

School Success Task Force (SSTF)

Meeting of March 6, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Illinois State Board of Education
100 N First Street, 3rd Floor (V-Tel)
Springfield, Illinois**

**Illinois State Board of Education
James R Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street, 14th Floor (V-Tel)
Chicago, Illinois**

I. Welcome and Introductory remarks

Representative William Davis, Co-Chair, introduced himself and welcomed individuals to the School Success Task Force (SSTF).

Members present:

Shayne Aldridge, Attorney, Illinois Association of School Boards

Christine Boyd, Illinois Department of Corrections

Maria Capoccia, Member

Ava Carpenter-McPike

Representative Will Davis, Co-Chairman

Kye Gaffey, Superintendent, Department of Juvenile Justice School District

Twin Green, Member

Leslie Juby, Member

Dave Robisch, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Sue Taylor, Illinois State Board of Education

General Public present:

Michael Byrd, Illinois African American Family Commission

Noja Ebomoyi

Rachel Sipes, Illinois Department of Human Services

Terry Solomon, Illinois African American Family Commission

Illinois State Board of Education Staff present:

Beth Hanselman, Illinois State Board of Education

Cynthia Riseman, Illinois State Board of Education

II. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2012 meeting

Representative William Davis asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from January's meeting.

Members noted slight corrections to the minutes.

Christine Boyd then motioned to accept the minutes, followed by Twin Green as a second.

III. Presentation by Shayne Aldridge

Shayne Aldridge, Attorney from the Illinois Association of School Boards, shared information from the Institute of Education Sciences website <http://ies.ed.gov/> which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Mr. Aldridge showed and explained information available on this site that could possibly assist the task force. The task force discussed ways this site, and information it provided, could be helpful.

During discussions, the task force decided to create a Best Practices Sub-Committee to investigate current best practices in Illinois districts. Leslie Juby, Ava Carpenter-McPike, Christine Boyd, Cynthia Riseman, and Terry Solomon volunteered to participate as members of the sub-committee.

IV. Legislative Update & Other Business

Copies of a few bill summaries, that are relevant to the task force, were included in packets for task force members to review.

During the January meeting, a discussion ensued regarding a resolution to extend the deadline for the School Success Task Force and adding a representative member from the Chicago Public School District. This resolution has been filed and is currently in the education committee.

Task Force members discussed the 2009 suspension and expulsion data that was reported to ISBE.

One member asked the committee if recommendations would be made by the committee that would help in the education of parents. Task force members noted that this could be included in the Task Force recommendations.

V. Review Timelines & Set Future Meetings/Hearing Dates

The next meeting and hearing will be scheduled for April 30, 2012. The hearing will be scheduled for the Chicago area. The meeting will be held via Video-conference at the Illinois State Board of Education locations in Springfield and Chicago.

VI. Public Comment

A Public Hearing is scheduled for this evening at Lanphier High School Commons Area at 6 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Representative William Davis adjourned meeting.