

## **Illinois State Board of Education**

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### **Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education Minutes**

Thursday, April 6, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

**Council Members Attending:** David Barker, Pat Chamberlain, MT Garreton, Maritza Guilamo, Rebecca Kolda (by phone), Maria Korkatsch, Ransil Park and Angela Bodillo for Manuel Medina, Maria Mijares, Ngoc Diep Nguyen, Alonzo Rivas, Rene Valenciano, Melissa Wolfe, Josie Yanguas, and Kim Zinman.

**Council Members Absent:** Natividad Hernandez, Ed Rafferty

**ISBE Administrators and Staff Attending:** Robin M Lisboa (by phone), Becky Mc Cabe (by phone), Irma Snopek, Sally Vogl (by phone), Beth Robinson, Harriette Herrera (by phone), Boon Lee, Sherry Johnson, Naomi Greene (by phone), Lilibeth Gumia (by phone), and Bill Garcia.

David Barker, BAC welcomed the group and called the group to order at 9:30 a.m. Following a review and discussion of the items below,

- January 28, 2006 Bilingual Meeting
- March 9, 2006 Bilingual Special Education Subcommittee Minutes
- March 14 & 23, 2006 Special Meeting of Rules, Part 228

the bilingual advisory council voted unanimously without abstentions to accept the minutes. All members voted in the affirmative to accept the items listed above.

The March 14 & 23 2006 minutes will be corrected to indicate that Maria Korkatsch was in attendance.

#### **ISBE Assessment Update**

#### **Becky Mc Cabe**

Becky Mc Cabe briefed the council on the challenges presented by the implementation of recent assessments: ISAT, IMAGE, and ACCESS. She indicated that:

- ISBE was aggressively holding high level meetings
- ISBE was hiring a team to check scoring
- ISBE was addressing the delivery of tests
- ISBE was addressing questions of validity
- ISBE Assessment was responding to more than 7000 emails
- developing side studies for IMAGE
- piloting an IMAGE science test
- executing an alignment through ILEAC
- beginning a period of review for ACCESS
- surveying educators to review ACCESS test window
- meeting with executive committee of WIDA
- working on an alternative assessment for special education group
- bidding writing contract out

## **ISBE DELL Update**

**Robin M. Lisboa**

Robin acknowledged Becky Mc Cabe's hard work and then briefed the council on ISBE DELL personnel changes listed below.

Robin indicated that Joyce Pate had retired. Michael Lugo would now serve as her support person. Cathy Jackson Huntley has been transferred to ROE Services with Jeff Aranowski. Carolina Mata Woodruff will be out until June 2006.

Districts not meeting AMAOs will have an opportunity to attend a 1/2 workshop on April 20 or 21, 2006. Approximately 45 districts did not make AMAOs for two consecutive years.

Bill Garcia, ISBE will add list of Admin Agents/Coops to <http://www.isbe.net/htmls/TitleIII.htm> .

250 of 275 districts have signed up for FY07 Consolidated Workshops to Serve ELLs. The workshops will cover the application and an assortment of other relevant topics. No major changes in the application are expected.

The issue of AMAOs connected to funding cooperatives will be addressed at the June 8, 2006 meeting.

Members were told that Gail Lieberman, ISBE was still taking AMAO appeals.

Robin encouraged members to register parents for the BAC Parent Summit on May 20, 2006. ISBE will reimburse districts for up to 5 parents. Payment for additional parents shall be the responsibility of local districts. Dual language parents are invited to attend. Superintendent Randy Dunn, ISBE Board Chair Jesse Ruiz, and Wong Fillmore will highlight the event. The deadline to register parents is May 5, 2006.

## **ISBE Administrative Rules, 228**

**Irma Snopek & Sally Vogl**

Irma Snopek and Sally Vogl reviewed a draft of Administrative Rules, Part 228 as a result of input from BAC on March 14 & 23, 2006. Following a review of more than 125 individual changes, Sally discussed the next steps along with the BAC's ex parte communication responsibility. Vogl outlined a period of public comment and suggested rules could be adopted by November 2006. Vogl elaborated on the three types of ex parte communication:

1. Email: To be forwarded to Sally Vogl at [rules@isbe.net](mailto:rules@isbe.net)
2. Letters: To be mailed to Vogl.
3. Oral stories. Use ex parte form.

Sally indicated that the purpose of the ex parte forms was to capture information for the public record.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

## **Council Chairs**

Advocacy

Josie Yanguas did not submit a report.

Assessment

David Barker reinforced report from Becky Mc Cabe.

Bilingual Special Education report.

Pat Chamberlain provided the attached [.pdf]

Early Childhood

Harriette Herrera did not submit a report.

Certification

Rene Valenciano did not submit a report but indicated that the certification rules were open for discussion again.

Compliance

Alonzo Rivas indicated his committee had not met. He also indicated that a representative from the US Department of Justice had requested to attend the next BAC meeting on June 8, 2006. Interest in attending the meeting was tied to Chicago SD 299. Alonzo will follow up with the Department of Justice.

**Council Membership/Terms**

David Barker indicated that Bill Garcia would be following up with council members about terms of office and membership for the 2006-2007 school year.

**Announcements**

**Council**

ILEAC will meet in Wheaton on April 17, 2006. Members are encouraged to contact Becky Mc Cabe for more details.

The next meeting of the bilingual advisory council will be June 8, 2006. The meeting will be at the Illinois State Board of Education, 100 W Randolph, Suite 14-300, Conference Room C, Chicago, Illinois, 60601. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

**Council**

Josie Yanguas moved that the meeting was be adjourned. Maria Korkatsch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.