

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

SCHEDULE AND AGENDA OF MEETINGS
March 16-17, 2005

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WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2005

Public Conference Call Access Number for Wednesday meetings:

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- * **10:30 a.m.** **Finance & Audit Committee**
4th Floor Conference Room

- * **Noon** **Governmental Relations Committee**
4th Floor Conference Room

- * **1:00 p.m.** **Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Development Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor

- * **2:30 p.m.** **Education Policy Planning Committee**
4th Floor Conference Room

- * **4:30 p.m.** **Board Operations Committee**
4th Floor Conference Room

THURSDAY, March 17, 2005

Public Conference Call Access Number for Thursday meetings:

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- 8:00 a.m.** **Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
4th Floor Conference Room

- 9:30 a.m.** **ISBE Plenary Session**
Board Room, 4th Floor

- ** Closed Session/Lunch**
4th Floor Conference Room

* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

** Chairman Ruiz will call for a break in the Board meeting on Thursday at which time the Board will go into Closed Session over lunch.

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FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 16, 2005
10:30 a.m.
4th Floor Conference Room**

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Presentation on President Bush's proposed budget's impact on Illinois education
3. Discussion on ISBE Financial Oversight Proposals
4. Additional items
5. Adjourn

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 16, 2005
* Noon
4th Floor Conference Room**

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Legislative Update
3. Update on Agency/Board Legislative Proposals
4. Additional issues
5. Adjourn

AD HOC STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Wednesday, March 16, 2005
* 1:00 p.m.
Board Room, 4th Floor**

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Review Initial Report for the Strategic Plan

Adjourn

EDUCATION POLICY PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 16, 2005
* 2:30 p.m.
4th Floor Conference Room**

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Explanation of Safe Harbor
3. Adolescent Literacy
4. History of Gifted Education
5. Review of Special Education Appeals Forum
6. Standards Aligned Classroom
7. Assessment Division Review
8. Additional Items
9. Adjourn

BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

*** 4:30 p.m.**

4th Floor Conference Room

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Resolutions & Recognition
 - a. Process & Procedures
 - i. Gathering information
 - a. Review of correspondence to ROEs
 - ii. Use of resolutions
 - a. Signed by Board & mailed
 - b. Attendance at Board meeting
 - c. Board member visit to school
3. Annual Work Conference Planning
 - a. NASBE involvement
 - b. Staff involvement
 - c. Month/date/location to be determined
 - i. August 17-20, 2005
 - ii. Other
4. Board Bylaws
 - a. Discussion/Recommendations for Revision
5. Additional Issues

AD HOC RULES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, March 17, 2005

8:00 a.m.

4th Floor Conference Room

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AGENDA

1. Public Participation
2. Discussion of Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 25 (Certification) (*pp. 14-67*)
 - b. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition & Supervision) (*pp. 68-90*)
 - c. Part 120 (Pupil Transportation Reimbursement) (*pp. 91-119*)
 - d. Part 275 (Pupil Transportation) (*pp. 120-130*)
 - e. Part 1100, Repeal (Procurement by the State Board of Education) (*pp. 131-219*)
 - f. Part 1105 (Procurement by the State Board of Education) (*p. 220*)
3. Additional Issues
4. Adjourn

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Room, 4th Floor
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

Thursday, March 17, 2005
9:30 a.m.

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NOTES: The Plenary Session will be audio broadcast via the Internet. Chairman Ruiz will call for a break in the board meeting at which time the Board will go into Closed Session over lunch.

