

EDUCATION FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD

October 20, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Illinois State Board of Education

Room 9-040, 9th Floor

James R. Thompson Center

Chicago, Illinois

Members Present

Mr. Dean Clark, Acting Chair

Mr. Ken Swanson

Mr. Arthur Culver

Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr.

Members Absent

Ms. Sylvia Puente

ISBE Staff Present

Linda Riley Mitchell

Scott Taylor

Jason Hall

1. **ROLL CALL:** All members except Ms. Sylvia Puente were present.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2010:** Approved with Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr. motioning and Mr. Ken Swanson seconding.
4. **FY 2012 ISBE BUDGET UPDATE:** Ms. Linda Mitchell gave information on the upcoming budget hearings. She also stated that she was not optimistic that any funding increases could be expected for next year. Ms. Mitchell also stated that the state is still behind on payments.
5. **DISCUSSION OF EFAB GUIDING PRINCIPLES:** Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr. stated that the words **to establish functional equity** should be added at the end of the last principle. Mr. Dean Clark stated that in point number three, the word “transportation” should be added to the parenthetical expression (including, but not limited to poverty grants, special education, **transportation**, English language learning). The updated EFAB Guiding Principles now read as:
 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, transportation, 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 to establish functional equity.
6. **ADVISORY WORKING GROUP UPDATES:** Mr. Clark thanked the people that served in the Advisory working groups. Ms. Mitchell gave an update of the working groups and stated that the four primary areas of concern in the sub groups were the formula rates, ptell adjustments; supplemental poverty grant; review of adequacy models; and other general considerations (e.g. English Language Learning, Response to Intervention, etc.).

Mr. Larry Joseph gave a presentation on supplement General State Aide and updated on the presentation he gave in August.

Mr. Ted Purinton presented a summary of his presentation he gave in April on the National Louis University Adequacy Model.

- 7. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT REPORT OUTLINE:** Ms. Mitchell spoke about a couple of sample EFAB report drafts that were in the packet and how each prior EFAB committee presented their report. Ms. Mitchell stated that in the outline everything needs to be consolidated and presented in a form that it can be used by the General Assembly and Governor. There would be some presentation of the history of EFAB and what has been done in the different preceding generations. Credit would be given to the members, and an explanation of the mission of EFAB would be provided. Past foundation levels would be provided and there would be some discussion on the process. It was decided that the work of the sub-committees and their recommendations would be provided as appendices and not officially endorsed by EFAB.
- 8. UPCOMING MEETINGS – TIMELINE, SCHEDULE AND AGENDA ITEMS:** The next EFAB meeting is November 22, 2010 in Springfield. Mr. Clark said that the decision making needs to be put in a draft to be reviewed by board members on December 8, 2010. This is to be available to the legislature by January 2011. Mr. Arthur Culver asked if in the past reports if there have been any highlights on successes with the current system. Mr. Clark stated he was not sure but that the board could do that.
- 9. OTHER:** The board decided to start the next meeting at noon.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm with Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr. motioning and Mr. Ken Swanson seconding.