

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 13, 2005

TO: Members of the Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Jesse H. Ruiz, Chairman

SUBJECT: Special Board Meeting

This memorandum serves as notice to members of the Illinois State Board of Education that I am hereby calling a special meeting of the State Board (via phone conference) for the sole purpose of consideration of rules to allow for issuance of emergency temporary substitute permits for individuals from the geographic area drastically affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Materials for this meeting are attached.

Attachment

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MINUTES

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100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

<p>1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Jean Ladage to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Randy Dunn, Interim State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Dr. Andrea Brown Dr. David Fields Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr. Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> Mr. Dean Clark</p>
<p>2. Public Participation</p>	<p>There was no one present for public participation</p>
<p>3. Consideration of rules to allow for emergency temporary substitute permits</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz turned the meeting over to State Superintendent Randy Dunn to summarize the issue for Board consideration.</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn clarified that this is a proposal for an emergency temporary substitute permit, not a certificate, that displaced persons who are seeking shelter and employment in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. This substitute permit would be effective for the 2005-06 school year. That said, there would be no Illinois jobs lost and no promise of employment. Superintendent Dunn thanked General Counsel Jon Furr, Sally Vogl in the Rules Staff, Assistant Superintendent Ginger Reynolds, Division Administrator Dennis Williams and others who worked very efficiently to pull this material together and to get it out for Board consideration. Although we have not been inundated with calls on this potential opportunity, we have had some interest, and there was a desire from staff to be ready in case something like this needs to be implemented. Dr. Dunn thanked the members of the State Board for being willing to hold this special meeting.</p> <p>Superintendent Dunn indicated that Certification Division Administrator Dennis Williams and General Counsel Jon Furr were available if the Board has any questions.</p> <p>Ms. Joyce Karon asked about a 90-day limit on this permit such as the limit on a substitute certificate. Dennis Williams responded that there is a 90-day per school district limit for each teacher with this permit. General Counsel Furr indicated that the rule explicitly states it is subject to the limitations of Section 21-9 of the School Code, which states that a substitute teacher may teach only for a period not to exceed 90 school days during any school year.</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes complimented Dennis Williams and others who worked on the very complete background information. Ms. Holmes asked that the State Board be kept informed should the workload of staff in the Certification Division increase to the level that additional temporary employees were needed. Dr. Dunn commented that he does not anticipate that need, but will keep the Board informed.</p>

<p><u>MOTION</u></p>	<p>Dr. Andrea Brown asked if staff have been informed of any temporary student instruction going on across the state in facilities such as a church building, etc. Dr. Dunn indicated that there is a potential for that situation.</p> <p>Dr. David Fields commented that this is an appropriate first step, and Dr. Vinni Hall emphasized that this will cut through the red tape for those individuals when they come to Illinois for temporary employment and to work with the children that are relocated to this area.</p> <p>Dr. Chris Ward asked for clarification on the shelf life of this permit. Dr. Dunn responded that there is an ending date of June 30, 2006, but that should circumstances warrant there is a provision for the State Superintendent to authorize an extension. Superintendent Dunn indicated that the General Counsel and others would be part of the review process for that determination.</p> <p>Dr. Andrea Brown asked in the case where the applicant would not be able to have access to their transcripts, or not be able to contact the university, how will regional superintendents be able to affirm that the applicant has received their bachelor degree? General Counsel Furr responded that this would be done through a signed affidavit with an indication of the regionally-accredited institution.</p> <p>Chairman Jesse Ruiz called for a motion.</p> <p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25), including publication of the proposed amendment in the <u>Illinois Register</u>. Mr. Ed Geppert seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby adopt the emergency rulemaking for Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25). Dr. David Fields seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert and other Board members complimented staff again for putting this together so quickly and in a very thoughtful fashion.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz on behalf of the entire Board commented that staff had done a phenomenal job and this effort shows the good will and brotherhood that we have here in Illinois for our fellow citizens down in the Gulf states. Dr. Dunn said that other states have taken notice and Illinois has taken a lead in this effort. Dr. Dunn was contacted earlier today from the State of Mississippi and it is appreciated; the Council of Chief State School Officers has also taken note. Chairman Ruiz concurred that the national associations are recognizing Illinois' leadership in this effort. Mr. Ruiz has received comments from the National Association of State Boards of Education and Elliot Regenstein has been contacted by the National Governor's Association.</p>
<p>4. Adjourn</p>	<p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the special meeting be adjourned. Dr. Christopher Ward seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman