

April 18-19, 2007

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Wednesday, April 18, 2007

- 10:30 a.m. Finance and Audit Committee**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 5 5 7 0 9 7
- 10:30 a.m. Board Operations Committee**
Board Conference Room, 4th Floor
1-800-640-5128 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 5 5 7 0 9 9
- 2:30 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 5 5 7 0 9 7
- *3:00 p.m. Education Policy Planning Committee**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 5 5 7 0 9 7
- 4:00 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee**
Board Conference Room, 4th Floor
1-800-640-5128 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 5 5 7 0 9 9

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

Thursday, April 19, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 7 5 5 7 0 9 8

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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Thursday, April 19, 2007

9:00 a.m.

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The Plenary Session will also be audio broadcast via the Internet.

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Plenary Business Meeting

A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

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

B. Resolutions & Recognition

1. Resolution for Larry Wickenhauser (*pp. 3*)
2. Other Resolutions

C. Public Participation

D. 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. Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2007 (*pp. 4-10*)
- *2. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. New Part 35 (Mentoring Program for New Principals) (*pp. 11-22*)
 - b. Proposed Amendments to Part 401 (Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code) (*pp. 23-41*)
- *3. Rules for Adoption
 - a. New Part 35 (Mentoring Program for New Principals) (Emergency) (*pp. 11-22*)
- *4. Contracts and Grants over \$1 million
 - a. RESPRO Grants (*pp. 42-44*)
 - b. MGT Contract Renewal (*pp. 45-46*)
 - c. Reading First Grant (*pp. 47-48*)
 - d. Release of Continuing Applications for Reading First (*pp. 49-50*)
- *5. Appeals Advisory Committee Recommendations (*pp. 51-52*)
- *6. Bylaws Revision (*pp. 53-72*)
- *7. Accept FY06 Financial & Compliance Audit Report (*pp. 73-77*)
- *8. Financial Profile for Cicero (*pp. 78-80*)
- *9. Educator Supply and Demand Report (*pp. 81-112*)
10. Update List of SES Providers (*pp. 113-115*)
11. Appointment of State Superintendent

E. New Business

F. Announcements and Reports

1. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*)
2. Superintendent's Announcements
 - a. Introduce Jacob Corning, 2007 Art Poster Contest Winner
3. Chairman's Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Member Reports

G. Information Items

1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (*pp. 116-118*)
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*pp. 119-135*)

H. Adjourn

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

Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
April 19, 2007
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Christopher Koch, Interim 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 Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Dr. Andrea Brown Mr. Dean Clark Dr. David Fields Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr. Ms. Brenda Holmes</p> <p><u>Members Present By Other Means</u> Chairman Ruiz stated that Board Member Joyce Karon has requested the Board's consideration of her participation by telephone. Ed Geppert moved that Joyce Karon be allowed to participate in the meeting via teleconference. Dave Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked that everyone to join him in observing a moment of silence in memory of the students who lost their lives in the shooting at Virginia Tech University. He asked that we pray for all students' safety, and to minimize the violence in our society.</p>
<p>RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION</p>	<p>Dr. Chris Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Mr. Larry Wickenhauser for his outstanding dedication and service to Community Unit School District #4, Heyworth, Illinois.</p> <p>Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Dr. John Herner for his leadership and dedication to the Illinois State Board of Education Special Education Division. David Fields seconded both motions and they passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Dr. Koch thanked John Herner and noted that he has been a tremendous asset to the agency. Mr. Herner introduced his wife, Sue Herner. John stated that it has been a joy to be a part of the State Board of Education and how welcomed he felt by everyone. He leaves with a heavy heart but looks forward to seeing his twenty grandchildren and wished the agency the best of luck.</p> <p>Dr. Koch introduced and welcomed Ms. Melina Wright who joined the Agency in the position of NCLB Liaison. Superintendent Koch commented that Ms. Wright comes to the Agency with a wealth of experience in state and federal legislation including close work with NCLB. Ms. Wright has a degree in law and has worked with several well-known educational organizations.</p>

<p>IBHE Liaison Report</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Dr. Nandi gave the following summary on the March 27, 2007 IBHE meeting held at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carrie J. Hightman conducted her first IBHE meeting as Chairperson. • Received remarks from Executive Director Judy Erwin including an overview of the Governor's FY08 Budget for Higher Education. • Resolutions were presented for resigning members, James L. Kaplan, Cordelia C. Mayer and Steven M. Taslitz. Dr. Nandi commented that this will leave three vacancies on the Board to be filled by the Governor. • Received a Legislative Higher Education Briefing from nine legislators who were invited to the March 27, 2007 meeting. • Approved new units of instruction for several community colleges and independent universities. • Approved FY2007 allocations funds for NCLB Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Programs. • Approved funds for the FY 2007 Illinois Cooperative Work Study Grants. <p>Dr. Nandi also commented that he had a good friend and former ISBE employee Kiran Desai joining him at the Board meeting today. Ms. Holmes thanked Dr. Nandi for bringing Kiran to the meeting and acknowledged what a faithful and tremendous asset Kiran was to the Agency during his employment.</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Mr. Rick Brewer, Chairman of Career and Technical Education Department for Pekin Community High School District 303 shared a handout on Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Pekin. He also noted that 50% of the student body at Pekin High School is enrolled in CTE classes. Mr. Brewer introduced Mr. Steve Huey who is a graphics communications instructor. Mr. Brewer teaches technology courses and has a class of advanced students who operate a school-based enterprise called PCHS Effective Graphics. Students process orders from within school as well as for the community. Requests range from athletic posters to brochures for businesses. Students record district school board meeting for public TV and produce commercials advertising Pekin High School events and programs. Job placement opportunities and post-secondary education alternatives are astounding for serious students in these technical career fields. Ms. Cynthia Bowman, who attends CTE courses in graphics design and publication, spoke about the benefits of being involved in a school-based enterprise and how it will assist her to transition into the workforce. Mr. Beau Shepard introduced himself as the architectural/drafting teacher and a certified <i>Project Lead the Way</i> instructor. <i>Project Lead the Way</i> is an aggressive pre-engineering curriculum that was started about ten years ago in New York and is now nationwide. Pekin's CTE department has been teaching <i>Project Lead the Way</i> for two years. Mr. Derrick Hauser is a student of <i>Project Lead the Way</i> and Architectural Design. Derrick spoke on the opportunities CTE has given him and how it has inspired him in his life. He looks forward to attending Bradley University where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes asked how the Illinois State Board of Education can work with the Career and Technical Education programs and students to convince President Bush and his Administration that funding (like Perkins funding) is vital to continue programs such as CTE. Mr. Brewer responded by saying that he feels that it is very important that the Board members visit schools, teachers and students to become aware of the different programs CTE offers. He believes that not having CTE in a student's high school experience is shorting No Child</p>

**Contracts and Grants
over \$1 million**

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RESPRO Grants**

The State Board of Education hereby recommends that the list of RESPRO grants be approved as submitted.

List of RESPRO Grants and Recipients

All funds noted in this report are tentative and will be based upon final allocations from Title I, Title II, Title V, and State appropriations. Final allocations for FY08 will be approximately 10% less than for FY07 due to changes in the funding for Titles I and V. State funds will not be known until the final budget is passed.

	<u>Total funds</u>
PDA Will County ROE 56	\$3,369,660
Boone/Winnebago ROE 4	\$1,830,192
Peoria ROE 48	\$1,725,000
Iroquois/Kankakee ROE 32	\$1,667,000
St. Clair ROE 50	\$1,869,134
Egyptian ROE 2	\$1,080,000
North Cook ISC	\$1,448,676
West Cook ISC	\$1,723,700
South Cook ISC	\$2,789,918
Chicago Public Schools	\$10,000,000
Illinois Principals Association	\$300,000
Illinois Association of School Administrators	\$150,000
Illinois Association of School Boards	\$250,000

Total fund sources estimated

Title I	\$23,810,580
Title II	\$ 1,000,000
Title V	\$ 450,000
State Funds	\$ 3,042,700
Total Funds	\$28,303,280

**Contracts and Grants over \$1 Million
MGT Contract Renewal**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to issue MGT, Inc. of America contract approval out of federal Title I, Part B, Subpart I Reading First funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,007,039. Further, this contract will be in accordance with all applicable laws and will run over four fiscal years including \$302,395 in fiscal year 2008.

**Contracts and Grants over \$1 Million
Reading First Grant**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to approve Chicago Public Schools #299, Regional Office of Education's Reading First grant agreements that exceed \$1 million."

**Contracts and Grants over \$1 million
Release of Continuing Applications for Reading First**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to approve the release and awards of FY08 ROE/ISC Continuing Applications out of federal Title I, Part B, Subpart I Reading First funds in an amount not to exceed \$6 million, and further, to enter into grant agreements pursuant to these continuing applications and in accordance with all applicable laws.

<p>Appeals Advisory Committee Recommendations</p> <p>Bylaws Revisions</p> <p>Accept FY06 Financial & Compliance Audit Report</p> <p>Financial Profile for Cicero</p> <p>Educator Supply and Demand Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Appeals Advisory Committee Recommendation</u></p> <p>The Illinois State Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to uphold the Agency's position on Georgetown-Ridge Farm District #4 and Troy School District #30-C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bylaws Revisions</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby amends Section VI.A of its Bylaws such that the second paragraph of each Standing Committee description read:</p> <p>This Committee's Chairperson shall be authorized to <u>(a) establish, on an ad hoc basis and with the concurrence of the Board Chairperson, such subcommittees as he or she determines are necessary for appropriately fulfilling the Committee's responsibilities; and (b) expand, with the concurrence of the Board Chairperson and with the same notice required pursuant to Section VI.D.2 herein, his or her Committee to a Committee of the Whole for a particular meeting, at which all Board members legally present would have the right to vote and</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Accept FY06 Financial & Compliance Audit Report</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby accepts the Auditor General's Illinois State Board of Education Financial Audit and Compliance Examination for the Year Ended June 30, 2006.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Financial Profile for Cicero</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that Cicero School District 99's Financial Profile score be amended to reflect their financial position as reported on their Annual Financial Report.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Whereas it is recognized by the State Board that the Cicero School District 99 Annual Financial Report was received later than the closing date,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">However it is also recognized that this was due to extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the district's auditor and the district,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The State Board hereby approves revising the Cicero School District 99 Financial Profile score from zero, Financial Watch, to 3.60, Financial Recognition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Educator Supply and Demand Report</u></p> <p>The State Board should direct staff to transmit the Educator Supply and Demand in Illinois to the Governor, General Assembly and institutions of higher education.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Update List of SES Providers</p>	<p>Dr. Hall asked if there is any information available that tells the number of students in an average provider's class, the number of sessions a student attends and the tutors rate of pay. Dr. Gary Greene, Principal Consultant of Accountability, stated that the Agency has a software system called STARS (Student Tracking And Relating System) that has the ability to track all the information that Dr. Hall specified. Dr. Hall stated that she would discuss with them the information she would like to request so that she can have a better understanding of where the money is going.</p>

<p><u>MOTION</u> Update List of SES Providers</p>	<p>Mr. Clark asked how many SES providers are from out of state and what their success rate is compared to in-state providers. Mr. Patrick Lee, Principal Consultant of Accountability, stated that they would have to look at the providers and determine those percentages. Mr. Lee believes that about half of the providers are from out of state. Dr. Green commented that there is also the question of when providers are locally owned but are part of a national franchise.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert noted that if you look at the \$1,473 per student cost and you figure the number of students you have reached, the average cost of what it takes to educate a child in a school system in Illinois is apparent. Mr. Geppert stated that is the concern that he and Dr. Hall have with these programs.</p> <p>Dr. Brown stated that she would like to see the numbers of eligible students we are serving compared to the numbers in other states. She believes that our numbers are down and she would like to know why. She commented that she would also like to see our rules and regulations for providers revisited, as well as the amount of time it takes for a provider to be approved.</p> <p>Dr. Fields asked if the providers are held accountable for how the students perform on standardized tests. Dr. Greene stated that federal law requires states to evaluate the effectiveness of providers and remove providers that the state determines are not performing. Effectiveness of providers is determined by student attendance, parent satisfaction and the ISAT scores.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes asked that since the SES provider program is fairly new at what point did Mr. Lee and Dr. Greene feel that we should revisit and make changes to the program. Dr. Greene responded by saying that we should use the evaluations system that the Board approved a year ago at least twice. Hopefully the two-year evaluation data will tell us if changes are needed and if our definition of effectiveness is a valid definition. Mr. Clark and Dr. Fields commented that waiting two years was too long.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Update List Of SES Providers</u></p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes moved that the following motion be adopted:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><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>Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call vote, with Dr. Vinni Hall voting “No”.</p>
<p>Chairman Announcement</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that agenda item D 11. Appointment of the State Superintendent will be delayed until after closed session. Following Announcements and Reports the Board will recess for closed session and return to take action on the Appointment of a State Superintendent.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that “New Business” is a new item on our printed 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. The Chairman asked if there was new business to be presented and at this time;</p>

	Linda commented that they have also issued a RFSP for the Health Life Safety Database.
Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he had participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <p>March 30 Attended the Cesar Chavez Serve & Learn Program 4th Annual Celebration at Gage Park High School.</p> <p>April 02 Attended the Illinois Coalition of Immigrant & Refugee Rights Meeting and briefed the HOY! Newspaper on the education budget.</p> <p>April 05 Attended the Voices for Illinois Children Luncheon in Chicago.</p> <p>April 13 Met with the representatives from the Gates Foundation.</p> <p>April 14 Attended the 2nd Annual Bilingual Parent Summit in Oak Brook.</p> <p>April 16 Attended the Illinois Economic Education Meeting in Chicago.</p> <p>April 17 Attended the Ounce of Prevention 25th Anniversary Luncheon where Bill Gates was the featured speaker.</p>
	<p>Board Operations Committee of the Whole Dr. Ward reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed plans for the August 2007 Board Retreat. • Approved the minutes of the March 2007 Board Operations Committee Meeting <p>Education Policy Planning Committee Dr. Fields reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee approved Joyce Karon's participation via teleconference. • Received public participation from three representatives from Marissa Elementary School who spoke on the success of their Enhancing Education through Technology Grant.(Karen Albers) • Approved the minutes of the March 2007 Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting. • Becky McCabe reviewed IMAGE Performance Descriptions. • Reviewed Grants and Contracts over \$1 million dollars. • John Herner and Beth Hanselman reviewed Special Education Identification Data. • Connie Wise and Jim Sweeney reviewed the Educator Supply & Demand report. • Connie Wise and Richard Yong reviewed and discussed the Report Card results. • Reviewed the upcoming May committee meeting agenda items. <p>Finance and Audit Committee Mr. Geppert reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Mitchell reviewed the progress of FY 08 Budget. • Approved the minutes of the March 2007 Finance & Audit Committee Meeting. • Deb Vespa reviewed Cicero School District Financial Profile. • Reviewed the FY 06 Financial & Compliance Audit report with Lisa LaBonte. • Reviewed the upcoming May committee meeting agenda items.

	<p>Governmental Relations Committee Ms. Holmes reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governmental Relations Committee and Board members visited that Capitol to hear the discussion on Senate Bill 1, Senate Amendment 1. • Nicole Wills and Kristi Kenney updated the committee on the ISBE legislative bills to be introduced and other bills that are in the process. • Reviewed the upcoming May committee meeting agenda items. <p>Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole Darren Reisberg reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the minutes of the March 2007 Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting. • Discussed New Part 35 (Mentoring Program for New Principals) in both Rules for Initial Review and Rules for Adoption.Rules. • Addressed revisions to Part 401(Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code). • Reviewed the upcoming May committee meeting agenda items.
<p>Members' Reports</p> <p>Announcement of Board Member Reappointments</p>	<p>Ed Geppert stated that he chaired a panel of Illinois Board of Higher Education members at the University of Illinois Professional Delegates Conference on April 14, 2007.</p> <p>Brenda Holmes attended the St. Clair County Administrators Meeting on April 12, 2007 in Belleville.</p> <p>Andrea Brown will be speaking to the Illinois Women in Administration on April 20, 2007 in Bloomington.</p> <p>Joyce Karon attended the CCSSO Secondary School Redesign National Meeting on April 1-3, 2007 in Austin, Texas.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz commented that he had the opportunity to meet with Governor Blagojevich yesterday and the Governor is very pleased with the Board's work and he has chosen to reappoint the five Board members with expiring terms: Ed Geppert, David Fields, Vinni Hall, Andrea Brown and Jesse Ruiz.</p>
<p>Information Items</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Closed Session</p>	<p>Dr. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; Section c 3 for the purpose of considering the selection of a person to fill a public office; Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board; and Section c 21 for the purpose of discussing minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. <p>Dr. Hall further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have</p>

	<p>included in this closed session.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:15 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 11:51 a.m.</p>
Appointment of the State Superintendent	<p>Dr. Hall moved that the Illinois State Board of Education, pursuant to Article 1A-4 of the Illinois School Code, Powers and duties of the Board, hereby appoints Dr. Christopher A. Koch as Illinois State Superintendent of Education effective May 1, 2007, pursuant to a performance-based contract—which shall include the duties, powers and responsibilities of the State Superintendent as well as the goals and indicators of student performance and academic improvement used to measure the performance and effectiveness of the State Superintendent—at an annual salary of \$160,000 and with related benefits.</p> <p>Further, the Board authorizes its Chairman, with the advice of the Board's General Counsel, to execute such a performance-based contract prior to the effective date of the appointment. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz administered the Oath of Office to the Illinois State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Christopher A. Koch. Ms. Carol Groves, Notary Public, and Secretary to the Superintendent, witnessed the administering of the oath.</p> <p>Dr. Koch congratulated the Board on their reappointments and stated that he looks forward to continuing his work at the Illinois State Board of Education.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	<p>Dean Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dave Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

**Board Operations Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, April 18, 2007
10:30 a.m.**

Board Conference Room, 4th Floor
Public Conference Call Access Number: 1-800-640-5128 (*listen only*)
Confirmation # 1 7 5 5 7 0 9 9

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Minutes of the March Board Operations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
 - b. Review New Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition (**p. 4**)
 - c. 2007 Retreat Planning (*Chris Ward, Joyce Karon*) (**p. 5**)
 - *d. Bylaws Revision (*Darren Reisberg*) (**Plenary pp. 53-72**)
 - e. Review and Discuss Draft 2008 Board Calendar (**pp. 6-7**)
 - f. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
5. Decision Items
6. Adjourn

NOTE: At the conclusion of any discussion item in which the committee is ready to make a decision, a discussion item may be immediately moved for a decision.

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.

BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 18, 2007

Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Chris Ward, Committee Chair
David Fields, Committee Member
Vinni Hall, Committee Member
Jesse Ruiz, Committee Member (joined late)

Board Members Joining the meeting later

Andrea Brown, Board Member
Dean Clark, Board Member
Ed Geppert, Board Member
Brenda Holmes, Board Member

Members Absent

Joyce Karon, Committee Member

Staff Present

Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Christopher A. Koch
Darren Reisberg

1. **ROLL CALL**

Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves for purposes of roll call. (See above.)

2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS**

There was no participation from Board members through any other means for this committee meeting.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

4.a. **COMMITTEE MINUTES,**

Dr. Hall moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the March committee meeting be approved. Dr. Fields seconded the motion. The motion to approve the committee minutes passed with voice vote approval.

4.b. **REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION.**

The Board will have the Wickenhauser resolution to approve in plenary session on Thursday. Also, Dr. Chris Koch recommended that the Board recognize John Herner for his assistance during Dr. Koch's interim superintendency.

The Committee would also like to recommend that a resolution for Becky McCabe be adopted in May. Dr. Fields will also have a recommendation to submit for consideration in May.

4.c. **RETREAT PLANNING**

Dr. Ward reviewed information he had received regarding retreat planning. Dr. Ward asked if there were any topics that the Board members would like include on the agenda for the retreat.

- Dr. Ward indicated that the procedure by which the Board receives information would be reexamined. He indicated that he has pursued the possibility of a NASBE representative attending the retreat to discuss how other Boards are dealing with the flow of information and processes.
- Dr. Fields stated that he would like to explore the Board self-evaluation process to determine the effectiveness of the Board. Vinni Hall suggested the Board Self-Evaluation should include Senior Staff.
- It was suggested that Board members return to the process of meeting with Division staff when they are in Springfield or Chicago for Board meetings. Engaging in this interaction throughout the year would free time for substantive discussion during the retreat.
- Dr. Ward reminded members that Chairman Ruiz would like to spend at least a half-day on substantive material (such as H.S. Reform or Restructuring) and the other half-day on process and operations.

- Dr. Hall would like the Board to have a discussion regarding the issues on which the Agency needs the Board's guidance, rather than just the Board having a general discussion with no outcome.
- Dr. Koch should determine the appropriate centers/divisions within the Agency needed for interaction with the Board during the retreat.
- Dr. Hall also suggested the Board discuss and develop an action plan to address school violence.
- Dr. Ward commented that the Board and Agency should harness support of other education groups to get behind an issue, whether a Board-initiated issue or a topic another group brings to the table.
- Dr. Koch would like the H.S. Reform topic to return to the retreat agenda. He would like to have the partners (the IL Coalition for Illinois High Schools and the Gates/Holland and Knight team) attend and participate in that discussion.
- The Board should have a couple of hours with the new State Superintendent to lay ground work on the Board/Superintendent relationship.
- Dr. Ward asked that Board members email any additional suggestions to him or to Joyce Karon so they can be added to the retreat agenda.

4.d. BYLAWS REVISION

Hearing no further questions, the Board will act upon the Bylaws revision during plenary session on Thursday.

4.e. Draft 2008 Board Calendar

The Committee recommended the following sites for 2008:

- January – Chicago
- February through June – Springfield
- July – no meeting
- August – Springfield
- Retreat – see discussion below
- September – Springfield
- October – see discussion below
- November – Springfield
- December – Springfield

Mr. Ruiz recommended Chicago for the retreat location, and indicated that appropriate meeting facilities are available. A Springfield retreat site was also discussed.

The following alternative site suggestions for the October meeting were expressed:

- Bloomington
- Quincy
- Waukegan
- Carpentersville

Dr. Ward asked members to provide feedback to him with regard to the October meeting location. He will look forward to hearing from members prior to the May committee meeting.

4.f. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The May Board Operations Committee meeting will include Board Retreat Planning as well as a recommendation of a location for the October 2008 meeting.

5. DECISION ITEMS

Some items were moved from discussion to immediate decision per above notes.

6. ADJOURN

Dr. Hall moved to adjourn the committee meeting. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, April 18, 2007
3:00 p.m.

This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.

Board Room, 4th Floor
Public Conference Call Access Number: 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*)
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the March Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
5. IMAGE Performance Descriptions (*Becky McCabe*) (**p. 4**)
6. Grants and Contracts over \$1 million
 - a. Grow Your Own Contract over \$1 million (*Lidna Jamali*) (**pp. 5-6**)
 - *b. RESPRO Grants over \$1 million (*Myron Mason*) (**Plenary pp. 42-44**)
 - *c. MGT Contract Renewal over \$1 million (*Dana Kinley*) (**Plenary pp. 45-46**)
 - *d. Reading First Grant over \$1 million (*Dana Kinley*) (**Plenary pp. 47-48**)
 - *e. Approval of Continuing Applications for Reading First (*Dana Kinley*) (**Plenary pp. 49-50**)
7. Special Education Identification Data: Policy & Practice Implications (*Beth Hanselman*) (**pp. 7-8**)
- *8. Educator Supply and Demand (*Connie Wise*) (**Plenary pp. 81-112**)
9. Report Card results (*Connie Wise*) (**pp. 9-52**)
10. Adjourn

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**EDUCATION POLICY PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor

Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Dave Fields, Chair
Andrea Brown
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall

Other Board Members Physically Present

Dean Clark
Brenda Holmes
Chris Ward

Committee Members Participation Via Phone Conference

Joyce Karon

Board Members Absent

Jesse Ruiz

ISBE Staff

Darren Reisberg
Ginger Reynolds

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 3:20 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. David Fields requested roll call to be taken. See above.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** The Committee took a roll call vote to approve Board Member Joyce Karon to participate via phone conference. The Committee approved Joyce Karon's participation via phone conference.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Representatives of Marissa Elementary School were in attendance to share their success with the Enhancing Education through Technology Grant.
4. **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2007 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes for the March 2007 EPPC Meeting.
5. **IMAGE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTIONS (Becky McCabe):** Becky McCabe was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval of the Illinois Measure of Annual Growth in English Performance Definitions. Becky stated that this item will be available in multiple languages. The Board will vote on this issue at the May plenary session.
6. **GRANTS AND CONTRACTS OVER \$1 MILLION:**
 - a) **Grow Your Own Contract over \$1 million (Linda Jamali):** Linda Jamali was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval of the Grown Your Own Teacher Initiative Contract Renewal exceeding \$1 million. The Board will vote on this issue at the May plenary session.
 - b) **RESPRO Grants over \$1 million (Myron Mason):** Myron Mason was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval for the awarding of the RESPRO Grants. The Committee approved this item to go to the full Board during Thursday's plenary session.
 - c) **MGT Contract Renewal over \$1 million (Dana Kinley):** Dana Kinley was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval of the annual renewal of the Reading First contract with MGT, Inc. The Committee approved this item to go to the full Board during Thursday's plenary session.
 - d) **Reading First Grant over \$1 million (Dana Kinley):** Dana Kinley was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval of the FY 07 Reading First Grants. The Committee approved this item to go to the full Board during Thursday's plenary session.

e) Approval of Continuing Applications for Reading First (Dana Kinley): Dana Kinley was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval of the release and awarding of the FY 08 Reading First Continuing Applications. The Committee approved this item to go to the full Board during Thursday's plenary session.

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION IDENTIFICATION DATA: POLICY AND PRACTICE IMPLICATIONS (Beth Hanselman): John Herner and Beth Hanselman were in attendance to provide the Committee with information regarding the identification rates of student with disabilities and race and ethnicity in Illinois schools.

8. EDUCATOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND (Connie Wise): Connie Wise was in attendance to provide the Board with the results from the 2006 Annual Report on Educator Supply and Demand in Illinois. Ms. Karon requested that this report be prepared to submit to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Board Members Ed Geppert and Vinni Hall voiced their concerns with the numbers of minority teachers.

9. REPORT CARD RESULTS (Connie Wise): Connie Wise was in attendance to provide the Committee with the results of the 2006 Report Card. The Committee commented on the high quality of this report.

10. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Minutes of the February 26 Special EPPC Meeting with High School Coalition
- Minutes of the April EPPC Meeting
- Illinois College and Work Readiness Partnership (Gates MOU-Phase 1)
- WIDA Contract
- International Teacher Recruitment & Exchanges

TOPICS ON HOLD:

- SES Report
- Grade 12 PSAE
- Technology Literacy
- Early Childhood Policy Discussion

11. ADJOURNMENT: Ed Geppert moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting and Dr. Vinni Hall seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, April 18, 2007
10:30 a.m.
Board Room, 4th Floor
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Discussion Items
 - a. FY 08 Budget Update (*Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser*) (**pp. 4-23**)
5. Decision Items
 - a. Minutes of the March Finance and Audit Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
 - *b. Update on Financial Profile - Cicero School District (*Debby Vespa*) (**Plenary pp. 78-80**)
 - *c. Review FY06 Financial & Compliance Audit Report and Audit Status (**Plenary pp. 73-77**)
(*Lisa LaBonte*)
6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
7. Adjourn

NOTE: At the conclusion of any discussion item in which the committee is ready to make a decision, a discussion item may be immediately moved for a decision.

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

April 18, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Ed Geppert, Chair
Andrea Brown
Brenda Holmes
Dean Clark

Staff Present

Linda Riley Mitchell
Ginger Reynolds
Don Evans
Darren Reisberg
Matt Vanover
Deb Vespa
Lisa LaBonte

1. ROLL CALL

2. BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS

NONE

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY08 Budget Update

Linda Mitchell indicated that there have not been any further Senate or House budget hearings since the last Board meeting. There is a joint meeting of the Senate, Education and Revenue Committee at 1:00 pm on April 18, 2007 (later today) that the State Board of Education and several Board members will be participating in. Ms. Mitchell reported that Toni Waggoner has been doing runs for projections on a daily basis for the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the General Assembly that project district receipts depending on various possible scenarios in the budget.

5. DECISION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the March Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved and accepted.

B. Update on Financial Profile

Deb Vespa discussed the Cicero school district. The district has submitted their financial profile information since the last meeting. They were delayed because of reporting problems in the Cicero Township Treasurer's office. Deb stated that since the delay was no fault of the school district, staff recommends that the district's information be accepted. The Board will vote at the plenary meeting.

C. Review FY06 Financial & Compliance Audit Report and Audit Status

Lisa LaBonte stated that there were only two material findings. The first one is non compliance with mandates. The second was fiscal control and internal auditing act non compliance. Brenda Holmes asked what the status of the legislative proposal that would include repeal or amend the statutory provisions mentioned in the audit findings. Ms. Holmes also asked about the response to failure to consider mandates when establishing budget as opposed to the other responses where it was indicated that we would seek an opportunity to have the statutes amended.

Ms LaBonte stated the agency is in the process of developing a process to review mandates, determine the area of responsibility, and ascertain whether action is needed to modify or repeal the legislation. The mandate related to Computer Literacy and High Tech grants has been repealed, effective June 1, 2007.

6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items

Linda Mitchell stated that for the May meeting there will be an update of the budget. In future Finance and Audit and Governmental Relations committee meetings there will be a discussion of mandates and our approach to including them in the planning process. Brenda Holmes requested that staff prepare an update of the statute of NCLB and its possible implications in the budgeting process. She requested that the update also include non-financial ramifications of changes in the law. Ginger Reynolds said that she would assist in the preparation of such a report. Depending upon the nature of the report, it could be presented at either the Finance and Audit Committee meeting or the Governmental Relations Committee meeting. Linda Mitchell stated that there could also be a joint meeting of the two committees.

7. Adjourn

Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

4:00 p.m.

This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.

Board Conference Room, 4th Floor

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the March Governmental Relations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-5**)
5. Legislative Update (*Nicole Wills, Kristi Kenney, Sumantra Lahiri*) (**pp. 6-134**)
6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
7. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

April 18, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Brenda Holmes, Chair
Chris Ward
Dean Clark

Board Members Absent

Joyce Karon
Jesse Ruiz
Vinni Hall

Others Present

Nicole Wills
Jean Ladage

Other Board Members Physically Present

Ed Geppert
Dave Fields
Andrea Brown

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

2. INFORMATION ITEM:

The Governmental Relations committee began at 4:35 p.m.

Chris Ward made a motion to correct the March meeting notes to list Board members Dean Clark and Andrea Brown as absent. This motion was seconded by Ed Geppert.

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

- SB 1 (Gross Receipts Tax) – This is the Governor’s initiative for increased revenue in Illinois.
- HB 750 (“tax swap”) – HB 750 represents the other major revenue generating initiative that has been put forward. This legislation passed out of the House Elementary and Secondary Education Appropriations Committee and is on 2nd reading in the House.
- SB 841 (AP Fee Waivers) –This is an initiative by the Illinois College Board concerning AP fee waivers. ISBE is working with the sponsor and the College Board to understand the intent and to make the bill subject to appropriation.
- SB 844 (Pre-K Transportation) – This legislation would allow school districts to claim pre-kindergarten students for transportation reimbursement. ISBE estimates this could cost around \$28.5 million. However, if there is not a sufficient appropriation in the transportation line, costs are prorated. If there is no increase in transportation and this bill becomes law, staff estimates district proration would be at approximately 90%.
- SB 991(School bus seat belts) –Bill requires that all buses purchased after the effective date of the amendatory act would be equipped with seatbelts. ISBE will be required to adopt rules to make sure that all districts comply with the legislation.
- HB 1030 (Special education expenditure/reimbursement tracking) – The intent of this legislation is to provide tracking of school district revenues and expenditures for special education. ISBE staff is working to create a means to meet the sponsor’s intent without overburdening school districts or ISBE.
- HB 1663 (I-Connect) – This is a Lt. Governor’s Office initiative that creates the I-Connect Program that would be administered by the Math and Science Academy.

This is an initiative very similar to the Technology Immersion Pilot Program that is run by ISBE currently. IMSA is willing to look at administering the program, but has expressed concern over internal infrastructure and staffing needs, just as ISBE has. ISBE is opposed specifically to one element of the bill which would require all state and federal dollars for technology to go to this program.

- HB 3406 (School Construction Ranking) - This bill would amend the School Construction Law to require ISBE to rank districts that have submitted school construction grant applications. Currently, districts are not ranked until funds become available and districts are entitled. Staff is attempting to work with the sponsor, but has expressed concerns about this bill because the agency does not have adequate staffing capacity to do this, and a district's ranking could change by the time funds become available because circumstances in the district might change.
- HB 1910 (ISBE Initiative - Partial Day/No Attendance Penalty) – This legislation passed out of the House and staff is working on securing a Senate sponsor.
- HB 2007 (ISBE Initiative - Alt Cert/Resident Teacher) –Staff is preparing an amendment to the legislation, but it will not change the intent.
- HB 1999 (ISBE Initiative - FOP/SFA Consolidation) – Some concerns were recently expressed by certain organizations. Staff is working with the concerned groups to resolve the issues.
- HB 2010 (ISBE initiative - School Breakfast Program) – The Illinois Hunger Coalition expressed concerns with the legislation to the House Sponsor. ISBE has been trying to address those concerns and will continue working with them to come to some kind of consensus.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Committee was adjourned at 5:15 with a motion by Chris Ward and a second by Dean Clark.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, April 18, 2007
2:30 p.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
 2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
 3. Public Participation
 4. Minutes of the March Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting
 - *5. Rules for Initial Review
 - *a. New Part 35 (Mentoring Program for New Principals) (*Linda Jamali*) (**Plenary pp. 11-22**)
 - *b. Part 401 (Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code) (**Plenary pp. 23-41**) (*Beth Hanselman*)
 - *6. Rules for Adoption
 - *a. New Part 35 (Mentoring Program for New Principals) (*Linda Jamali*) (**Plenary pp.11-22**)
 7. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
 8. Adjourn
- * Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

2:30 p.m.

State Board of Education Office
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Andrea Brown
Dean Clark
David Fields
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall
Brenda Holmes

Chris Ward

Absent

Jesse Ruiz

Joyce Karon

Others

Darren Reisberg
Linda Jamali
Dennis Williams
Becky McCabe
Beth Hanselman
Sarah Sebert
Paul Nijensohn
Sally Vogl

In Chairman Ruiz's absence, Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. and noted that no members were participating by telephone. He announced that one individual had signed up for public participation.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Lydia Bullock, speaking on behalf of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, addressed new Part 35, Mentoring Program for New Principals. She indicated that the IFT did not oppose the rules but did have one area of concern. She expressed her understanding that the fiscal provisions within these rules (which call for \$2,000 per principal to be mentored, plus additional amounts for services that form part of the program) would mean an expenditure of some \$5,400 per first-year principal. She had derived this figure by dividing the expected total appropriation by the 350 individuals whose participation is estimated to be required.

On the one hand, IFT applauded ISBE for devoting such a high amount to serving each new principal, because research shows mentoring to be an essential form of assistance in the first year of service. She stated that IFT would like \$5,400 to become the standard for both administrators and teachers. She noted, however, that all desired programs are competing for scarce resources. Therefore IFT was concerned that funds available for teacher mentoring would be severely constricted by ISBE's allocation plan for new principals. Many teacher mentoring programs would be operating at a much lower level.

Brenda Holmes asked Ms. Bullock to clarify the IFT's position that the allocation of \$1.9 million for principal mentoring, out of the \$40 million she had mentioned as making up the Governor's proposed budget for mentoring, would limit the funding available for programs for teachers and superintendents. Ms. Bullock mentioned that the funding level of \$1,200 per new teacher had not yet been realized.

Sally Vogl explained that there was not necessarily a relationship between the expected level of the appropriation, which she noted to be outside ISBE's control, and the forecasted cost of the program, which would be made up of two components: \$2,000 to be paid to a mentor for each new principal served, and an additional fee to be identified later through a bidding process, which would cover the remaining services within the program. She noted that there was no expectation that the total appropriated would simply be divided among the number of new principals served and that discussions about allocations to specific purposes flowed from whether amounts were appropriated for individual programs or for multiple programs.

Ms. Bullock reiterated that IFT simply would not like other groups of individuals to be left out.

Ed Geppert commented further on the uncertainty of the appropriation level and Division Administrator Linda Jamali indicated that ISBE's budget request for teacher mentoring amounted to \$4 million.

