

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
and CLOSED SESSION**

Springfield State Board of Education Office, Springfield
James R. Thompson Center, Chicago
January 4, 2002
(via video and conference call)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald J. Gidwitz
Marjorie B. Branch
Marilyn McConachie

Connie Rogers
Richard Sandsmark
Vincent J. Serritella

Janet Steiner
Beverly Turkal

Ernest R. Wish, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.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 noted that Mr. Serritella would be joining the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Steiner joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

FY03
Budget

The Chairman reported that the primary purpose of the meeting was to review and take action on the FY03 Budget and FY01 Annual Report, which are due to be submitted to the Governor's office and the General Assembly by January 14. He explained that the Board members had received copies of the Annual Report via e-mail and Federal Express delivery last week. He indicated that a copy of the Budget was mailed to each Board member on January 2. He explained that the Budget information reflected the \$250 million dollar increase and its allocation to various budget line items.

Superintendent Wish reported that each of the Board members have had the opportunity to review the Annual Report. He noted that he had heard from Board members regarding suggested revisions and he indicated that he would address those changes in the development of the final document. He commented that the proposed FY03 Budget document included a summary reflecting the allocation of a \$250 million dollar increase and a detailed budget breakdown reflecting the FY02 final Budget and the FY03 proposed budget amounts. He explained that he would be asking the Board to adopt the Budget and the Annual Report for submission to the Governor and General Assembly.

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. Staff member David Wood assisted by answering questions (see Addendum II).

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Motion

Mrs. McConachie moved that the "State Board of Education hereby approves the FY 2003 Budget for elementary and secondary education with a total request of \$6.46 billion in General Revenue Funds and a total for all funds of \$8.5 billion, and with specific requests as shown in the budget.

The State Superintendent and staff are directed to present the State Board's Budget and the Annual Report, as included in the "2001 Annual Report and FY03 Budget Proposal" to the Governor and General Assembly for adoption during the spring 2002 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. Sandsmark 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.

Ms. Branch - yes

Mrs. Rogers - yes

Dr. Steiner - yes

Mr. Gidwitz - yes

Mr. Sandsmark - yes

Mrs. Turkal - yes

Mrs. McConachie - yes

Closed Session

Chairman Gidwitz 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 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.

Ms. Branch - yes

Mrs. Rogers - yes

Dr. Steiner - yes

Mr. Gidwitz - yes

Mr. Sandsmark - yes

Mrs. Turkal - yes

Mrs. McConachie - yes

The Board members went into a closed meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rogers, Secretary

Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman