

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

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**May 24, 2017**  
**10:30 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 & Updates**

- A. Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education Update
- B. Illinois Board of Higher Education Update
- C. Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act Update

**IV. Superintendent's Report - Consent Agenda**

- A. \*Approval of Minutes
  - 1. Plenary Minutes: April 13, 2017
- B. \*Rules for Initial Review
  - 1. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)
- C. \*Rules for Adoption
  - 1. Part 25 (Educator Licensure)
  - 2. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)
- D. \*Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million
  - 1. Intergovernmental Agreement with Regional Office of Education #51 for KIDS Regional Professional Development Consultants and Professional Development Coordinator
  - 2. Grant with Illinois State University for the National Board Certification Initiative
  - 3. Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University to Administer the Illinois National Board Professional Preparation and Support System
  - 4. Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Early Childhood Illinois Early Learning Project Website
  - 5. Teach for America Grant
  - 6. Early Childhood Block Grant Preschool for All 3-5, Preschool for All 3-5 Expansion, and Prevention Initiative 0-3
- E. \*Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Authorization
- F. \*National Association of State Boards of Education Membership Dues for 2018

***End of Consent Agenda***

**V. Closed Session (as needed)**

**VI. Ratification of the Tentative Agreement Between the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Federation of State Office Educators, Local 3236, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO**

**VII. Presentation of the Compliance Examination for the Two Years Ended June 30, 2016**

**VIII. Discussion Items**

- A. ESSA Update
- B. District Oversight Update

C. Legislative Update D. Budget

Update

E. Other Items for Discussion

**IX. Announcements & Reports**

A. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements

B. Chairman's Report

C. Member Reports

**X. Information Items**

A. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*available online at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net)*)

**XI. Adjourn**

**Following adjournment lunch will be served to the Board by the Cooking up Change culinary students.**

This meeting will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons planning to attend who need special accommodations should contact the Board office no later than the date prior to the meeting. Contact the Superintendent's office at the State Board of Education. Phone: 217-782-2221; TTY/TDD: 217-782-1900; Fax: 217-785-3972.

**NOTE:Chairman Meeks may call for a break in the meeting as necessary in order for the Board to go into closed session.**

**Approved**  
**6/14/2017**

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ISBE Springfield  
100 N. First Street  
Springfield, IL 62777

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman James Meeks called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. Dr. Tony Smith was in attendance and a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

James T. Meeks, Chairman  
Cesilie Price, Secretary  
Lula Ford  
Craig Lindvahl  
Collin Hitt  
Ruth Cross  
Kevin Settle  
Jason Barclay

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Larry Sondler and Sandra Deines of the Illinois Coalition for edTPA Rule Change and Dr. Marie Ann Donovan of the Faculty Advisory Council at the Illinois Board of Higher Education expressed their concerns about the edTPA. They shared their concerns about the assessment and reaffirmed their commitment to work with the Board to develop other options for assessing teacher candidate readiness.

Dale Hastings, superintendent of Milford Area Public School District #124, discussed his concerns about teaching requirements as well as how the statewide teacher shortage affects his district.

Dr. Michael Curry, superintendent of V.I.T. School District #2, discussed his concern regarding teacher shortages in his district. He offered ideas for the Board to consider in developing policies to remedy this issue.

Kevin Coppage, a JROTC instructor for Chicago Public Schools, discussed his concern with the teacher certification process, specifically the inability to count experience toward licensure.

Dr. Geneva Walters, superintendent of Kankakee School District #111, discussed her concerns over the licensure process as it pertains to quality educational opportunities.

Michelle Johnson, CEO of Genuine Partnership of Success, gave a presentation on its three-tiered program that can assist with training, transforming, and transcending educators in Illinois through partnerships with teachers, administrators, support staff, parents, guardians, and community members

Chairman Meeks welcomed Regional Superintendents Jeff Vose, ROE #51; Mark Jontry, ROE #17; Jane Quinlan, ROE #9; and Gregg Murphy, ROE #32, to the Board meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS  
AND UPDATES:  
IL COMMITTEE  
FOR  
AGRICULTURAL  
EDUCATION**

Don Norton, president and CEO of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation, made a presentation to the Board on the importance of funding STEM and agricultural education in Illinois schools. Also present to discuss their personal experiences with the Agricultural Leadership Program were J.C. Campbell of United High School in Monmouth, and Maddie Poole, a recent graduate of Chicago High School for Agriculture Science. They provided the Board with the 2016 Illinois Agricultural Education Report.

**POSTSECONDARY  
AND WORKFORCE  
READINESS ACT  
UPDATE**

Jason Helfer, deputy superintendent of Teaching and Learning at ISBE, discussed the major components of the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. He emphasized the development of a competency-based high school graduation requirements pilot program that defines criteria that will place students into college credit-bearing work, such as transitional mathematics instruction; creates college and career pathway endorsements on high school diplomas; and establishes a postsecondary and career expectations framework (PaCE). He also talked about a timeline for career pathways, including a pathway for endorsement area framework. Adoption of this act will be considered at the June Board meeting.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Lula Ford moved that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as stated. Collin Hitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The State Board of Education approves the minutes for the April 13, 2017, Board meeting.

**Rules for Initial Review**

**Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)**

The proposed amendments update the definitions of "Prescribed Screening Instrument" and "English Language Proficiency Assessment" in the rules for Transitional Bilingual Education. The screening instrument is an assessment schools use to identify English Learners (ELs) and determine appropriate program placements for them. The Division of English Language Learning was recently made aware that the current screening instrument would no longer be available for use by school districts. ISBE has chosen WIDA Screener (2016) as the prescribed screening instrument and ACCESS for ELLs 2.0® as the English language proficiency assessment. Both assessment tools were created and maintained by the World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium, Wisconsin Center for Education Research.

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the emergency rulemaking for Transitional Bilingual Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 228), including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Rules for Adoption**

**Part 25 (Educator Licensure)**

This rulemaking makes numerous changes to align rules with current statute, including extending the date for which individuals who have worked as school support personnel can apply for a principal endorsement; suspension of a professional educator license or denial an application for a professional educator license of an individual convicted of a crime and sent to a correctional facility until seven years from the end of the sentence; allowing educator license holders to carry over professional development (PD) hours earned in the last six months of the last year of his or her renewal cycle to be applied in the next renewal cycle. Other changes include short-term emergency approvals in special education may be used for individuals with a PEL or an LBS I in order to teach in a different grade range; the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board will inform ISBE whether it approves or denies an EPP's initial approval to offer a program leading to licensure; ISBE will conduct annual audits of licensure entitlements; clarifies candidates who attended out-of-state preparation programs do not have to meet the Illinois requirements for teaching endorsements; creates approval standards for interveners for students who are deaf-blind; clarifies individuals who have had test scores voided and are ineligible for a PEL on or after March 1, 2017, may appeal the prohibition in accordance with ISBE's Supplemental Documentation and Review of Certain License Application rules.

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Part 25 (Educator Licensure). 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.

#### **Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)**

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The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Transitional Bilingual Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 228). 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.

#### **Contracts and Grants**

##### **Intergovernmental Agreement with Regional Office of Education #51 for KIDS Regional Professional Development Consultants and Professional Development Coordinator**

The Division of Early Childhood requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Regional Office of Education 51. This IGA will allow the hiring of Kindergarten Individual Developmental Survey (KIDS) regional professional development consultants, as well as a PD coordinator. The total amount does not exceed \$1.1 million for one year or a maximum of \$5.1 million over a five-year period covering activities from July 2017-June 2022.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to approve the intergovernmental agreement with ROE 51 in order to continue to provide KIDS training and coaching through KIDS professional development consultants.

##### **Grant with Illinois State University for the National Board Certification Initiative**

The Educator Effectiveness Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to award a discretionary grant to the National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University for \$1 million for fiscal year 2018. Awarding this grant will enable ISU to serve as the fiscal agent for the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award a grant to the National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University for \$1 million through June 30, 2018, to serve as the fiscal agent for the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

##### **Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University to Administer the Illinois National Board Professional Preparation and Support System**

The Educator Effectiveness Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the intergovernmental agreement with the National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University to administer the Illinois National Board Professional Preparation and Support System (subject to appropriation). The IGA will run from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for \$298,000 and the total contract will not exceed \$2,564,928.

**Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Early childhood Illinois Early Learning Project Website**

The Early Childhood Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The initial term of the IGA will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018. There will be four one-year renewals contingent upon sufficient appropriation and satisfactory performance in each preceding year. The estimated costs, including the renewal, will not exceed \$2.5 million.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The initial term of the intergovernmental agreement will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018. There will be four one-year renewals contingent upon sufficient appropriation and satisfactory performance in each preceding year. The estimated costs, including the renewal, will not exceed \$2.5 million.

**Teach for America Grant**

The Educator Effectiveness Division requests the Board's authorization for the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement with Teach for America in an amount not to exceed \$1.9 million for fiscal year 2018 for the provision of increasing the number of minority teachers in Illinois.

The Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement with Teach for America in an amount not to exceed \$1.9 million for FY 2018 for the provision of increasing the number of minority teachers in Illinois.

**Early Childhood Block Grant Preschool for All 3-5, Preschool for All 3-5 Expansion, and Prevention Initiative 0-3**

The Early Childhood Division requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to enter into continuation grant agreements with Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) recipients that may or may not exceed \$1 million for the provision of Early Childhood Preschool for All 3-5, Preschool for All Expansion 3-5, and Prevention Initiative 0-3 for a one-year term. Funding for the ECBG is subject to appropriation by the Illinois General Assembly.

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into separate grant agreements with the entities listed in the attached materials for the provision of Preschool for All 3-5, Preschool for All Expansion 3-5, and Prevention Initiative 0-3. If additional funding is appropriated, the successful applicants determined through a Request for Proposals process for the provision of Preschool for All Expansion and Prevention Initiative will be awarded grants. The initial term of the grants will begin July 1, 2017, and extend through June 30, 2018.

**Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Authorization**

School Business Services requests the State Superintendent to review with the Board and approve the allocation of the 2015 and 2016 Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) authorization to school districts. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, these requests will utilize the \$14.372 million authorized volume cap granted to Illinois for the 2015 calendar year and the \$14.372 million volume cap for the 2016 calendar year.

**National Association of State Board of  
Education Membership Dues for 2018**

Board Services requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to pay the membership dues for the National Association of State Boards of Education for 2018.

**END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**RATIFICATION OF  
THE TENTATIVE  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN ISBE  
AND IFSOE**

**Ratification of the Tentative Agreement Between the  
Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Federation of  
State Office Educators, Local 3236, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO**

Stephanie Donovan discussed the tentative agreement between the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Federation of State Office Educators, Local 3236, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO.

Collin Hitt moved that the State Board of Education hereby ratify the tentative agreement between the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Federation of State Office Educators, Local 3236, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO.

Ruth Cross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**COMPLIANCE  
EXAM FOR FY  
2015-16**

**Presentation of the Compliance Examination  
For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2016**

Melissa Oller discussed the results of the fiscal year 2015-16 Compliance Examination by the auditor general, which reported findings as well as the agency's response to those findings.

Kevin Settle moved that the State Board of Education hereby accept the Office of the Auditor General's Illinois State Board of Education Compliance Examination for the two years ended June 30, 2016.

Collin Hitt seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**ESSA UPDATE**

Chairman Meeks informed the Board that ISBE's ESSA State Plan is being used as a model in other states. Jason Helfer, deputy superintendent of Teaching and Learning at ISBE, updated the Board on the plan. There were some questions and discussion among Board members.

**LEGISLATIVE  
UPDATE**

Amanda Elliott, co-director of legislative affairs at ISBE, updated the Board on current legislation. She informed the Board that she would be sending out a budget and legislative update following the General Assembly's adjournment on May 31. Amanda also informed the Board about legislation that addresses the teacher shortage issue as well as substitute teaching licensure.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Robert Wolfe, chief financial officer at ISBE, provided a brief update to the Board on the budget process in the legislature. He stated that ISBE field staff has been working with school district administrators to assist with their cash flow analyses. Jason Barclay asked if there have been district consolidation requests from school districts.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND REPORTS**

Superintendent Smith expressed his appreciation for the help ISBE staff has provided during the budget crisis. He also spoke about his concerns for the federal education budget cuts that have been proposed, stating that Illinois schools would be significantly jeopardized if they are imposed. He asked that members advocate for a better federal budget proposal.

Kevin Settle discussed his experience attending the Administrators of Distinction luncheon that was held to honor school administrators in April. He expressed how rewarding it was to sit in a room and hear educational leaders talk about initiatives and what they're implementing despite certain challenges.

Cesilie Price was keynote speaker at the College of Lake County's commencement in her district and express how heartwarming it was to see graduates receiving education degrees and certificates and how she is looking forward to seeing how the ESSA State Plan will help and support these future teachers.

Collin Hitt announced that Superintendent Smith has appointed him to the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, replacing Board member Craig Lindvahl.

Chairman Meeks announced that immediately following adjournment a lunch will be served by students who won the Cooking Up Change culinary competition in 4 North A/B.

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*available at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Fiscal-and-Administrative-Reports.aspx>*)

**MOTION FOR  
ADJOURNMENT**

Cesilie Price moved that the meeting be adjourned. Craig Lindvahl seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Cesilie Price**  
**Board Secretary**

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**Mr. James T. Meeks**  
**Chairman**