

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING**

February 1, 2002
(via conference call)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald J. Gidwitz	Connie Rogers	Richard Sandsmark
Judith A. Gold	Vincent J. Serritella	
Marilyn McConachie	Beverly Turkal	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marjorie Branch, Janet Steiner

Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Alison Harbour, the staff secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Ms. Harbour called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

The Chairman indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to accept the resignation of State Superintendent Ernest R. Wish and appoint General Counsel Respicio Vazquez as the new State Superintendent of Education.

Chairman Gidwitz asked for a motion to accept Superintendent Wish's resignation.

Motion Mrs. Rogers moved that the State Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of State Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer Ernest R. Wish, effective immediately.

Mrs. McConachie seconded the motion

Vote on Motion The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Mr. Gidwitz - yes	Mrs. Rogers - yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Ms. Gold - yes	Mr. Sandsmark - yes	
Mrs. McConachie - yes	Mr. Serritella - yes	

The Chairman asked for a motion to nominate a new State Superintendent of Education.

Motion Mrs. McConachie moved that the State Board of Education hereby appoints Respicio Vazquez as the State Superintendent of Education until a permanent State Superintendent is appointed.

Mr. Sandsmark seconded the motion.

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Vote on
Motion

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with the following votes recorded.

Mr. Gidwitz - yes	Mrs. Rogers - yes	Mrs. Turkal - yes
Ms. Gold - yes	Mr. Sandsmark	
Mrs. McConachie - yes	Mr. Serritella - yes	

The Chairman and Board members expressed their support for newly appointed State Superintendent Vazquez.

An audio tape of the meeting is available through the State Board office in Springfield (217/782-9560).

Adjournment The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman