

EDUCATION FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD

September 15, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Illinois State Board of Education

Board Room – 4th Floor

100 North 1st Street

Springfield, Illinois

Members Present

Ms. Sylvia Puente, Chair

Mr. Ken Swanson

Mr. Arthur Culver

Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr.

Mr. Dean Clark

Members Absent

ISBE Staff Present

Linda Riley Mitchell

Scott Taylor

Jason Hall

1. **ROLL CALL:** All members were present.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mr. Tom Johnson from Taxpayer's Federation of Illinois spoke about PTELL.
3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM August 10, 2010:** Approved with Mr. Ken Swanson motioning and Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr. seconding.
4. **FINAL FY 2011 GENERAL STATE AID CALCULATION:** Ms. Linda Mitchell stated that there were not any new developments in the budget. Ms. Mitchell distributed a brief summary of the \$415 million in the Ed's Job program. Mr. Jason Hall gave a presentation on the GSA calculation.
5. **DISCUSSION OF EFAB GUIDING PRINCIPLES:** Ms. Puente asked for the members to suggest what they think is the most important things in this process. Mr. Ed Geppert stated that he would like to make sure that the foundation levels going to the schools are adequate. He also stated that the EFAB core issue is to identify what is the funding that the schools need. Mr. Dean Clark said how to we most positively affect children. Mr. Clark agreed with Mr. Geppert also. Mr. Ken Swanson stated that he wanted to make sure that the state will live up to its constitutional obligations. Mr. Swanson agreed with Mr. Geppert also. Mr. Arthur Culver said that he thought there should be 3 to 5 general principles that are pretty broad and give more specifics. Ms. Puente thought that everyone was on the same page that they want simple and fewer. Everyone is in agreement that they look at the original principles that Mr. Geppert provided. That the language says:
 1. Insure the foundation level is sufficient to provide a comprehensive, high-quality education that prepares every student in Illinois to flourish in a global society.
 2. Guarantee that the state share of public school funding provides a reliable, predictable, and adequate funding stream.
 3. Insure that categorical and other targeted funds (including, but not limited to poverty grants, special education, English language learning) are sustained year to year and are sufficient to meet the needs of students.
 4. Eliminate the gap of real educational opportunities for all students in Illinois by reducing funding disparities.

The board discussed maybe changing EFAB guiding principles to every four or five years from two years.

The board would not like to cap off districts.

6. **EFAB WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION SUMMARY:** Ms. Puente suggested putting the impact of PTELL into the final report to the legislatures. Ms. Puente stated that at the next meeting the sub-groups will be able to give their feedback.
7. **UPCOMING MEETINGS – SCHEDULE AND AGENDA ITEMS:** The next EFAB meeting is at the Thompson Center at 1:00 pm on October 20, 2010.
8. **OTHER:** Mr. Clark mentioned that on November 20, 2010 from 1:30 to 3:00 there will be a School Board Association Presentation Convention in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm with Mr. Dean Clark motioning and Mr. Ed Geppert Jr. seconding.