

EDUCATION FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD

October 7, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Room 16-503, 16th Floor
James R. Thompson Center
Chicago, Illinois

Members Present

Ms. Sylvia Puente, Chair
Mr. Dean Clark
Mr. Arthur Culver
Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr.

Members Absent

Mr. Ken Swanson

ISBE Staff Present

Linda Riley Mitchell
Scott Taylor
Toni Waggoner
Jason Hall
Irma Snopek
Matt Vanover

ISBE Board Members

Joyce Karon

- 1. ROLL CALL:** All members were present except Mr. Ken Swanson.
- 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
- 3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13, 2009:** Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr. moved that the minutes of the August Education Funding Advisory Board meeting be accepted with one minor modification. Mr. Arthur Culver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote
- 4. ISBE STAFF RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM AUGUST 13TH EFAB MEETING:** Ms. Toni Waggoner answered the questions regarding the Foundation Level and stated that ISBE was going to be investigating what models other States might be using in order to come up with their Foundation Levels. Ms. Waggoner answered the question regarding correlation between Low-income and Mobility. Ms. Puente stated that the Low-income and Mobility are linked. Ms. Waggoner spoke about the question regarding the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law adjustment that she has in the State Aid Formula.

Mr. Jason Hall spoke about Operating Expenditures Per Pupil and EAV Per Pupil by District Type (Elementary, High School and Unit).
- 5. PRESENTATION BY CENTER FOR TAX AND BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY (CTBA):** Mr. Ralph Martire, Executive Director of CTBA, provided a Power Point Presentation. He spoke about changes in employment in Illinois from manufacturing to service related jobs over the past two decades, the taxing structure in Illinois, the method of funding education in Illinois, and potential pressures on the State's FY 2011 budget.
- 6. PRESENTATION BY ADVANCE ILLINOIS:** Ms. Robin Steans, Executive Director, Advance Illinois spoke about current State funding in Illinois, EFAB's mission and history, components for calculating GSA and methodologies for calculating GSA, as well as issues to consider in the future. Such issues include transparency and measures, inflation index, property tax cap relief, hold harmless provision and special education.
- 7. MEETING CALENDAR AND PLANNING:** Ms. Puente stated that the Board had planned to meet every other month but due to the Board members busy schedules that it was impossible to find a date that three members could be present and meet in either December or January. The challenge that, imposes is that it was discussed and agreed at the last meeting that the Board would ask the staff to update the current adequacy model for FY 2011.

The Board came to an agreement to meet on December 22, 2009 at 1:00 pm and February 10, 2010.

8. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA:** The Board will be looking at other funding methodologies and the adequacy model. The Board would like to hold some public hearings in February and March. The work through the spring would be discussions of the basis of running the simulations and the final report prepared by late fall.

Ms. Puente asked the Board to be thinking about what are the questions we need to be asking ourselves and what are the areas that we will need to be looking at more in depth for the next board meeting.

There will be another presentation on Foundation Level.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm with Mr. Geppert motioning and Mr. Clark seconding.