


ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REVISED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA OF MEETINGS

January 12-13, 2005

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WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2005

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- 1:00 p.m.** **Education Policy Planning Committee**
4th Floor Conference Room
- 2:30 p.m.** **Governmental Relations Committee**
4th Floor Conference Room
- 3:00 p.m.** **Finance & Audit Committee**
Board Room, 4th Floor

THURSDAY, January 13, 2005

NOTE: The Plenary Session on Thursday will be audio broadcast via the Internet

- 8:30 a.m.** **Board Operations Committee**
4th Floor Conference Room
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- 9:30 a.m.** **ISBE Plenary Session**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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- 12:00 p.m.*** **Closed Session**
4th Floor Conference Room
- 1:15 p.m.*** **Plenary Session Reconvenes (*time is approximate*)**
Board Room, 4th Floor

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EDUCATION POLICY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Board Room, 4th Floor
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

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Wednesday, January 12, 2005
1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- Charter Schools Annual Report (Full Board will vote on acceptance)
- Continue discussion of strategic planning for the Education Policy Planning Committee
- Presentation of introductory draft model for Student Advisory Council
- Presentation from the Division of Special Education
- Identify specific ISBE initiatives about which the Committee would like to know more
- Determine final 2005 meeting calendar for Education Policy Planning Committee
- Additional Items

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

4th Floor Conference Room
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

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Wednesday, January 12, 2005
2:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- Repeal of School Code Provisions
- Wrap-up of the final two days of the 93rd General Assembly
- 94th General Assembly - Update on draft ISBE legislative proposals
- IDEA Summary for General Assembly Education Committees
- Legislative Principles
- Additional Issues

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, January 12, 2005
3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- State of Illinois FY 03 Single Audit Report
 - Discussion (Full Board will vote on acceptance)
- Presentation from Illinois Economic & Fiscal Commission
- Discussion of FY 06 Spending Priorities – open forum*
- Additional Issues

*Additional open forums on the FY 06 education budget will be held on January 28 (downstate) and January 31 (Chicago). Specific times and locations for these additional hearings are to be determined.

BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

4th Floor Conference Room
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Thursday, January 13, 2005
8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- Review of State Board Meeting Structures & Procedures
 - Committee Meetings (times/scheduling)
 - Public Participation (scheduling)
 - Announcements & Reports (where on agenda & are all needed?)
 - Discussion & Action Items
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Consent Agenda*
 - All action items listed with an * (asterisk) would be considered to be routine and would be enacted in one motion and vote. A Board member may request any items identified for the consent agenda be removed by simply making that request. The item would then be considered along with the other action items for Board consideration/discussion.
 - Action Items for Consideration
 - Information Reports
 - Closed Session
 - Motion
- Additional Issues

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Plenary Business Meeting

A. Roll Call

B. Public Participation

C. Approval of Minutes:

- **December 16, 2004** (*pp. 5-16*)
- **December 23, 2004** (*pp. 17-18*)

D. Announcements and Reports

- Superintendent's Report
- Chairman's Report
- Committee Reports
- Members' Reports

E. Discussion & Action Items *

- Acceptance of the State of Illinois FY03 Single Audit Report (*p. 19*)
- Approval of Cumulative Waiver Report (*pp. 20-45*)
- Approval of Charter Schools Annual Report (*pp. 46-64*)
- Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Part 1100 (Procurement by ISBE) (*pp. 65-74*)
- Authorization of PSAE Contract (*pp. 75-78*)
- Update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers (*pp. 79-83*)
- Update on Rules Streamlining
- Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking (information only) (*pp.84-88*)
- SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (information only) (*pp. 89-103*)

F. Closed Session

G. Reconvene

H. Discussion Item: Strategic Plan

I. Adjourn

*The presentation by the Illinois Economic & Fiscal Commission will now be during the Finance & Audit Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 12 at 3:00 p.m.

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES**

January 13, 2004

100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Randy Dunn, Interim State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance. Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board meeting was being webcast live over the Internet. The Chairman asked all Board meeting speaking participants to talk loud enough so that the internet listeners could hear their remarks.</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Jesse Ruiz, ChairmanDr. Christopher Ward, Vice ChairmanDr. Vinni Hall, Board SecretaryDr. Andrea BrownMr. Dean ClarkDr. David FieldsMs. Brenda HolmesMs. Joyce KaronMr. Edward Geppert, Jr. <p><u>Members Absent:</u></p> <p>None</p>
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	<p>Mr. Bill Schreck and Mr. Jay Runner, representing the Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) spoke to the Board regarding agricultural education. Mr. Schreck and Mr. Runner were concerned about the adequate funding of the agricultural education line item in the State Board's budget. They also informed the Board that the money received had been very instrumental in the success of the agricultural education programs implemented in Illinois. They asked the Board to continue supporting the agricultural education line item funding in the budget.</p> <p>Mr. Don Smoot, of Three Rivers EFE System, spoke to the Board with his son Seth Smoot regarding the importance and success of career and technical education (CTE). They asked the Board for its continued support for funding and staffing for career and technical education. Board members asked questions regarding NCLB and CTE.</p> <p>Ms. Phyllis Pickett, representing the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (IAHPERD), spoke to the Board regarding her concerns about physical education waivers. She believes that healthy, active children are better learners. Board members commented regarding district prioritization of physical education, NCLB, funding, and tracking of information data.</p> <p>Mr. Dean Clark asked Chairman Ruiz about the ISBE Condition of Education Report. Superintendent Dunn said that he would address this issue during his Superintendent's Report.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 16 & 23, 2004	<p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the State Board of Education approve the minutes for the meeting on December 16, 2004, and for the Special Board meeting on December 23, 2004. Joyce Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>

<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:</p> <p>Superintendent's Report</p>	<p>The Superintendent answered Mr. Dean Clark's question about the ISBE Condition of Education Report by informing the Board that the State Board has a statutory requirement to file this report with the Governor and the General Assembly. He noted that the report would be filed on January 14, and it will include the required data reporting requirements. He also explained that ISBE understands that this report is not statutorily tied to a budget process and he told the Board that the report would be e-mailed to them on Friday, January 14, and also overnight mailed.</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn commented regarding his gratification of the 93rd General Assembly's approval of the supplemental school consolidation funding. He noted that as soon as the Governor signs the bill, and the comptroller signs off on it, the checks will be sent out to the districts. Dr. Dunn said that this success was made possible by the ISBE cost-savings proposal that he outlined for the Board a couple of months ago.</p> <p>He informed the Board that work is being done to prepare a report for them regarding matriculation data on students leaving Illinois high schools, and possibly tying this data to the ACT. He said that this information would also be provided to the Joint Education Committee members. This report will be prepared by working closely with the Illinois Education Research Consortium (IERC) as part of its JEC responsibility.</p> <p>He reiterated to the Board members that ISBE Certification Division employees had completely eliminated the Chicago teacher certification backlog, and were working hard to do so for the rest of the state. He commented to the Board members about the dedication and hard work of the Certification Division staff. He noted that the backlog has been reduced by 87% in just fewer than four months. Dr. Dunn said that the backlog would be completely eliminated by the end of January.</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn commented and discussed the rules streamlining initiative. He reported that 11 rule parts have already been identified for elimination. He noted that these rule parts represent almost 20% of ISBE rules that either relate to unfunded programs or are otherwise unnecessary, and in total, they represent over 300 pages that have been identified for elimination.</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn noted that he continues the "less red tape" tours around the state and on January 14, he would be at Olympia School District to solicit input from educators and community members. He noted that there is also continued use of the less red tape e-mail to gather input.</p> <p>Dr. Dunn updated the Board regarding the State Board's work with the PTA to redesign the School Report Card to add a "snapshot" that parents can easily understand. He told the Board that the ISBE website will have a survey that parents can fill out to inform ISBE what information they would like to see included on the "snapshots." Superintendent Dunn said that the PTA is sending out paper copies of the survey questionnaire to all of its local affiliates, and he publicly thanked them for their support.</p>
<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz reported that Mr. Dean Clark will be representing the Board by attending the NASBE Governmental Relations Committee meeting on January 14-15 in Alexandria, Virginia. In addition, Ms. Joyce Karon has been asked to serve on the NASBE Study Group for Middle School & Secondary School Literacy, and Dr. Andrea Brown has been asked to serve on the NASBE Value Added Assessment Study Group. Dr. Chris Ward is working with NASBE to get more resources into the Board to help everyone</p>