Plenary Business Meeting

A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Resolutions & Recognition

1. Jessica Davis, Pana High School, Winner of Arts Education Poster Contest
2. Performance by Springfield High School Acapella Group
3. Powerful Libraries Make Powerful Learners

C. Public Participation

D. Approval of Minutes

1. February 17, 2005 (*pp. 5-13*)

E. Announcements and Reports

1. Superintendent's Announcements
2. Chairman's Report
3. Committee Reports
4. Members' Reports

F. Superintendent's Report

***Consent Agenda**

All action consideration items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion and vote. Any board member who wishes separate discussion on any item listed on the consent agenda may remove that item from the consent agenda, in which event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

Action Considerations

***1. Rules for Initial Review**

- a. Part 25 (Certification) (*pp. 14-67*)
- b. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition & Supervision) (*pp. 68-90*)
- c. Part 120 (Pupil Transportation Reimbursement) (*pp. 91-119*)
- d. Part 275 (Pupil Transportation) (*pp. 120-130*)
- e. Part 1100, Repeal (Procurement by the State Board of Education) (*pp. 131-219*)
- f. Part 1105 (Procurement by the State Board of Education) (*p. 220*)

***2. Recommended Appointment to State Teacher Certification Board (*p. 221*)**

3. Update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers (*pp. 222-226*)
4. Approval of Preliminary Strategic Plan (*p. 227*)
5. Release of Closed Session Minutes (as needed)

Information Items

1. Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking (*pp. 228-233*)
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*pp. 234-245*)

G. Adjourn

Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
 March 17, 2005
 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Randy Dunn, Interim State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</p> <p>The Board members, Dr. Dunn, and everyone else who wished to join them faced the American flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board meeting was being webcast live over the Internet and asked everyone who appreciates the use of this service, rather than a toll-free number, to please let the State Superintendent know by e-mailing him at statesup@isbe.net.</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Board Secretary Dr. Andrea Brown Dr. David Fields Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr.</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> Mr. Dean Clark</p>
<p>RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION</p> <p>Recognition of Jessica Davis, Winner of the 2005 Arts Education Week Poster Contest</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz introduced Jessica Davis, a student at Pana High school and the winner of the 2005 Arts Education Week Poster Contest. Jessica, her family, school officials, and contest judges were recognized and the following resolution was read in her honor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resolution of the Illinois State Board of Education Recognizing Jessica Davis</p> <p>Whereas, Governor Rod Blagojevich of the State of Illinois has proclaimed March 14-20, 2005, as Illinois Arts Education Week and encourages all citizens and educators to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual performing arts; and</p> <p>Whereas, Jessica Davis, from Pana High School, Pana, Illinois, received first place from among 500 entries in the poster contest sponsored by the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education; and</p> <p>Whereas, Jessica Davis' poster reflected the importance of the various genres which comprise Illinois arts education, including dance, drama, music and visual arts; and</p> <p>Whereas, Art Instructor Kathleen Hanners, has aided and guided Jessica in her successes as a Pana High School art student; and</p>

<p>“7 and Senators” Singing Performance</p> <p>Presentation Regarding Powerful Libraries Make Powerful Learners: The Illinois Story</p>	<p>Whereas, Principal Gayle McRoberts, Superintendent David Lett, and the Pana CUSD #8 Members of the Board of Education recognize the value of the arts for all students to assure the development of self-expression, self-reflection, discipline and a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding.</p> <p>Therefore be it resolved, by the Illinois State Board of Education that Jessica Davis is hereby recognized on this 17th day of March, 2005, for the outstanding design concept reflected in her poster submitted in the 2005 “Connect the World Through Arts” contest.</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes asked that posters be distributed to members of the General Assembly.</p> <p>Comments were also made by Jim Edwards (one of the judges) and Amber Harper, President of the Illinois Association of Art Educators.</p> <p>Also in celebration of Illinois Arts Education Week, the Board members and audience heard a musical performance by Springfield High School’s Acapella singing group “7 and Senators.” Their teacher Mrs. Diane Waltrip, Mr. Chuck Hoots, Principal of Springfield High School, and Dr. Diane Rutledge, Superintendent, Springfield School District #186, were also recognized.</p> <p>Ms. Joyce Karon introduced the next presentation by Ms. Becky Robinson, representing the Illinois School Library Media Association. Ms. Robinson’s presentation focused on statistical analyses identifying numerous positive and statistically significant relationships between various dimensions of school libraries and appropriate indicators of academic achievement. Several recommendations for action relating to Illinois libraries are offered on the basis of this study’s following findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to school libraries should be scheduled as flexibly as possible. • A high-quality school library, as any grade level, requires at least one librarian plus support staff. • Computers that provide access to library resources – both in the library and elsewhere in the school – should be available to facilitate student performance. • School libraries should be funded to maintain their traditional collections as well as to expand their reach beyond the library’s walls via educational technology. • Last, but not least, students achieve academically when their visits to libraries bring them into contact with librarians as teachers and co-teachers.
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Becky Littlefield, Rich Chapple, and Cliff Dover representing the Future Farmers of America (FFA) addressed the Board regarding its continued support for the agricultural education line item funding.</p> <p>Tom Bookler, representing the Illinois Computing Educators, addressed the Board regarding increased technology funding.</p> <p>The following people spoke to the Board regarding funding cuts to the Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) and HEAR programs:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Scherer, representing the International Center on Deafness • Marcia Breese, representing Highlighting Education and Resources • Larry & Julie Quinn, grandparents • Dianne Hall, a parent • Margaret Pike, a parent • Ruth Ann Hull, representing Highlighting Education and Resources • Cheri Sinnott, Director of the IL Service Resource Center (ISRC) <p>Superintendent Dunn commented that letters went out about the IDEA funding cuts and it was discussed with legislators regarding options that were available. He noted that this issue will have to be revisited.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>Dr. Chris Ward moved that the State Board of Education approve the minutes for the meeting on February 17, 2005. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: Superintendent's Announcements	<p>Superintendent Dunn discussed with the Board the following reports from the Illinois Education Research Council (IERC) prepared for the Joint Education Committee meeting on February 28:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Core, Readiness and College Going for Illinois' Public High School Graduates</i> • <i>Summaries of Recent Reports on High School Preparation for College and Work</i> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes commented that the proposals that she had seen so far simply require more seat time for students in academic subjects. She noted that she strongly opposes increasing the number of courses for a number of reasons. She asked if the Joint Education Committee has taken a look at other factors that might be impacted by strictly increasing the number of subjects that a student must take. Dr. Fields, Ms. Karon, and Dr. Brown also expressed their opinions about this issue. The Superintendent stated that he appreciated everyone's concerns.</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn and the Board members discussed and shared information regarding a recent summit that Dr. Dunn had attended regarding high schools. He noted that the main focus had been accountability and assessment frameworks, graduation requirements, and patterns of course-taking among other things.</p> <p>Dr. Dunn announced that the agency had a new organization chart and it was distributed to the Board members and the audience. He informed them of the changes to the organizational chart and Ms. Holmes asked about phone numbers and Dr. Brown asked about a more detailed breakdown of the Teaching and Learning Services Center functions and staff. Superintendent Dunn said that there was a lot more that needed to be done to this chart and it will be fine tuned in the near future.</p> <p>The Superintendent also discussed with the Board members the ongoing FY06 budget process.</p>
Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman Ruiz commented regarding the meetings that he had participated in recently and the upcoming event at which he would be the keynote speaker on March 18.</p>

	<p>Feb. 5 – Third Annual Mexican/Chicana/Chicano Educational Summit at the West Side Technical Institute in Chicago</p> <p>Feb. 28 – Joint Education Committee in Chicago</p> <p>March 14 – U of I Graduate College “Community of Scholars” event: “Getting it Right the First Time: Ensuring a Pipeline to Higher Education.”</p> <p>March 18 – Keynote speaker – Annual Atrevede Young Conference – sponsored by ASPIRA, Inc. and the del Valle Youth Development Center.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Board Operations Committee</p> <p>Dr. Chris Ward reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance: Dr. David Fields, Dr. Vinni Hall, Ms. Joyce Karon, and Chairman Ruiz.</p> <p>Dr. Ward commented that the State Board as a whole feels that it is important to recognize the fine work that is being done by students, teachers, administrators, and staff members connected with education in Illinois. He stated that the committee is developing a system of recognition. The committee has decided on three different scenarios in presenting that recognition to the honorees.</p> <p>The committee decided to hold its Annual Work Conference on August 16-19, 2005. He said that NASBE’s executive director has agreed to facilitate this conference to help Board members with their own staff development and self evaluation.</p> <p>Dr. Ward said that the committee also discussed changes to the Board Bylaws.</p> <p>Education Policy and Planning Committee</p> <p>Dr. Fields reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance: Dr. Andrea Brown, Mr. Edward Geppert, Dr. Vinni Hall, and Ms. Joyce Karon.</p> <p>Dr. Fields said that during the committee meeting the members heard the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff member Connie Wise – updated the members regarding the option for Safe Harbor under the NCLB. • Staff member Gail Lieberman – spoke to the Board regarding a recent successful meeting at the State Board regarding students with IEPs and meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). • Ms. Joyce Karon discussed with the committee a recent report on adolescent literacy. • Staff member Dana Kinley discussed with the committee the history of gifted education in Illinois. • Staff member Dick Carlson and the Executive Director of the Professional Development Alliance Jay Linkstrom, gave a presentation on the Standards Aligned Classroom Project in Illinois.

	<p>Finance and Audit Committee Mr. Edward Geppert reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Andrea Brown, Ms. Brenda Holmes. Mr. Dean Clark was absent.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert reported that they had two public participation speakers who addressed the committee regarding the FY06 budget. Staff members Linda Riley Mitchell spoke to the committee on President Bush's proposed budget implications for Illinois education. Staff member Deb Vespa talked to the committee regarding the Financial Oversight Proposals in terms of assisting districts in financial trouble and identifying those districts as they go through the process. Staff members Linda Riley Mitchell and Dave McDermott updated the committee regarding the FY06 budget process thus far. The committee received copies of testimony that was prepared for recent legislative committee meetings regarding the budget.</p> <p>Governmental Relations Committee Ms. Brenda Holmes reported that she and the following committee members were in attendance: Chairman Ruiz and Dr. Chris Ward. Mr. Dean Clark was absent.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes reported that the General Assembly will be on Spring Break for the next two weeks. She noted that the legislative session is about one-fourth of the way through and the bills as introduced, have either made it through the committee and the house of origin or they have not. She said that the next phase of the session will deal with proposed bill amendments. The committee received the following handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency specific bills with subjects ranging from reimbursement claims, bilingual issues, transportation issues, teacher supply and demand, to cost cap administrative issues. • Topic area bills listing which included themes such as school health issues, idling of school buses, and gifted and talented issues. • Detailed listing of bills that the agency is opposed to. <p>Ms. Holmes announced that the State Board of Education budget bill is House Bill 4057 sponsored by the House Speaker Michael Madigan.</p>
<p>Members' Reports</p>	<p>Dr. Vinni Hall reported that she had been the keynote speaker at Northeastern Illinois University on March 12 regarding issues of NCLB and special education. She announced that she would be attending the special education leadership conference with staff member Dr. Chris Koch in Washington D.C. during the last week of March. She also noted that she had provided to each Board member two documents concerning early childhood information.</p> <p>Mr. Edward Geppert stated that he had been participating with Illinois State University and The Education Trust study panel on teacher distribution in February. He noted that he will meet with them again in May. He said that this group is very pleased with the ISBE Preliminary Strategic Plan, especially the plan's goals of improving teacher educator quality and retention of teachers in classrooms.</p>

**Recommended
Appointment to State
Teacher Certification
Board**

The Superintendent reported that State Teacher Certification (STCB) Board member Ms. Amy Alsop had submitted her resignation effective December 15, 2004. He said that the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) is recommending that Ms. Denise Albrecht complete Ms. Alsop's term. Superintendent Dunn noted that Ms. Albrecht's background included the following:

- a high school math teacher
- holds a Masters of Science in Mathematics degree from SIU-E
- has taught high school pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, accelerated geometry, trigonometry, college algebra, and calculus
- is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Chairman Ruiz asked for a motion to be read regarding the consent agenda items.

Motion:

Dr. Christopher Ward moved that the action on Sections 25.252 and 25.255 (Speech-Language Pathologist) be removed from F.1.a of the published Consent Agenda, Part 25 (Certification) Rules for Initial Review. He further moved that all other items on the consent agenda be approved as recommended by the State Superintendent. Mr. Edward Geppert seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion:

Motion:

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for:

- Part 25 (Certification); (minus Section 25.252 and 25.255)
- Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition & Supervision)
- Part 120 (Pupil Transportation Reimbursement)
- Part 275 (Pupil Transportation)
- Part 1100, Repeal (Procurement by the State Board of Education)
- Part 1105 (Procurement by the State Board of Education),

including publication of the repealer and/or the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Motion:

The State Board of Education accepts the following State Teacher Certification Board recommendation:

The State Board of Education accepts the recommendation from the Illinois Federation of Teachers and approves the appointment of Ms. Denise Albrecht to the State Teacher Certification Board to complete the first term of Ms. Amy Alsop. Ms. Albrecht's term will expire on June 30, 2007. This appointment is effective immediately

<p>Update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn reported that this agenda item is to inform the Board of the results of the review of applications received from potential educational service providers and to update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers. He recommended to the Board the approval of the motion that was printed in the Board meeting materials.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Mr. Edward Geppert 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, he therefore moved that the providers identified on attachment #2 be approved for addition to the Illinois List of Approved Supplemental Educational Service Providers. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it passed by majority voice vote. Dr. Vinni Hall voted no.</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><u>Section C 1</u> for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation or dismissal of an employee;</p> <p><u>Section C 2</u> for the purpose of considering collective negotiating matters with Board employees or deliberations concerning salaries of employees;</p> <p><u>Section C 11</u> for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board; and</p> <p><u>Section C 21</u> for the purpose of discussing minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act.</p> <p>She further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Ms. Joyce Karon seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote. The open meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and the Board went into closed session. The closed session recessed at 12:35 p.m. and the open meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m. All members were in attendance except Mr. Dean Clark.</p>
<p>Closed Session Minutes</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the State Board of Education, according to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act, has reviewed the minutes of its closed sessions and hereby releases the following minutes for public inspection:</p> <p>January 21-22, 2004, April 16, 2004, July 6, 2004, July 8, 2004, August 18, 2004, September 20, 2004, September 22, 2004, and October 21, 2004.</p> <p>She further moved that the State Board of Education hereby certifies that the need for confidentiality still exists for the remainder of the closed session minutes. Ms. Joyce Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>

<p>Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Superintendent Dunn asked for the Board's approval of the Strategic Plan and its submission to the Governor and General Assembly as required by PA 93-1036.</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes asked that a sentence be added to the Strategic Plan that would reference that it is a preliminary document. Superintendent Dunn assured her that this change would be made.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Edward Geppert moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the Preliminary Strategic Plan and authorizes the Superintendent to submit this document to the General Assembly and the Governor as required by Public Act 93-1036. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
<p>Items For Discussion And/Or Information</p>	<p>The Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking and the State Board of Education Fiscal and Administrative Monthly Reports are printed in the Board meeting materials each month and are for information purposes. There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.</p> <p>The Chairman announced that the Arts Education Week posters had been delivered to the legislators and reminded everyone that April 16 is the Those Who Excel Banquet being held in Decatur. Dr. Vinni Hall wished everyone a very happy St. Patrick's Day.</p>
<p>Motion for Adjournment</p>	<p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.</p> <p>An audio compact disc of the meeting is available by contacting the State Board of Education Board Services Division at 217/557-6626.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman