

Chair Isoye said that Dr. Nugent was eligible to participate virtually given personal illness. Roger Eddy moved for the State Board of Education to permit the participation of Dr. Nugent via phone. Dr. Benson seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Steven Isoye, Chair of the Board  
Dr. Donna Leak, Vice Chair  
Dr. Christine Benson, Secretary  
Dr. James Anderson  
Roger Eddy  
Dr. Patricia Nugent

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Anna Grassellino

**RESOLUTIONS | DR.  
NIKE VIELLE, ISBE  
BOARD MEMBER**

Dr. Leak read a resolution honoring former ISBE Board member Dr. Nike Vieille for her work with the Board and in education across the state.

Chair Isoye expressed gratitude for the work of Dr. Vieille.

Dr. Leak moved for the Board to approve the resolution. Dr. Anderson seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Chair Isoye reminded those in attendance of public participation policies and the sign-up procedures for today's meeting.

State Senator Mattie Hunter spoke on Urban Prep Academies, noting that the Englewood and Bronzeville campuses are in her district. She spoke on the high achievements of students from the schools and their importance to communities. She advocated for the continued operation of the schools, despite the issues they faced. She discussed the importance of districts and schools reaching out to their elected officials for assistance in navigating issues and her willingness to collaborate with stakeholders on a solution.

Patrick Brosnan, executive director of Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, spoke on funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLCs). He spoke on the work of his organization, which serves about 2,000 students in partnerships with four schools. He said that the program has always been able to renew the partnerships, and that the end of the grant would have dramatic impacts on the community. He advocated for a renewal of funding.

Teresa Dothard Campbell, a program coordinator at East Moline School District 37, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. She said that her program was not affected by current concerns in funding but was worried about the future of 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grants overall. She said that the demand for these programs was high, and that children benefitted from their program by receiving crucial

social development and learning opportunities in her program. She advocated for renewed funding.

Michael Hannan, project director at the Alternative Schools Network, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. He said that the loss of funding would mean that 400 students would lose the opportunity to engage with his organization's programming. He said that the students in alternative programs had greatly benefited from the academic support opportunities to ensure they remained on track in their education. He advocated for renewed funding for these programs and a plan for stable funding in the future.

Kimberly David, associate director of Project Success of Vermilion County, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. She discussed the work of the programs, highlighting the daily support that program staff provide to vulnerable students pursuing their education. She advocated for renewed funding.

Treyonda Towns, a parent with children at Urban Prep Academy -- Bronzeville campus, spoke on the schools' appeals. She said that the school had been a great experience for her students and a vital element of her community. She believes that there are viable resolutions to present issues in the school. She advocated for the continued operation of the schools.

Mariana Osoria, senior vice president at Family Focus, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. She discussed the work of her organization in collaboration with 25 schools and over 2,000 students. She said their work was crucial in community building and family support, and that the loss of funds would be devastating to their work. She advocated for renewed funding for these programs.

Edgar Lopez, chief of staff for Aspira Inc. of Illinois, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. He discussed the work of his organization, highlighting engagement efforts with teachers and students to improve education. He said the loss of funding would be devastating to the organization and families receiving services and advocated for the renewal of funding.

Suzanne Kell, professor of education at Illinois College, spoke on early literacy education. She said the focused instruction of early literacy skills was a crucial intervention for students. She said current practices were less effective for many students, and that they would benefit from a more focused approach on literacy development.

Mariah Presley, education and industry partnerships manager with Trane, spoke on Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding. She discussed the work of her organization and the shortage of workers faced in the energy industry. She said there was a need to uplift students and advance a highly skilled workforce, advocating for greater investment in CTE programs. She discussed the training opportunities that her organization provides.

Brad Skertich, superintendent of Collinsville CUSD 10, spoke on CTE funding. He discussed the many opportunities provided by Area Career Centers, saying that it is a way to both support students and address workforce shortages. He said that a lack of funding impacted the ability of CTE groups to provide programming aligned with more modern technology and advocated for greater investment in CTE.

Barbara French, a supporter of Urban Prep Academies, spoke on the appeals. She said she was shocked to learn of the charter repeals. She noted the concerns facing the schools but said that they were still quality sources of education. She said that the schools are a vital place of support for students and advocated for their continued operation.

Joe McGinnis, director of the Collinsville Area Vocational Center, spoke on CTE funding. He discussed engagement with employers in setting students up for future careers. He said that funding has been inadequate to meet modern career needs. He said that the increase to CTE in the ISBE budget recommendation was insufficient and advocated for a greater investment in CTE funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Bruce Holland, CEO of Holland Construction Services, spoke on CTE funding. He discussed the shortage of workers that his company and other industries have been facing. He said CTE programs had been a valuable opportunity for students and said that demand for career center services has been greater than centers can currently meet. He advocated for an increased investment in CTE funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Abelardo Bacilio, a student of Collinsville CUSD 10, spoke on CTE funding. He discussed his experience with the auto repair program and the opportunities he had received to engage with the industry. He said that funding was vital to support his experiences with CTE programming.

Anne Brewster, president of the Reading League of Illinois, spoke on literacy. She expressed appreciation for ISBE's work on a comprehensive literacy plan. She said that many teachers had not been trained on more effective literacy instruction methods and said that professional development was a vital element of an effective literacy plan. She advocated for ISBE to include these evidence-based approaches in expectations for teacher preparation.

Jessica Carter, a teacher and parent with children in the Project Success of Vermilion County, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. She discussed the support that her children had received in the program and the value that the program brought to the community more broadly. She advocated for renewed funding for these programs.

Kenny Riley, senior program director at the Carole Robertson Centers, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. He discussed the work of the programs in serving vulnerable students and said that the loss of funding would mean that most programs would disrupt or end key services for many students. He noted that his organization was not a part of the cohort affected by funding losses but expressed solidarity and the importance of effective youth services. He advocated for a renewal of funding.

Barnard Gregory with an Act of God Ministries of Dallas, Texas, spoke on technology and collaboration. He discussed the value of collaboration between organizations and the prioritization of students' needs. He encouraged organizations to consider ways to use technology to support these services.

Gloria Barrera, a board member of Illinois Association of School Nurses, spoke on a school nurse capacity study. She discussed the value of having a nurse present in every school building and said the General Assembly passed a resolution supporting work to assess school nurse capacity. She advocated for ISBE to work with her organization to complete this study.

Julissa Cruz, director of community-based advocacy at the Carole Robertson Center, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. She discussed the work of these organizations, and the needs of the communities served by their programs. She said the loss of after-school programming would be devastating to the progress of students served by the program and advocated for renewal of these funds.

Krystal Keenan, a parent with a child in Urban Prep schools, spoke on the schools' appeals. She said that her children had found a welcoming environment and high-quality programming in the schools. She recognized the issues the schools faced but said there were ways to solve these issues without closure. She advocated for the continued operation of the schools.

Paula Garcia, an educator involved with after-school programming in Rock Falls, spoke on 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding. She discussed the work of her program, highlighting summer programming and tutoring that students had not experienced elsewhere. She said that program staff needed a stable source of income to continue working with these children. She advocated for a renewal of funding for these programs.

Troy Boyd, chief operating officer of Urban Prep Academies, spoke on the schools' appeals. He said that the schools provided a high-quality education and social-emotional support, which were a necessary source of support for students. He said the closure of the schools would limit the opportunities available to young Black students, and that students would be displaced to schools further from their homes. He said that concerns with the organization

were not present in current operations, and that they were in compliance with the law. He advocated for their continued operation.

Dennis Lacewell, chief academic officer of Urban Prep Academies, spoke on the appeals. He said that the Urban Prep schools had been a consistent source of support and high-quality education for students, and that the loss of these schools would severely limit the opportunities available to students in the communities that they serve. He said that they had met ISBE and Chicago Public Schools (CPS) standards for performance, and that the recommendation to deny their renewal application was erroneous. He advocated for their continued operation.

Chair Isoye thanked members of the public for their comments and said that the Board and ISBE staff would continue to work to address the issues discussed.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Dr. Benson moved that the State Board of Education go into closed session for the following exception items:

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

She further moved that Board members may invite anyone they wish to be included in this closed session.

Dr. Leak seconded the motion, and it passed by a roll call vote. Five members were in favor, and Dr. Nugent was absent for the vote.

The open meeting recessed to go into closed session at 11:35 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Legislative Update

Interim Executive Director of Legislative Affairs Jennifer Saba and Director of Government Relations Hector Rodriguez provided this update.

Mr. Rodriguez said that the General Assembly is about halfway through its session, and that bills relating to education spanned a broad array of issues. He provided a list of tracked legislation to the Board. He said that ISBE had a finalized schedule for budget appropriations meetings.

He said that ISBE legislative initiatives were on track to pass in both the House and Senate. He said that the School Code cleanup bill had passed through a Senate committee, and licensure and computer science bills would be up for consideration in committee later in the day.

Mr. Eddy asked about a provision related to school employment of the children of staff members, and Mr. Rodriguez said that it was a part of the ISBE licensure proposal and was on track to pass. Mr. Eddy asked for an overview of ISBE positions on various legislation, and Ms. Saba said that staff could follow up.

Dr. Sanders thanked Ms. Saba for her service in the interim role, and thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his continued work representing ISBE.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Isoye reviewed the items under the Consent Agenda.

Dr. Leak noted that items were reviewed extensively in committee meetings, and she also highlighted the focused effort on supporting mental health and the reach of these programs.

Dr. Leak asked when locations for Board meetings in the field would be determined. Chair Isoye said that staff was brainstorming potential places and would be reaching out soon.

Dr. Anderson moved that the State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.

Dr. Leak seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

The following motions were approved by action taken in the Consent Agenda motion:

### **Approval of Minutes**

Plenary Minutes: March 15, 2023

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the March 15, 2023, meeting minutes.

### **Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million**

\*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for the Provision of the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the state superintendent to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for the provision of the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM). The goal of the IECAM project is to use resources as efficiently as possible while creating a comprehensive early childhood data system for the state. The total award over the five-year period will not exceed \$3.75 million.

\*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval to Amend Contract with Catapult Learning West LLC to extend Nonpublic Tutoring

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the state superintendent of education to extend its contract with Catapult Learning West LLC through Aug 31, 2023, to allow for the continued provision of high-impact tutoring services to students in recognized Illinois nonpublic schools until that date. The contract shall not exceed \$4,270,666.75.

\*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Learning Conditions – Statewide Trauma Response Initiative – Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Public Health: Three Month Extension

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the state superintendent to amend an existing intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health to support an additional three months of continued implementation of an expansion of a statewide trauma response initiative that provides universal tiered systems of support for students and educators throughout Illinois.

\*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Learning Conditions – Statewide Trauma Response Initiative – Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Public Health  
The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the state superintendent to enter into a new intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health to support the third year of continued implementation of an expansion of a statewide trauma response initiative that provides universal tiered systems of support for students and educators throughout Illinois. This request is for the state superintendent to allow a contract to be entered



into on July 1, 2023, and last until September 30, 2024. The amount of this agreement shall not exceed \$5.75 million.

\*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with West 40 for the Execution of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant/REACH Out

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the state superintendent to execute an intergovernmental agreement with West 40 Intermediate Service Center for fiscal year 2023 in an amount of \$825,000 to support the implementation of the REACH Out program. The REACH Out program will extend from the date of execution of the intergovernmental agreement to December 30, 2023. Additional renewals of the agreement will be available.

\*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million - Approval of the One-Year Intergovernmental Agreement with Northern Illinois University for the Illinois Report Card, My Data Dashboard, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the state superintendent to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Northern Illinois University for the continued hosting, development, enhancement, maintenance, and support of the Illinois Report Card, My Illinois Report Card, My Data Dashboard, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers for fiscal year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$2.8564 million.

**Approvals**

\*Approval of the FY 2024 Board Meeting Calendar

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the FY 2024 dates for State Board of Education meetings.

**DECISION ON URBAN  
PREP ACADEMIES-  
ENGLEWOOD  
CAMPUS CHARTER  
SCHOOL APPEAL**

Director of Charter Schools David Turovets discussed both Urban Prep Academies appeal items. There were no questions.

Mr. Eddy said he found that the hearing was appropriately convened pursuant to the Illinois School Code and Part 650 of Title 23 of the Illinois Administrative Code. The hearing officer determined that:

1. Urban Prep - Englewood is not in compliance with Article 27A of the School Code or its charter agreement; and
2. It is in the best interest of the Urban Prep - Englewood students that the Chicago Board of Education's decision to non-renew Urban Prep - Englewood's charter agreement be upheld.

Mr. Eddy said that the State Board of Education must find that a charter school meets both prongs of the legal standard – legal compliance and best interests of the students – to grant a charter school appeal. He said that the hearing officer determined that Urban Prep - Englewood is not in compliance with Article 27A of the School Code or its charter agreement, so according to statute the Board cannot consider on its own the question of whether the school is in the best interests of the students it was designed to serve.

Mr. Eddy moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law determining that the Urban Prep Academies - Englewood campus was not in compliance with the Charter Schools Law and its charter agreement.

He further moved that the State Board of Education hereby denies Urban Prep Academies' appeal of the decision by the Chicago Board of Education to non-renew the charter and charter school agreement of the Urban Prep Academies - Englewood campus.

Dr. Benson seconded the motion.

Dr. Leak said that the issues leading to the decisions on the appeals were clear, but that there is a crucial need for young African American men to have a space that supports them and recognizes their value. She said that she could not support the impact that the decisions would have on the lives and opportunities available to the young men of those communities but could not endorse the schools in face of compliance issues.

The motion passed by a roll call vote. Four members were in favor, and Dr. Anderson and Dr. Leak abstained.

## **DECISION ON URBAN PREP ACADEMIES- BRONZEVILLE CAMPUS CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL**

Dr. Benson said she found that the hearing was appropriately convened pursuant to the Illinois School Code and Part 650 of Title 23 of the Illinois Administrative Code. The hearing officer determined that:

1. Urban Prep - Bronzeville is not in compliance with Article 27A of the School Code or its charter agreement; and
2. It is in the best interest of the Urban Prep - Bronzeville students that the Chicago Board of Education's decision to non-renew Urban Prep – Bronzeville's charter agreement be upheld.

She said that the State Board must find that a charter school meets both prongs of the legal standard – legal compliance and best interests of the students – to grant a charter school appeal. She said that the hearing officer determined that Urban Prep – Bronzeville is not in compliance with Article 27A of the School Code or its charter agreement, so according to statute this Board cannot consider on its own the question of whether the board or the school is in the best interests of the students it was designed to serve.

Dr. Benson moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law determining that the Urban Prep Academies - Bronzeville campus was not in compliance with the Charter Schools Law and its charter agreement.

She further moved that the State Board of Education hereby denies Urban Prep Academies' appeal of the decision by the Chicago Board of Education to non-renew the charter and charter school agreement of the Urban Prep Academies - Bronzeville campus.

Mr. Eddy seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote. Four members were in favor, and Dr. Anderson and Dr. Leak abstained.

Chair Isoye thanked stakeholders for their input and advocacy throughout the process, including the students and parents. He said that ISBE and CPS are committed to the success of the students. He discussed the plans to open a new school operating out of the two campuses, developed in consultation with CPS' Urban Black Male Educators advisory group and the Eagle Academy for Young Men of New York. He said that CPS had formed an advisory council composed of community leaders and parents of Urban Prep students to oversee the new model and selection of school leadership, and that parent and community engagement would be an essential part of the process.

Chair Isoye said that the Board had thoroughly reviewed the appeals and recommendations and discussed the violations of the School Code that led to the decisions. He affirmed that Urban Prep did not meet the legal standard for the Board to grant the appeals in favor of the charter schools.

Chair Isoye said that supporting current Urban Prep students is the top priority of ISBE, CPS, and Urban Prep, and that they would strive to provide opportunities that supported their cultural identities and achievements. He emphasized the Board's gratitude to everyone who engaged on this issue.

## **UPCOMING BOARD ACTIONS**

Approval for Publication – Parts 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) and 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative Grants)

Director of Standards and Instruction Dr. Erica Thieman discussed this item.

Mr. Eddy asked to confirm that these updates were directed by changes in statute, and Dr. Thieman confirmed this was the case.

Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE #9 to administer Learning Technology Center

Dr. Thieman discussed this item. There were no questions.

Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Member Initiative Grant to Virtual Learning Systems

Dr. Thieman discussed this item.

