

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

State Board of Education Office

Springfield, Illinois

January 9, 2001

**(by conference call)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ronald J. Gidwitz

Marilyn McConachie

Janet Steiner

David P. Gomez

Connie Rogers

Glenn W. "Max" M<sup>C</sup>Gee, State Superintendent of Education

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Marjorie B. Branch, Vincent J. Serritella

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Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Judy Carmody, the staff secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Mrs. Carmody called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that Ms. Branch and Mr. Serritella were unable to join the call due to business conflicts.

Doris Langon, Director of the Chicago Office, identified those in attendance at that location, and the Superintendent identified those present in Springfield.

Budget

The Chairman indicated that there was one agenda item to address at this special Board meeting -- the FY 2002 budget which needs to be adopted and transmitted to the Governor's Office prior to the next Board meeting.

Superintendent M<sup>C</sup>Gee reported that the reason the Board is holding this special meeting instead of the regular January meeting is really threefold.

1. In addition to the complexities which were mentioned, we did need to wait until we heard a recommendation from the Governor's Educational Funding Advisory Board which was made at the December Board meeting.
2. We needed some time to see how that recommendation fit into the revenue that we expect to receive.
3. The Board's Annual Report to the General Assembly is due January 14, which falls before the next Board meeting.

The Superintendent expressed appreciation to members of the press for their ability to attend this special meeting.

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Superintendent M<sup>C</sup>Gee provided an overview and status of the budget and Annual Report as a part of the budget book. Discussion occurred during the presentation for clarification purposes and Board members' input with additional staff assisting in answer questions.

Motion

Mrs. McConachie moved that "the State Board of Education hereby approves the FY 2002 budget for elementary and secondary education with a total request of \$6,224,107.30 in General Revenue Funds and a total for all funds of \$7,998,065.9 and with special requests as shown in the budget (see Addendum II).

The State Superintendent and staff are directed to present this budget and the annual report, as included in the '2000 Annual Report and FY 02 Budget Proposal' to the Governor and General Assembly for adoption during the Spring 2001 session. In addition, the Superintendent and staff are asked to provide appropriate information to the educational community and to Illinois citizens.

As appropriate to circumstances that arise during budget deliberations, the Superintendent is authorized to make necessary changes to federal and other Non-General Revenue fund requests. Changes to the General Revenue Fund requests may be made at the Superintendent's discretion, or in consultation with the Chairman or the Board, depending on the magnitude of the proposed changes."

Mr. Gomez seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed for clarification purposes.

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. McConachie - yes

Dr. Steiner - yes

Mr. Gomez - yes

Mrs. Rogers - no

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

Closed Session

The Chairman asked for a motion for the Board to go into closed session.

Mrs. Rogers moved that "the State Board of Education go into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

- Section 2 (c) (1) for the purpose of discussing information regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee; and
- Section 2 (c) (11) for the purpose of discussing litigation.

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She further moved that Superintendent M<sup>C</sup>Gee be included in this meeting and that the Board be authorized to invite anyone else into the meeting as needed."

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. McConachie - yes

Dr. Steiner - yes

Mr. Gomez - yes

Mrs. Rogers - yes

The meeting went into closed session at 4:20 p.m.

Adjournment The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn McConachie, Secretary

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Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman