

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 N. First Street
Springfield, Illinois

February 20-22, 2007

NOTE: Staff presentations and detailed Board discussion typically take place during Committee meetings one month prior to State Board action in the plenary session.

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

1:00 p.m. Closed Session Reconvenes
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL

NOTE: At the conclusion of closed session on February 20, the February 6, 2007, Special Meeting will adjourn in the Topaz Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. No official action will be taken prior to adjournment.

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

10:30 a.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 6 9 4 6 3 0 6

***12:30 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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****4:30 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee**
Board Room, 4th Floor
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* The Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole will begin immediately following the previous session.

** The Governmental Relations Committee meeting will begin immediately following the House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education hearing.

Thursday, February 22, 2007

8:00 a.m. Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 6 9 4 6 3 0 7

9:30 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session
Board Room, 4th Floor
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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9:30 a.m.

Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*)
Confirmation #: 1 6 9 4 6 3 0 7

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. Student Advisory Council (*p. 4*)
2. Governor's Proclamation for Entrepreneurship Education Week (*p. 5*)
3. Art Education Resolution (*p. 6*)
4. Resolution for Cleo Boswell (*p. 7*)

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
 - a. January 18, 2007 (*pp. 8-19*)
- *2. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (*pp. 20-37*)
 - b. Part 25 (Certification) (*pp. 38-60*)
 - c. Part 475 (Contested Cases and Other Formal Hearings) (*pp. 61-65*)
 - d. Part 485 (Appeal Proceedings Before the State Teacher Certification Board) (*pp. 66-75*)
- *3. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation) (*pp. 76-100*)
- *4. RFSP for ELL-ISAT and ELL-PSAE (*pp. 101-103*)
- *5. Spring 2007 Mandate Waiver Report (*pp. 104-153*)
- *6. Approval of Reading First Grant Over \$1 million (*pp. 154-156*)
- *7. Review of Mathematics and Science Partnerships RFP (*pp. 157-158*)
- *8. Review of Preschool for All RFP (*pp. 159-160*)
- *9. Recommendations from the Teacher Certification Board (*pp. 161-164*)
- *10. Guidelines for School-Community Partnerships (*pp. 165-196*)
11. Request for Dissolution of Livingston Financial Oversight Panel (*pp. 197-203*)
12. Update List of Supplemental Education Service Providers (*pp. 204-206*)
13. Election of Board Vice-Chair and Secretary (*p. 207*)

E. Announcements and Reports

1. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*)
2. Superintendent's Announcements
3. Chairman's Report
 1. Announcement of Committee Appointments
4. Committee Reports
5. Member Reports

F. Information Items

1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (***pp. 208-211***)
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (***pp. 212-228***)

G. 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
February 22, 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 9:30 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Christopher Koch, Interim 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 due to technical difficulties, the audio casting of today's Board meeting is not working. Staff are working to get the problem corrected.</p> <p><u>Members Physically 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 Ms. Joyce Karon</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> None</p>
<p>RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION</p> <p>Student Advisory Council</p> <p>Governor's Proclamation for Entrepreneurship</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz welcomed the Student Advisory Council Members (SAC) to the Board meeting and introduced Anna Bittman, Student Advisory Council President from New Trier High School. Ms. Bittman thanked Andrea Wingo, 2006-07 Advisor to the Student Advisory Council, for all of her assistance. She also introduced members Alix Olian from Highland Park High School and Sam Schoenberg from Springfield High School. Several of the SAC members introduced themselves to the Board members and updated them on the projects the SAC is undertaking for their May 2007 Board presentation. The SAC has been working on a project they call the Shadowing Experience Project. The project is a student exchange program that allows SAC members to visit and experience the school of another member. The SAC members with the help of 2006-2007 Illinois Teacher of Year Joe Fatheree have been devising effective methods to obtain their mission statement goal. Mr. Fatheree is helping the students create a video for the May presentation that shows the experiences and differences in the student's lives and schools. Other students present at the meeting were Michael Byerley from Lemont High School, Joya Anthony from East St. Louis Senior High School, Stephanie Matos from Carl Schurz High School, Nick Diaz from West Leyden High School, Andrea Lockley from East Richland High School, Kent Kiefer from Hamilton County High School, Micah Berman from University Laboratory High School, Emma LePere from Belleville Township High School-West, Ryan Ornstein from Grayslake North High School and Alison Tharp from Newton Community High School.</p> <p>Staff members Cleo Boswell, Mark Williams and Roger Uhe presented the Board with the Governor's Proclamation for Entrepreneurship Education Week. Entrepreneurship Education Week is February 24-March 4, 2007. Mr. Williams</p>

	<p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Karon moved to request that the Spring 2007 Mandate Waiver Report be removed from the consent agenda and that the remainder of the items approved. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion:</p>
<p>Approval of the Minutes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Approval of the Minutes</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the January 18, 2007 meeting.</p>
<p>Rules for Initial Review</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluations, Recognition and Supervision)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1), including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> Part 25 (Certification)</p> <p>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 amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> Part 475 (Contested Cases and Other Formal Hearings)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Contested Cases and Other Formal Hearings (23 Illinois Administrative Code 475), including publication of the proposed amendment in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> Part 485 (Appeal Proceedings Before the State Teacher Certification Board)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Appeal Proceedings Before the State Teacher Certification Board (23 Illinois Administrative Code 485), including publication of the proposed rules in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p>
<p>Rules for Adoption</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Adoption</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby adopts n the proposed rulemaking for: Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1), Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical or nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p>

RFSP for ELL-ISAT and ELL-PASE

Approval of Reading First Grant Over \$1 Million

Review of Mathematics and Science Partnership RFP

Review of Preschool for All RFP

Recommendations for the Teacher Certification Board

RFSP for ELL-ISAT and ELL-PASE

The State Superintendent recommends that the Board authorize staff to develop an RFSP to solicit bids from private contractors and not-for-profit firms and institutions with adequate corporate capacity to provide printing and delivery of scoring services of the ELL-ISAT and ELL-PSAE to provide that:

- the initial contract period will extend from May 31, 2007 through June 30, 2012 contingent upon satisfactory performance in the previous contract periods and sufficient appropriation for the contract; and
- the contract amount will not exceed \$4.5 million for the initial five year contract period.

Approval of Reading First Grant Over \$1 Million

The State Board retroactively approves grant agreements over \$1 million in FY07 federal Reading First funds to the following school districts: Bellwood School District 88; Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview 89; Cicero School District 99; Harvey School District 152; City of Chicago School District 299; Peoria School District 150; Springfield Public School District 186; and Joliet Public School District 86.

The State Board further authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into amendments to such grant agreements during FY07.

Finally, the State Board authorizes the State Superintendent to issue Continuing Applications out of federal Title I, Part B, Subpart I Reading First funds in an amount not to exceed \$26 million and authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into grant agreements, some of which may be in excess of \$1 million, as a result of these Continuing Applications and in accordance with all applicable laws.

Review of Mathematics and Science Partnership RFP

“The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals out of federal Title II, Part B Mathematics and Science Partnership funds in an amount not to exceed \$6 million, and further, authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into grant agreements, some of which may be in excess of \$1 million, as a result of this RFP and in accordance with all applicable laws.”

Review of Preschool for All RFP

The State Board of Education hereby retroactively approves the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP): Preschool for All Children Ages 3 to 5 Years: 08 and authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into grant agreements, some of which may be in excess of \$1 million, as a result of this RFP and in accordance with all applicable laws.

Recommendations for the Teacher Certification Board

The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Superintendent program for Chicago State University, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution’s next accreditation review.

The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Director of Special Education program for Eastern Illinois University, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution’s next accreditation

