



Illinois State Board of Education

Jesse Ruiz, Board Chair
Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent

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Wednesday, August 8, 2007
10:00 a.m. ***Time Change**

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A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

1. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

B. Public Participation

C. Superintendent's Report

Action Considerations

1. Approval of Minutes: June 21, 2007 **(pp. 2-15)**
2. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 35 (Mentoring Program for New Principals) **(pp. 16-27)**
 - b. Part 180 (Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools) **(pp. 28-67)**
 - c. Part 401 (Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code) **(pp. 68-89)**
3. Contracts and Grants over \$1 million
 - a. FY08 Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants (Title II, Part B) **(pp. 90-92)**

- b. Illinois Migrant Council - Migrant Education Contract (Title I, Part C of NCLB) *(pp. 93-94)*
4. Update List of SES Providers *(pp. 95-98)*
5. FY08 Budget (tentative)
6. Legislation (tentative)

D. New Business

E. Information Items

1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report *(pp. 99-102)*
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports *(pp. 103-120)*

F. Adjourn

NOTE: Chairman Ruiz may call for a break in the Board Plenary Session at which time the Board will go into closed session.

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100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777

Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
August 8, 2007
V-Tel Room, 3rd Floor
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</p> <p>The Board members, Dr. Koch and anyone 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 audio-cast live over the Internet.</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, Chicago Office Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman, Chicago Office Dr. Andrea Brown, Springfield Office Mr. Dean Clark, Chicago Office Dr. David Fields, Springfield Office Ms. Brenda Holmes, Springfield Office Ms. Joyce Karon, Chicago Office</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Mr. Steve Witt of the Illinois Council of Coded Administrators (ICCA) spoke to the Board on Health Life Safety Rules involving document reviewing and building inspections in the field. Mr. Witt stated that at this time there is no current funding to allocate for this cause, however, building code communities are willing to offer these services to their local school districts at no cost. Mr. Witt noted that the amendments to the Health Life Safety Rules have given them the ability, by definition, to perform these reviews but there is no trigger mechanism to allow municipalities to join in that process. Previously if the local jurisdiction/building department wrote a letter to the Regional Superintendent or the Local School Superintendent they were engaged in performing those activities. Mr. Witt commented that he is here to offer these services again, and request that the mechanism be brought in so that they can perform these duties.</p> <p>Ms. Debbie Vespa, Division Administrator, School Business and Support Services stated that the Task Force has had lengthy discussions on the issue and has agreed that an additional review would be beneficial. The Task Force also discussed that if the funds became available to the Regional Superintendents to get this additional review, we would have no problem incorporating that into the rules. Ms. Vespa noted that at this point the municipalities can go into the school district as long as they meet the criteria for the inspection set forth in the rules and inspect the school with no cost to the district. Mr. Witt thanked the Board for their time.</p>
<p>INTRODUCTIONS</p>	<p>Superintendent Koch introduced and welcomed new employees, Mr. Rene Valenciano, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Services for All Children and Ms. Marica Cullen, Division Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction.</p>

<p>ACTION ITEMS AND MOTIONS</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz commented that there is no consent agenda this month because none of the items have been discussed in committee meetings beforehand, therefore; each item will be enacted and voted on individually.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p> <p>Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meeting of June 21, 2007 Board meeting. Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Rules for Adoption</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Adoption</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 35 (Mentoring Programs for New Principals)</p> <p>Ms. Holmes moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mentoring Program for New Principals (23 Illinois Administrative Code 35). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p> <p>Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Adoption</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 180 (Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools)</p> <p>Mr. Clark moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools (23 Illinois Administrative Code 180).</p> <p>Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Adoptions</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 401</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code)</p> <p>Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code (23 Illinois Administrative Code 401).</p> <p>Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p> <p>Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Contracts Over \$1 Million</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contracts and Grants Over \$1 Million</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FY08 Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants</p> <p>Ms. Karon moved that the Illinois State Board of Education enter into grant agreements with the fiscal agents noted within the individual continuing grant agreements for the Illinois Mathematics and Science Partnerships program.</p> <p>Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call voice vote.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Illinois Migrant Council-Migrant Education Contract (Title 1, Part C of NCLB)</p> <p>Mr. Clark moved that the State Board hereby authorize the State Superintendent to enter into an amendment to the existing agreement with the Illinois Migrant Council, renewing such agreement through August 31, 2008 and including a cumulative maximum amount of \$1.25 million.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call voice vote.</p>
<p>Update List of SES Providers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Updated List of SES Providers</p> <p>Dr. Fields moved that the following motion be adopted:</p> <p><i>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 maintain an updated list of approved providers, I move that the applicants indicated on Attachment 1 be approved for addition to the Illinois Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers.</i></p> <p>Ms. Holmes seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote, with Ms. Karon voting "No".</p>
<p>FY08 Budget Update</p>	<p>Linda Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer for Financial, Administrative and Shared Services stated that the budget division staff have been very busy on the budget working in close association with the Governor's Office and the General Assembly. Budget staff has participated in meetings to provide information on the budget with Representatives from both the Democratic and Republican Caucuses and the House.</p> <p>Ms. Mitchell commented that if the state is awarded only half a budget the agency stands ready to produce the General State Aid (GSA) payments to the Comptroller's Office to be released to the districts. The payment is based upon an estimated amount from the FY07 GSA payments. Ms. Mitchell commented that we do not know the average payment at this point because we have no idea what the foundation level will be. Normally the GSA payment would have been released on August 10th, it is unlikely that that will happen and there is concern for the school districts facing an August school opening date not having the GSA payment.</p> <p>Ms. Mitchell indicated that staff have been working with the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) to make available \$175 million dollars to local school district in financial need. Each district would be evaluated by ISBE and the IFA in order to allow these districts to access funds to effectively replace their GSA payment. The Governor's Office plans to have the General Assembly waive the interest or have it paid by the state instead of the local school district. School Districts have shown interest in the program since the information was released and we are working with the IFA to finalize the application process. Our hope is to be able to release these funds in time for schools to open.</p> <p>Brenda Holmes asked that if the state has no money and there is no spending authority how can the IFA have the funds available to do this. Ms. Mitchell responded by saying that no action is required by the Illinois General Assembly for the IFA to release funds. Dr. Koch stated that ISBE set up a call center over the weekend and staff have received 37calls from school districts that are interested. He also stated that he has a meeting today with stakeholders to</p>

	<p>brief them on the happenings of the last few days.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz stated that there are \$20 million dollars in new planned components; do we have the capacity to administer those new components? Superintendent Koch responded by saying that any new components that comes through legislation will be a challenge for us. We have made it known that many of these components can require additional personnel to review them and to help districts implement them. We have worked with the General Assembly to make any language less onerous and to build upon things that we are currently doing and not replicating or duplicating plan requirements for districts.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked if there was any percentage of funding provided for administration. Nicole Wills stated that there has been nothing specifically stated; it is simply subject to appropriation for grant purposes or school district implementation.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz commented that he trusts that legislators realize that when they propose these new programs that their hopes and dreams can be quickly diminish if the agency does not have the professionals to make sure the new programs are implemented properly. He would hate to see students and ISBE professionals shortchanged because of an oversight. Nothing gets done by itself, nor with just money. It takes people and professionals to make sure things go according to plan and are properly administered and accounted for.</p>
Legislation	<p>Ms. Nicole Wills, Governmental Relations stated that the accountability measures which the Board has heard about in the media are still out there. Ms. Wills commented that she is still not sure what is going to happen but she has made it a point to talk with legislators and staff members to let them know our areas of concern. Staff have worked with the General Assembly to answer their questions on how things could be changed, work better, or be more streamlined. Staff is not sure what will happen at this point. Ms. Wills pointed out the following new legislation that have come up and do not go along with the accountability measure. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick Take Provisions for a Specific School District. • SB 1845, Overcrowded Construction/New School Construction Relief Fund • HB 1648, The P-20 Council • Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus Language • SB 03 is on 3rd Reading in the Senate
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that "New Business" is a new item printed on the agenda. Although we will not be allowed to vote on any non-posted agenda items; this is an opportunity to discuss any upcoming agenda items. Chairman Ruiz asked if there was new business to be presented at this time.</p> <p>Dean Clark asked that Board members begin thinking about sites to have our FY09 budgets hearings, and when they would like to have them. Mr. Clark asked that Board members contact him with their suggestions and he will then contact the site areas to see if they can accommodate a hearing. Mr. Clark suggested that we do a Chicago and Springfield hearing and would like suggestions for Southern Illinois, Suburban areas, etc.</p> <p>Brenda Holmes thanked Superintendent Koch and all of the staff for the support they have give the General Assembly in the last few months.</p>

Announcements and Reports	Chairman Ruiz commented that Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) sent his regrets and will join us at our September 19-20, 2007 Board meeting in Springfield. Ms. Karon commented that she will be attending the next IBHE meeting in Chicago on August 13-14, 2007.
IBHE Liaison Report	
Chairman's Report	Chairman Ruiz commented that he will be meeting with Guy Alongi, Chair of the Illinois Community College Board and Carrie Hightman, Chairwoman of the Illinois Board of Higher Education on August 14, 2007 in Chicago.
Superintendent's Announcements	Dr. Koch stated that he has been working with Dr. Koch and Ms. Karon on the retreat plans and everything is progressing well. The retreat has been structured to contain three sessions and the goal is to leave members with policy directions and recommendations. Joining the Board and staff at the retreat will be Mr. Steve Tozer and Ms. Jennifer Presley who will be presenting on Teacher and Administrator Demographics; Ms. Susie Morrison and Mr. Dick Spohr will be discussing the Future of High Schools in Illinois.
	Superintendent Koch commented that he, too, would also like to thank the staff for all their work and the overtime they have put in on the budget. Assessment is on track and he has had several positive comments from the field on districts getting their information before the school year has started. Dr. Koch thanked the team effort of Ms. Connie Wise, Ms. Wilma Vanscyoc, Mr. Darren Reisberg and Mr. Karl Vogl for the weekly meetings with the contractors to keep the assessment process moving forward.
	Superintendent Koch also stated that we have received a visit from the USDE to help us prepare our information in response to the peer review for assessment. Ms. Connie Wise and Ms. Melina Wright both met with the USDE in an effort to get the assessment system approved. Dr. Koch commented that he and several senior staff attended the Pre-Fair Lawn Party held by State Fair Director Hartke and that he and Chairman Ruiz will be Grand Marshals for the State Fair Twilight Parade on August 8, 2007.
Member's Report	Ms. Holmes stated that she attended the Education Commissions of the States Meeting in Philadelphia and she will be sharing information from the meeting with Board members in the future.
	Ms. Karon commented that she attended the NASH/The Education Trust State Teams P-16 Summer Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 29-31, 2007.
Information Items	Chairman Ruiz asked that the Board members please read the Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking and the State Board of Education Fiscal and Administrative Monthly Reports printed in the Board meeting materials each month for information purposes. There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.
Motion for Adjournment	Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman