

EDUCATION FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD

December 8, 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

Ms. Sylvia Puente

Mr. Dean Clark

Mr. Arthur Culver

Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr.

Mr. Ken Swanson

Members Absent

ISBE Staff Present

Linda Riley Mitchell

Scott Taylor

Jason Hall

1. **ROLL CALL:** All members were present.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2010:** The minutes were approved by the Board after a change was made. Mr. Ken Swanson motioned to approve and Mr. Dean Clark seconding.
4. **UPDATE ON FY 2012 BUDGET REQUEST:** Ms. Linda Mitchell stated that ISBE had the last of the budget hearings after the last EFAB meeting. Ms. Mitchell stated that ISBE has submitted a number of outcomes to GOMB. Ms. Mitchell read the six priorities of the Governor for the state with the quality of Education being at the top. Ms. Mitchell spoke about the low count of employees at ISBE. Ms. Mitchell stated the upcoming ISBE Board meeting of December 15 & 16, 2011 and that EFAB would be presenting to the Board.
5. **DISCUSSION OF CONSOLIDATION ISSUES:** Ms. Mitchell gave a slide show and spoke about it. Ms. Mitchell stated that the numbers of school districts are decreasing. Ms. Mitchell spoke about ways to get school districts to merge. The Board wants it noted that this topic was noted and needs further looking into. But no recommendations at this time.
6. **REVIEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS OF ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEES:** Ms. Sylvia Puente asked if the Board was in agreement with the appendices. The Board agreed to change the word appendix to attachment.
7. **FINALIZE 2011 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Listed below are the new recommendations with changes:

Recommendations of the Education Funding Advisory Board

- 1) Consistent with PA 90-548, EFAB bases its current recommendation on a methodology which incorporates the basic education expenditures of low-spending schools exhibiting high academic performance. It is recommended that the methodology used by the Education Funding Advisory Board to inform the FY2012 budget process continue to be based on the parameters in the Augenblick & Myers successful and efficient school adequacy model approved by the last EFAB. The recommendation for the FY 2012 General State Aid Foundation Level is \$8,360.
- 2) The recommendation for the FY 2012 Supplemental General State Aid Poverty Grant, which is based upon the percentage of low-income students in a district, is to adjust the per pupil range by the Employment Cost Index (ECI) in each year since the formula was established in FY 2004. The result is that the formula would change from a minimum of \$355 per pupil, to \$471.98 at the

fifteen percent low-income student ratio; and the maximum possible grants per pupil would increase from \$2,994.25 to \$3,980.88. The estimated cost of this recommendation is \$441.2 million.

3) Continued study of elements of the formula based on the work of the subcommittees.

- The Impact of the PTELL adjustment
- A Definition of a Successful School or School District
- Measuring and Addressing Poverty

Ms. Puente will send an email to Dr. Chris Koch, Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Julie Smith and the four leaders with the recommendations and cc the Board members.

The Board is still pending the full report for editorial review but adopted the recommendations.

- 8. OTHER:** The Board decided that it did not need to meet again until after the budget is passed by the governor.
- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm with Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr. motioning and Mr. Ken Swanson seconding.