<p>Guidelines for School-Community Partnership</p>	<p>review</p> <p>The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Learning Behavior Specialist II: Behavior Intervention Specialist program for Eastern Illinois University, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review</p> <p>Further, the State Board of Education provisionally approves the Learning Behavior Specialist II: Curriculum Adaptation Specialist program for Eastern Illinois University thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Guidelines for School-Community Partnership</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into this agreement and approves the Guidelines for dissemination.</p> <p>END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Spring 2007 Mandate Waiver Report</p>	<p>Ms. Brenda Holmes moved that The State Board of Education hereby forwards the following waiver requests to the General Assembly with recommendations for legislative disapproval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request from Waukegan School District 50 (WM100-4155) to waive the time limitations for substitute teachers; • The request from North Chicago Community Unit School District 187 (WM100-4176) to waive the time limitations for substitute teachers; • The request from Belvidere Community Unit School District 100 (WM100-4138-2) to waive daily physical education for students in grades 9 and 10 when they are participating in an interscholastic athletic program and; • The requests from the following eight districts to raise their fees for driver's education above \$250: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carpentersville Community Unit School District 300 (WM100-4042); 2. Somonauk Community Unit School District 432 (WM100-4044-1); 3. Grayslake Community High School District 127 (WM100-4108); 4. Lake Forest Community High School District 115 (WM100-4139-1); 5. Niles Township High School District 219 (WM100-4144); 6. Warren Township High School District 121 (WM100-4211-2); 7. North Boone Community Unit School District 200 (WM100-4212); and 8. Riverside Brookfield Township High School District 208 (WM100-4231). <p>The State Board of Education hereby forwards the following requests to the General Assembly with a recommendation for two-year approval only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request from Aurora West Unit School District 129 (WM100-4187-2) to allow students in grades 1 through 5 to participate in physical education two times a week for 25 minutes each session instead of daily; and • The request from Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 (WM100-4240-1) to allow students in kindergarten through grade 5 to participate in physical education two times a week for 35 minutes each session instead of daily. <p>Dr. Chris Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Request for Dissolution of Livingston Financial</p>	<p>Ms. Deb Vespa, Division Administrator for School Business and Support Services briefed the Board on the prior finances of Livingston School District.</p>

<p>Oversight Panel</p>	<p>Ms. Vepsa then introduced Dr. Curtis Smith, Chairman of the Financial Oversight Panel (FOP) of Livingston School District. Dr. Curtis presented the Board with a power point presentation regarding the history of the district's financial status prior to the annexation into Staunton Schools. Dr. Smith thanked fellow panel members Robert Stuart and Maurice Hesse, Deb Vespa, Carl Holman and ISBE staff for all of their resources, Jim Tapscott, Administrator, Harry Briggs, Madison Co. ROE, Kyle Hafka, Staunton Superintendent and the Illinois American Federation of Teachers/Illinois Federation of Teachers for their referendum resources. He also thanked the Livingston community for their commitment and support. Mr. Geppert thanked Dr. Smith and the Financial Oversight Panel for all their hard work and leadership.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Geppert moved that the following motion be adopted:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Whereas the Livingston School Districts has formally dissolved and annexed into the Staunton School District, effective July 2004 and;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Whereas the Livingston Financial Emergency Assistance Loan has fully been repaid to the Illinois State Board of Education as of January 2007,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the dissolution of the Livingston School District Financial Oversight Panel, effective this day February 22, 2007.</p> <p>Mr. Dean Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>Update List of Supplemental Education Service Providers</p>	<p>Ms. Karon moved that the following motion be adopted:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Whereas the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> requires that the State Board of Education promote maximum participation of Supplemental Educational Service providers and maintain an updated list of approved providers, the applicants indicated on Attachment 1 are approved for addition to the Illinois <i>Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers</i>.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote. Dr. Hall voted "No".</p> <p>Dr. Brown asked how many providers are on the Supplemental Education Service providers (SES) waiting list to be approved and how long they have been on that list. Mr. Patrick Lee, External Assurance, responded saying there are 16 applicants from the October 31, 2006, deadline and one of them is before the Board for approval today. That leaves 15 providers, with 7 of those 15 providers in the various stages of the review process. The last 8 providers are almost complete.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert asked how many SES providers are now approved. Mr. Lee responded that there were 99 as of August 2006. An additional 16 providers are likely to be approved, bringing the number of approved providers up to 115. There is also a new application window that ends the week of February 28, 2007, which will bring in more providers for approval. Mr. Lee stated that he will get an updated list</p>