Dr. Leak discussed the importance of professional development for the curriculum and emphasized that it was at no-cost to teachers. Dr. Thieman affirmed this and said that ISBE had been active in addressing these points with the vendor. Dr. Leak noted the importance of compliance with social studies standards. Dr. Thieman agreed and said that vendor staff were interested in providing a comprehensive component of African American history prior to enslavement.

Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health for the Execution of a Project AWARE 2.0 Grant

Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE 40 for the Execution of a Project AWARE 2.0 Grant

Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with West 40 for the Execution of a Project AWARE 2.0 Grant

Director of Wellness Kim Barnes-Cummins provided an overview of the AWARE 2.0 Grant and discussed the individual agreements.

Dr. Leak emphasized the importance of these programs providing support across the state, and asked staff to map the work. Ms. Barnes-Cummins confirmed that staff were focused on tracking the work and ensuring that program offerings had as wide a reach as possible.

Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Southern Illinois University for the Execution of a Mental Health Services Provider Grant  
Ms. Barnes-Cummins discussed this item. There were no questions.

Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University Center for Intensive Behavioral Supports for the execution of the RTO Training and Supports

Director of Student Care Dr. Brian Metcalf discussed this item.

Dr. Leak asked to confirm it was a one-year obligation, and Dr. Metcalf confirmed this was the case.

Dr. Leak asked about promotional efforts for the program. Dr. Metcalf gave an overview of the efforts to communicate these offerings with the field. Dr. Leak said it was important to monitor the outcome of these interventions, and Dr. Metcalf agreed.

Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with University of Illinois Springfield

Dr. Metcalf discussed this item.

Dr. Leak noted her request for an overview of mental health efforts on the state level for Board committee meetings.

Mr. Eddy asked if resources were being developed as something that could be used by educators statewide. He noted that Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding would not be available long term and said that making resources sustainable for future use was important. Dr. Metcalf noted that program staff had success with online offerings, and that some components were already virtual. He said that program staff had been working to explore more ways to expand this.

Chair Isoye echoed Dr. Leak's request for an overview of mental health and social emotional efforts. He said that Dr. Nugent would be engaging with this topic in an event with the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University to Administer the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Program

Director of Educator Effectiveness Emily Fox discussed this item.

Dr. Leak discussed the importance of recruiting more teachers of color for the program. Ms. Fox said that staff would encourage the National Board Resource Center to have targeted recruitment efforts in districts with higher numbers of teachers of color.

Dr. Benson asked if most subject areas were covered by the program. Ms. Fox confirmed that this was the case, and that the program had also expanded to also include teachers with CTE educator licensure, and not just professional educator licensure.

Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million – Approval of Sole Source Contract with Illinois Education Association to Administer the Virtual Coaching and Mentoring Program

Ms. Fox discussed this item.

Dr. Sanders noted the value that this opportunity provided to districts and teachers, even for districts with pre-existing mentorship programs.

Approval of State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board Appointees

Ms. Fox discussed this item. There were no questions.

Adoption of the PaCE Framework

Director of CTE and Innovation Marci Johnson discussed this item. There were no questions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Superintendent/Senior Staff Announcements

Dr. Sanders thanked Scott Harry for his service as interim financial officer and welcomed Dr. Matt Seaton into the role of chief financial officer.

Dr. Sanders said he was continuing his listening and learning tour, discussed his upcoming visits, and said that he greatly appreciated the chance to hear from stakeholders across the state.

Chair of the Board's Report

Chair Isoye appointed Dr. Leak to serve as the chair of the Education Policy Planning Committee.

Chair Isoye said he met with the executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs to discuss collaboration opportunities with ISBE and met with the president and board chair of the Illinois Math and Science Academy to partner on work.

Chair Isoye thanked Dr. Grassellino for her invitation to an event at Fermilab and for engaging with Dr. Sanders to explore educational opportunities with the U.S. Department of Energy.

Member Reports

Dr. Leak said that she was named the chair of the NASBE Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee, and would update the Board on her work there.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports  
Freedom of Information Act Monthly Report

## **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Anderson moved to adjourn the April 19, 2023, meeting of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Dr. Benson seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Dr. Christine Benson**  
**Board Secretary**

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**Dr. Steven Isoye**  
**Chair of the Board**