Ms. Vogl noted that the \$1,200 figure per new teacher had been established in the law but that the mentoring programs currently in operation were not based on that figure because of the insufficiency of appropriations to cover that cost statewide. Instead, a competitive grant program had been implemented, representing the "fall-back" position provided for in Article 21A of the School Code. She made reference to the fact that both the teacher mentoring program and the principal mentoring program were contingent upon the sufficiency of the appropriation. Whereas the law set a per-teacher figure, that was not the case for new principals, so it was necessary for ISBE to specify in rule the basis on which any appropriation would be determined sufficient or insufficient. In that respect, the two programs' frameworks were not entirely comparable. Linda Jamali noted that, in fact, more than \$1,200 per teacher was currently being spent in the teacher mentoring programs.

Mr. Geppert inquired how the emergency rules would interact with the timeframe for the appropriation, and Ms. Vogl outlined the steps in the implementation process that would be unfolding after adoption of the emergency rules and while the appropriation was becoming final.

Andrea Brown voiced concern for the number of administrative layers that she believed would be involved in the program's implementation and related the cost of administration to the resources already devoted to the professional preparation of teachers and administrators.

Dennis Williams of the Certification Division offered some comments based on his work with the contractor involved so far and outlined a per-person expenditure of \$500 - \$750 in addition to the \$2,000 per recipient of mentoring. He noted the expectation set forth in the rules for 50 hours of work on the part of the mentor. Dr. Brown reiterated her hope that a return on that investment would be realized.

General Counsel Darren Reisberg noted that the State Superintendent would be able to evaluate the providers, and Dr. Brown expressed the desire for a means to consider accomplishments rather than merely activities.

Vinni Hall indicated that the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) expected to have 117 vacancies for principals in the coming year and stated the average age of principals to be high. It was clarified that CPS was excluded by law from the requirement to participate in the program described in new Part 35. Dr. Hall also questioned why no priority had been established for hard-to-staff schools; Ms. Jamali and Ms. Vogl noted that the legislation explicitly required participation by each new principal outside CPS.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** David Fields moved approval of the minutes of the March 21, 2007, meeting. Ed Geppert seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented.

5. **RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW:**

PART 35 (Mentoring Program for New Principals)

General Counsel Darren Reisberg turned the meeting over to Linda Jamali and Dennis Williams to discuss Part 35 further, explaining that this discussion would encompass agenda items 5a and 6a because there were both emergency and proposed rules for consideration. Mr. Williams reported on the discussion of these rules that had been held with the State Teacher Certification Board. It was noted that the different dollar figures had been brought up at that time but that the Certification Board had not focused on that aspect. The STCB had unanimously recommended Part 35 for consideration by the State Board of Education.

Dr. Hall moved to approve Part 35 (agenda items 5a and 6a) for action by the full Board in the plenary session. Ms. Holmes seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PART 401 (Special Education Facilities Under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code)

Mr. Reisberg invited Division Administrator Beth Hanselman to discuss the proposed amendments to Part 401 and noted that Division Administrator Becky McCabe was also available to participate with respect to the assessment-related aspect of the rules.

Ms. McCabe introduced the need for the special education facilities to be able to administer the various State assessments and noted that this was particularly important in connection with the Prairie State Achievement Examination and now, more recently, also in connection with the Illinois Alternate Assessment. The security considerations of these examinations made it crucial to establish a means of accountability for their use.

Ms. Hanselman went on to outline the other portions of Part 401 in which revisions were being proposed. Specifically, this was an opportune time to make class size provisions for the facilities explicit instead of continuing to rely on a cross-reference to the rules for Special Education. In addition, Ms. Hanselman explained the staff's desire to eliminate facilities from consideration for approval if they used behavior management techniques that rely upon inflicting pain. Finally, the rules would be updated with regard to criminal background checks, improving the procedures available to the affected facilities for gaining access to the necessary information and ensuring students' safety.

Ms. Hanselman then commented on the process by which these amendments had been developed, which had included significant and early involvement by representatives of the facilities as had been requested by Ms. Helmholtz at the December Board meeting. She introduced Chicago-based staff members Paul Nijensohn and Sarah Sebert and indicated they had been instrumental in working with the facilities and developing the revisions to the rules.

Ms. Hanselman concluded with an overview of the discussion with the State Advisory Council on Education of Students with Disabilities (ISAC), during which a concern had been raised with regard to lowering the number of hours required in summer school programs. It had been acknowledged that careful revisions could be made in this rule in response to public comment, meaning that nothing needed to be changed before publication in the Illinois Register.

Andrea Brown indicated she had participated in a lengthy conversation with the Chicago Public Schools and understood that these amendments would solve a large number of problems. Vinni Hall asked whether the facilities would receive students' test scores, and Becky McCabe indicated that they would continue to do so, although the accountability for performance would continue to rest with the students' "home" schools.

Brenda Holmes voiced her appreciation for the opportunity to meet the Chicago-based staff and for their work.

David Fields moved to approve the amendments to Part 401 (agenda item 5b) for action by the full Board in the plenary session. Ed Geppert seconded the motion, and it carried.

7. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Darren Reisberg noted that the planned comprehensive updates to Part 110 had proven impossible to complete for this meeting and would therefore be coming forward for initial review in May instead. This would involve leaving Part 110 in effect through FY 08 and placing the revised provisions into a new Part 100. Further, work was still underway on potential revisions related to the rules for Special Education (Part 226). Mr. Reisberg noted that staff had been working with both the Illinois Education Association and the Illinois Federation of Teachers, as well as other

parties, in an effort to resolve the remaining concerns so that the Board could adopt some further changes and present them for JCAR's consideration in June.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Fields moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Hall seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.