	<p>work more effectively.</p> <p>He also mentioned that Dr. Brown, Ms. Karon and Mr. Ed Geppert are serving on the Education Trust Grant Work Group for Improving Teacher Quality of Illinois Media Student in Schools.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that he and Ms. Joyce Karon are serving as members of the Joint Education Committee and Dr. Dave Fields is the alternate member.</p> <p>He said that Dr. Vinni Hall is serving as the State Board's representative on the Early Learning Council and Ms. Brenda Holmes will be representing the State Board as a Commissioner on the Education Commission of the States (ECS). He concluded his remarks by thanking the Board members for their outreach and efforts to bring valuable resources to the Board.</p>
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p>Board Operations Committee</p>	<p>Dr. Ward reported that the committee is continuing to review the structures and procedures that are built around the monthly Board meetings. He noted that there had been consensus among the committee members on some changes to the process which will allow the Board to be as effective as possible.</p>
<p>Education Policy Planning Committee</p>	<p>Dr. Fields noted that the committee reviewed the Charter Schools Annual Report with staff members Ms. Donna Luallen and Ms. Jo Ann Price. The committee deferred consideration of strategic planning until the full Board Strategic Plan discussion scheduled later in the meeting. The committee heard about an introductory draft model for the Student Advisory Council and asked the staff organizers Ms. Jennifer Saba and Ms. Linda Jamali to proceed with their planning and to continue to look for sources of funding. They also heard a presentation by staff member Dr. Chris Koch regarding the ISBE Center for Special Education.</p> <p>The committee asked that they have an opportunity to discuss assessment matters in more detail with agency staff during the next scheduled committee meeting. They also decided that the best time for committee meetings was in conjunction with the regularly scheduled State Board meetings each month. Dr. Fields said that the committee meetings are open to the public and he encouraged everyone interested to attend. He acknowledged and thanked the committee's staff contact Dr. Ginger Reynolds.</p>
<p>Finance and Audit Committee</p>	<p>Mr. Geppert reported that the Board had heard a report by staff member Ms. Deborah Scheiter regarding the FY03 Single Audit. He noted that the committee was very pleased with the report and the eight findings in it and he said the committee recommends the approval of the report to the full Board.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert said that the Board had heard an informative and interesting presentation from the Illinois Economic & Fiscal Commission concerning the fiscal condition of the State of Illinois, especially a comparison of trends over the past several years. He also reported that the Board had heard three presentations in an open forum session concerning the spending priorities regarding the FY06 State Board budget. Mr. Geppert announced that the Board would schedule two additional meetings regarding the State Board FY06 budget on January 28 in the Mt. Vernon area and January 31 in the Chicago area. He noted that the public will be notified regarding the specific locations/times of these meetings when they have been scheduled.</p> <p>He concluded his remarks by commenting that the committee will be working</p>

	<p>on the development of the spending priorities in time to submit them to the Governor for his budget presentation to the General Assembly on February 16, 2005.</p>
<p>Governmental Relations Committee</p>	<p>Ms. Holmes reported that the committee heard a summary discussion regarding the 93rd General Assembly and noted that they were very pleased that the General Assembly has provided supplemental appropriations in the area of school consolidation, the \$3M added for Jobs for Illinois Graduates Program, and temporary relocation dollars for the Gavin School District. She also noted that Representative Susana Mendoza's legislation regarding the school breakfast program had also been passed by the 93rd General Assembly.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes commented that the 94th General Assembly Session had begun and she noted the committee has a few areas of homework to do and is looking forward to the new session.</p>
<p>Members' Reports</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that he had spent Tuesday, January 11, meeting with various legislators. He commented that he had heard good feedback regarding the State Board of Education. He noted that he also met with ISBE staff members Dr. Connie Wise and Dr. Ginger Reynolds regarding the Report Card process and Mr. Dennis Williams and Ms. Linda Jamali regarding the certification process. In addition, he spent time with staff members Ms. Linda Mitchell and Mr. Dave McDermott regarding the budget process. He thanked these staff members for their efforts on behalf of the Board. The Chairman commented that he was glad that he had spent time with legislators and staff members and he is encouraged by the operations of the State Board.</p> <p>Ms. Joyce Karon reported that the Joint Education Committee met on December 21 and discussed several topics which included middle school, P-16 inventory, and high school graduation requirements.</p>
<p>DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:</p> <p>Acceptance of the State of Illinois FY03 Single Audit Report</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn announced that the FY03 Single Audit Report was discussed in the Finance and Audit Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 12. Staff members Ms. Linda Mitchell presented and discussed with the Board and Superintendent a brief overview of the State of Illinois FY03 Single Audit Report. She noted that in the future the Board's Finance and Audit Committee will hear a quarterly report on audit findings.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the State Board of Education hereby accepts the Auditor General's State of Illinois FY03 Single Audit Report. Mr. Dean Clark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Approval of Cumulative Waiver Report</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn recommended approval of the Cumulative Waiver Report. He noted that the Board initially reviewed this report at the December Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Brenda Holmes moved the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission of the cumulative waiver report to the General Assembly by February 1, 2005, to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an amendment to Section 24-2 of the School Code to allow the use of legally mandated school holidays honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, Casimir Pulaski, Christopher Columbus and all veterans of foreign wars for student attendance and other uses as

	<p>described in the proposed amendment, provided appropriate instruction is provided to students;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an amendment to Section 18-8.05(F)(2) of the School Code to allow districts to shorten the instructional day when the Prairie State Achievement Examination is administered and to count those shortened days among the 176 days of pupil attendance required by the School Code, provided that the districts first accumulate sufficient time beyond the five-clock-hour requirement to be attributed to the shortened days; • a recommendation that the General Assembly consider whether to increase the maximum amount that districts can charge for driver's education; and • a summary of the issues associated with physical education waivers and modifications and the remedies that could be explored to reduce the number of requests being submitted. <p>The motion was seconded by Dr. Chris Ward and was approved by unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Approval of the Charter School Annual Report</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn recommended his approval of the transmittal of the Charter School Annual Report to the General Assembly and Governor. Staff members Ms. Donna Luallen and Ms. Jo Ann Price provided information in relation to Board members' questions asked regarding school improvement status and early warning status of the charter schools, and system of support.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Dave Fields moved that the State Board of Education approves the Illinois Charter School Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly with recommendations for legislative changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vinni Hall and approved by unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Part 1100 (Procurement by ISBE)</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn informed the Board that there were no public comments received on the Part 1100 amendments that were published for public review in October 2004. He said that he was recommending Board approval of the proposed amendments.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Andrea Brown moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement by the State Board of Education (44 Illinois Administrative Code 1100). <p>Dr. Andrea Brown further moved that the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical or nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. Mr. Ed Geppert seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Authorization of PSAE Contract</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn introduced staff members Ms. Becky McCabe and Dr. John Craig who spoke to the Board regarding the authorization of a Request for Sealed Proposals (RFSP) to continue the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) system, specifically to include a college-entrance exam and an employment-suitability assessment as part of PSAE. Currently, the</p>

	<p>PSAE includes the ACT Assessment® as the college-entrance exam component and the Workkeys® assessment for applied mathematics and reading and the contract with ACT to use these tests will expire on June 30, 2005.</p> <p>Motion: Dr. Chris Ward moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes the staff to prepare an RFSP to solicit bids from private contractors and not-for-profit firms and institutions with existing subject area tests that meet the requirements of the RFSP for use in the PSAE.</p> <p>The terms of such RFSP will include, without limitation, that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The initial contract period will extend from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2010, with an option to renew it for an additional five years (through June 30, 2015), contingent upon satisfactory performance in the previous contract periods and sufficient appropriation for the contract; 2. The contract amount will not exceed \$27.5 million for the initial five-year contract period; and 3. The existing tests will be made available to the State Board of Education for use in the PSAE at no charge to the students taking the examination. <p>Dr. Dave Fields seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed with a roll call vote.</p>
<p>Update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service (SES) Providers</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn commented that two additional SES providers other than the one printed in the Board meeting materials (Attachment #2) had been added. He noted that copies of a revised Attachment #2 were on the table in the back of the Board Room. Superintendent Dunn asked the Board for their approval of the updated Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers.</p> <p>Motion: Ms. Joyce Karon moved that whereas the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires that the State Board of Education promote maximum participation of supplemental educational service providers and maintains an updated list of approved providers. She further moved that the providers identified on <u>revised</u> attachment #2 be approved for addition to the Illinois List of Approved Supplemental Educational Service Providers. Dr. Andrea Brown seconded the motion and it passed by a majority voice vote. Dr. Vinni Hall voted no.</p>
<p>Update on Rules Streamlining</p>	<p>General Counsel John Furr and staff member Ms. Sally Vogl updated the Board members regarding the rules streamlining process. They informed the Board that they had spent a number of hours with various divisions within the agency as well as external people over the last month talking about ideas regarding rules streamlining. Future and continuing discussion issues are noted below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules parts 51 and 52 consolidation discussion in February which will provide more flexibility to the City of Chicago regarding the selection of hearing officers. • Rules parts 475 and 480 consolidation discussion in February to

	<p>reflect what is the appropriate current practice for contested hearings. There is also discussion regarding minor changes to the public information rulemaking organization and the access of ISBE FOIA information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with CMS regarding necessary changes to ISBE rules relating to procurement. • Continue to work to with the Funding and Disbursement Division regarding rules Part 155 and also looking at the driver's education rules and public transportation rules to see if there might be a way to align state and federal standards. • Rules review process has begun in the School Business and Support Division and the proposed revisions to rules part 145 and the health life safety provisions will be presented to the Board in February. • Proposed changes to the secular textbook loan program will be presented for adoption to the Board in February. • Continue to work with the Certification Division by looking at their rules to see to what extend there might be an opportunity to make changes in the process and also looking at the rules themselves to see if there might be some time periods or rules requirements that could be eliminated to streamline the process. In the next couple of months work will begin with external groups to gain their input regarding the streamlining of rules/processes in the Certification Division. <p>Dr. Andrea Brown commented the less red tape e-mail contains many comments and suggestions to improve the rules streamlining process.</p> <p>Counsel Furr said that the e-mail comments have been a tremendous resource for the agency. Other Board members agreed with him and also commended the staff for their responses to these e-mails.</p>
<p>Monthly Status Report of Rulemaking</p> <p>and</p> <p>SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn reported that these reports were for informational purposes only and he asked the Board members if they had any questions.</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes asked for more information regarding a grant to Illinois State University listed in the Financial Status Report on page 93 of the Board meeting materials. Superintendent Dunn said he would find out the answer to her inquiry and e-mail it to the entire Board.</p> <p>Dr. Vinni Hall asked Superintendent Dunn regarding the Reading First Program. He commented that there have been federal concerns regarding this program and negotiations are going on with the USDE. He noted that the concerns are centered around staffing issues and to some degree program decisions that were made during the previous administration.</p>
<p>Closed Session</p>	<p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board.</p> <p>She further moved that the Board may invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p>

	<p>The motion was seconded by Dr. David Fields and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote. The open meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and the Board went into closed session. The closed session recessed at 12:15 p.m.</p>
Reconvene	<p>The Board meeting reconvened at 12:20 p.m.</p>
Strategic Plan Discussion	<p>The State Board, pursuant to PA 93-1036, must develop and maintain a continuing 5-year comprehensive strategic plan for elementary and secondary education. Their Strategic Plan is further required to reflect 15 different topic areas as spelled out in PA 93-1036, either explicitly or cross-referenced within the plan.</p> <p>The Superintendent and Board members discussed the Strategic Plan to determine priority goals areas and parameters. Dr. Dunn shared with the Board a draft document regarding his suggested potential goal areas for the Strategic Plan. They included the following goals as possibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Highlighting Exemplary Educational Practices ➤ Enhancing Literacy ➤ Improving Teacher Quality and Retention ➤ Expanding School Business and Support Practices ➤ Building School Leadership Capacity ➤ Supporting Career and Technical Education ➤ Promoting High School Reform ➤ Streamlining Certification ➤ Building Collaboration and Community Partnerships ➤ Promoting Positive Learning Environments ➤ Improving Data-Driven Decision Making Through Technology ➤ Enhancing Regional Service Delivery <p>Superintendent Dunn went on to discuss his preliminary thoughts regarding his draft goals document and noted that he had developed these by looking at broad policy areas that he thought had implication for change in Illinois.</p> <p>Dr. Dunn recommended to the Board that they provide him with any changes regarding his goals document. He would then incorporate the consensus of members' comments into a revised goals document for the Board members to rank in order of importance to them. He noted that the agency division administrators will also rank the updated goals document so that this information from the staff and Board would be available for review at the February State Board meeting.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Dr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Joyce Karon seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.</p> <p>An audio compact disc of the meeting is available by contacting ISBE Board Services Division at 217/557-6626.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman