

EDUCATION FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD

April 24, 2014

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Vtel room

James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, IL and Alzina Building, Springfield, IL

Members Present

Ms. Sylvia Puente, Chair
Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams
Ms. Cinda Klickna
Mr. Dan Montgomery

ISBE Staff Present

Mr. Robert Wolfe
Mr. Jason Hall
Ms. Tami Pascoe

1. **ROLL CALL:** All Board members were present. Ms. Sylvia Puente announced that Mr. Dean Clark resigned from the EFAB committee and the Board thanks him for his service.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Ms. Diane Hendren from IASA was present.
3. **Discussion Items:**
 - **Education Funding Advisory Committee Report:** Mr. Robert Wolfe reported that there were seven meetings held and the Committee was made up of Senators from both caucuses and staffed by ISBE. Mr. Wolfe spoke about the 10 recommendations issued by the committee. The EFAC committee also agreed that the State, over the course of a five to seven year period, should provide the funding necessary to meet the foundation level recommended by EFAB. Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of SB16 which is a new formula where the bulk of the funding lines for the State Board would be compiled into a single funding formula.
 - **Legislation Impacting General State:** There was a discussion regarding SB589 which has an impact on GSA.
 - **Determination of Foundation Level for January 1, 2015 report:** Mr. Jason Hall explained options for updating the Foundation Level recommendation for the 2015 EFAB report. The simplest option is to index the 2013 recommended Foundation Level by an inflation indicator such as the Employment Cost Index (ECI). A more lengthy option would be to accumulate the data necessary to update and run the successful school district model first created for the State by Augenblick & Meyers, now APA Consulting. The most time-consuming option, and most costly, would require an appropriation to contract with an entity to create a new successful school district model.
4. **Action Items:**
 - **Method for Determining Foundation Level for January 1, 2015:** There were three options discussed:
 - 1) Index the 2013 recommendation by ECI;
 - 2) Update the current successful school district model;
 - 3) Seek the funding to create a new successful school district model

The Board decided that an ECI update would be done at this time and would work on an updated Augenblick and Myers report later.

- **Establish Time Table:**

The Board would like to report updating ECI by May 4th and voted for Mr. Hall to update the ECI and have the ISBE staff to release a press release with Ms. Cinda Klickna motioning and Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams seconding the motion.

Ms. Sylvia Puente stated with the agreement of the rest of the Board members that they would like to have the next meeting at the beginning of September and that they will have a fuller

discussion on how the learning standard of Illinois have changed and what the implications are of the different parts of the formula and that they were not able to update the full formula. They will also discuss all the components of the formula and what could or should be updated and changed given some of the reform efforts that are out there that are impacting what a successful school is.

5. ADJOURNMENT