	<p>of approved SES providers to the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Koch and Dr. Reynolds noted that there is a strong interest in SES providers by the Department of Education. They are looking at flexibility for the state. The Department of Education wants to know if districts can offer SES for tutoring, and what the capacity would be. Dr. Reynolds stated that there is also increasing attention at the federal level on the effectiveness of SES providers. Not only are we going to be able to gather some of our own data about the impact that these providers have made on AYP, but there will be a strong overall national look at whether or not these providers are actually adding value.</p>
<p>Election of Board Vice-Chair and Secretary</p>	<p><u>Vice-Chair</u> Chairman Ruiz asked the Nominating Committee if they had a nomination for the office of Vice-Chair. Dr. Fields nominated Dr. Chris Ward for Vice-Chair. Chairman Ruiz asked if there were any other nominations from the floor and there was no response. Ms. Karon moved to close the the nominations for Vice-Chair and Ms. Holmes seconded the motion. Mr. Geppert seconded the motion nominating Dr. Ward as Vice-Chair and it passed with unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> Chairman Ruiz asked if there was a nomination for the Office of Secretary. Dr. Brown nominated Dr. Vinni Hall for Office of Secretary. Chairman Ruiz asked if there were any other nominations from the floor and there was no response. Mr. Geppert seconded the motion nominating Dr. Hall as Secretary and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:</p> <p>Illinois Board of Higher Education Liaison Report</p> <p>Superintendent's Announcements</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi who has been joining the Board meetings as a representative from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Dr. Nandi gave the following brief summary on the February 6, 2007, IBHE meeting held at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received an update from IBHE Strategic Planning Committee and a recommendation from the Committee will follow in the weeks to come. • Received a presentation on the link between economic growth and education by Robert Sheets, Policy Advisor, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. • Gary Alexander reported and discussed the Institutional Program Review • IBHE approved new programs of instruction at independent and out-of-state public community colleges and universities. • Approved FY07 allocation of \$1.5 million for Expansion and Improvement Grant projects under the Nursing School Grant Program • Received a report by Don Sevener on the Feasibility of Textbook Rental Programs and Other Textbook Cost-Saving Alternatives. • Carrie Hightman will replace James L. Kaplan as Chairman of IBHE who will be retiring from the Board. <p>Dr. Koch took a minute to thank the Board and agency staff for all the extra hours and hard work they put in, whether it is preparing the Board packet, dealing with assessment scores and contractors, or attending legislative hearings. It does not go unrecognized and the work is making a difference in helping children in Illinois fulfill their educational needs. Superintendent Koch then asked senior staff if they had any updates that they would like to share</p>

	<p>with the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Ginger Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Services shared with the Board a new Career and Technical Education Revitalization Initiative CD with demonstrations and lessons that are aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards. Mark Williams, Division Administrator for Career Development and Preparation gave each of the Board members a copy of the demonstration CD. Mr. Williams stated that the CD's will be given out to all Directors and Assistant Directors of Area Vocational Centers and it will soon be available to all people on the website.</p> <p>Mr. Don Evans, Director of Human Resources, Professional Development and Conference Planning stated that in cooperation with managers and both unions new evaluation forms for both bargaining units have been implemented. In the area of Professional Development, bi-monthly managing/teambuilding workshops are being planned as a result of a request from management. Mr. Evans stated that Human Resources is looking to streamline the hiring process and expand the search by collecting data. Data improvements will then be made to facilitate the process within the guidelines of the union contracts. In an effort to promote consistency in policy we are updating the 1998 Human Resource Manual with the help of senior staff.</p>																
<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that all committee appointments for the next two years will remain the same and thanked committee chairs and members for their service on those committees as that is where the bulk of the Board's ground work gets accomplished.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he had participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">January 19</td> <td>First visit to read to 2nd graders at Ortiz De Dominguez Elementary School as part of the Real Men Read Program sponsored by Chicago Public Schools.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January 29</td> <td>Meet with Illinois Board of Higher Education Executive Director, Judy Erwin.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 2</td> <td>Attended luncheon meeting to promote the Bar Association Pipeline Initiatives urging students to pursue a law career.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 14</td> <td>Attended the recognition of five National Board Certified Teachers at Clementa High School.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 15</td> <td>Gave opening welcome at the No Child Left Behind Conference in Chicago</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 15</td> <td>Second visit to read to 2nd graders at Ortiz De Dominguez Elementary School as part of the Real Men Read Program sponsored by Chicago Public Schools.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that the following Board Members will be attending out of state meetings as listed below:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">March 5-9</td> <td>Dr. Chris Ward will be traveling to southwest providence of Guiyang City, China for an educational exchange.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 9-11</td> <td>Chairman Jesse Ruiz and Dr. Chris Koch will be attending the Learning First Alliance National Summit in Washington, D.C.</td> </tr> </table>	January 19	First visit to read to 2 nd graders at Ortiz De Dominguez Elementary School as part of the Real Men Read Program sponsored by Chicago Public Schools.	January 29	Meet with Illinois Board of Higher Education Executive Director, Judy Erwin.	February 2	Attended luncheon meeting to promote the Bar Association Pipeline Initiatives urging students to pursue a law career.	February 14	Attended the recognition of five National Board Certified Teachers at Clementa High School.	February 15	Gave opening welcome at the No Child Left Behind Conference in Chicago	February 15	Second visit to read to 2 nd graders at Ortiz De Dominguez Elementary School as part of the Real Men Read Program sponsored by Chicago Public Schools.	March 5-9	Dr. Chris Ward will be traveling to southwest providence of Guiyang City, China for an educational exchange.	March 9-11	Chairman Jesse Ruiz and Dr. Chris Koch will be attending the Learning First Alliance National Summit in Washington, D.C.
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	<p>March 15-16 Mr. Dean Clark will be attending the NASBE Legislative Conference in Arlington, Virginia.</p> <p>March 16-17 Dr. Andrea Brown will be attending the NASBE Study Group on Models of Success: Policies and Strategies for Reconstitution and Schools in Need of Improvement in Arlington, Virginia.</p> <p>March 16-17 Dr. Vinni Hall will be attending the NASBE Study Group on Language and Learning in Public Education: English Proficiency and Language Preservation in Arlington, Virginia.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Board Operations Committee of the Whole (No Meeting this month)</p> <p>Education Policy Planning Committee Dr. Fields reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee heard from Township School District #211: Superintendent Roger Thornton, Terri Busch, Tim Cannon and Bob LeFevre are asking the committee to support a pilot program that would allow students to retake the PSAE in the spring of their senior year. • Kelly James of the Gates Foundation and Jon Furr of Holland & Knight discussed with the committee their proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Gates Foundation and the Governor's office. • Barbara Shaw of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority discussed the Guidelines for School Community Partnerships. • Approved the minutes for the January 2007 EPPC Meeting. • Ginger Reynolds, Mark Williams and Becky McCabe discussed high school emerging issues around the state and will revisit the issue at the March Board Meeting. • Dana Kinley and Glenda Bequette reviewed the definition of Technology Literate with the committee for approval at a future Board meeting. • Dana Kinley updated the committee on the FY 2007 Reading First Grant that exceeds \$1 million, the Math & Science Partnership RFP, as well as the Preschool for all RFP. Linda Kolbusz-Kosan from the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative (INTC) updated the committee on the ten pilots for induction and mentoring that are in progress around the state. Ms. Kosan also invited all Board members to attend the INTC statewide conference on February 27-28, 2007 in Springfield. <p>Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole Mr. Geppert reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Vespa updated the committee on the Livingston School District Financial Oversight Panel • Deb Vespa updated the committee on the districts in financial distress • Lisa LaBonte gave a quarterly update on the resolution of audit

	<p>findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser updated the committee on the FY 2008 budget. • Approved the minutes of the January 2007 Finance and Audit committee meeting <p>Governmental Relations Committee Ms. Holmes reported that the members of the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the minutes of the January 2007 Governmental Relations committee meeting. • Nicole Wills & Kristi Kenney gave a legislative update to the committee. • Winnie Tuthill discussed the 2007 Spring Mandate Waiver Report with the committee.
Members' Reports	<p>Mr. Clark reported that on March 9, 2007, he had the opportunity to be included in a discussion group with Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings that was hosted by the Illinois Business Roundtable.</p> <p>Dr. Hall announced that Chairman Jesse Ruiz is being honored by El Valor Head Start Program, which the Board visited in December 2005. Dr. Hall also stated that she had to opportunity to host Mr. Joe Fatheree, 2006-2007 Illinois Teacher of Year, on a visit to Salazar Elementary Bilingual Center and various other Chicago schools. Mr. Fatheree also met with Arne Duncan, Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools.</p> <p>Dr. Ward reported that he attended the January NASBE Study Group on Models of Success: Policies and Strategies for Reconstitution and Schools in Need of Improvement. Dr. Ward noted that he has provided copies of the study group handouts for each Board member to review. He also indicated he attended the ED-RED dinner in the northwest suburbs of Chicago on January 29. Dr. Ward commented that the Superintendent Search is still in process and on schedule.</p>
Information Items	<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 informational purposes. There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.</p>
Closed Session	<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> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 3 for the purpose of considering the selection of a person to fill a public office.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board; and</p> <p>Dr. Hall further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>

	The open meeting recessed at 11:40 p.m. and the Board went into closed session at 12:15 p.m. The open meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m.
Motion for Adjournment	Mr. Geppert moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, February 21, 2007
10:30 a.m.
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 January Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
5. High School Emerging Issue Discussion (**pp. 4-11**)
6. Definition of Technology Literacy (*Dana Kinley*) (**pp. 12-16**)
- *7. Review of Reading First Grant over \$1 million (*Dana Kinley*) (**Plenary pp. 154-156**)
- *8. Review of Mathematics and Science Partnerships RFP (*Dana Kinley*) (**Plenary pp. 157-158**)
- *9. Review of Preschool for All RFP (*Kay Henderson*) (**Plenary pp. 159-160**)
10. Guidelines for School-Community Partnerships (*Barbara Shaw and Christopher Koch*) (**Plenary pp. 165-196**)
11. PSAE Pilot Proposal from District 211 (*Becky McCabe*) (**pp. 17-29**)
12. Illinois New Teacher Collaborative Informational Update (**pp. 30-38**)
(*Linda Kolbusz-Kosan, INTC and Linda Jamali*)
13. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
14. Adjourn

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2007
10:30 a.m.
Board Room, 4th Floor
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Dave Fields, Chair
Andrea Brown
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon

Other Board Members Physically Present

Dean Clark
Brenda Holmes
Jesse Ruiz
Chris Ward

Others

Interim Superintendent Koch
Darren Reisberg
Ginger Reynolds

Board Members Absent

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL:** David Fields requested roll call to be taken. See above.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** There was no participation from the board members through any other means.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Roger Thornton, Terri Busch, Tim Cannon and Bob LeFevre, all of Township #211, were in attendance to obtain support of a pilot program to allow students to retake the PSAE in the spring of their senior year.

(ORIGINAL AGENDA ITEM #11 PSAE PILOT PROPOSAL FROM DISTRICT 211 MOVED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)(Becky McCabe): Becky McCabe was in attendance to state her concerns about additional state testing. The following implications were discussed with regard to this pilot:

- Legislative and compliance issues with requiring students who do not meet the standards;
- Consequences if students do not pass the PSAE the second time;
- Cost implications;
- Issues with scores and accurate data collection; and
- Limited resources and time issues at district and state levels

The Committee will discuss this issue further in March.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Jon Furr of Holland and Knight and Kelly James from the Gates Foundation were in attendance to discuss their proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Governor's office and the Gates Foundation. Ms. James summarized with the Committee the information that was in her handout. Mr. Furr spoke about the partnering with the Foundation on a national project, which has two major stands.

- To increase collaboration among a number of national core partners including CCSSO, NGA and NASBE and the Foundation with Holland and Knight coordinating technical assistance efforts.
- To choose five to eight states to provide sustained technical assistance on work readiness issues.

Mr. Furr proposed that Illinois be one of these states. Ms. James stated that the Foundation has done most of their work at this point with the Chicago Public Schools and charter schools in Chicago.

The Committee instructed the Superintendent to continue talking with Gates and to bring this item to the March meeting for a more thorough discussion.

(ORIGINAL AGENDA ITEM #10 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS MOVED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.)(Barbara Shaw): Barbara Shaw of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority was in attendance to discuss and obtain the Board's support for the Guidelines for School-Community Partnerships. Interim Superintendent Koch thanked Ms. Shaw for her assistance to our agency and the Committee responded favorably to her efforts.

4. **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2007 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes for the January 2007 EPPC Meeting.
5. **HIGH SCHOOL EMERGING ISSUE DISCUSSION:** Mark Williams began by stating that this year's High School Conference is June 14 and 15, 2007 in Bloomington. Willard Daggett and Dr. Noguera will be presenting at this conference. Mr. Williams stated that the focus for the June 2007 conference will be on professional development.

Board members asked staff to clarify how the MOU with the Gates Foundation and the Board's work with the High School Coalition can fit together to result in a unified approach.

Becky McCabe invited the Board members to the Coalition meeting on Monday, February 28th. She further stated that the Coalition is anxious to have a dialogue with Board Members and encourages them to attend the Coalition meetings. Arrangements have been made to allow for as many members that wish to participate to do so.

The Committee plans to revisit this issue once again in a substantial discussion at the March meeting.

6. **DEFINITION OF TECHNOLOGY LITERATE (Dana Kinley):** Dana Kinley and Glenda Bequette were in attendance to obtain the Board's approval on the Definition of Technology Literate and hope for adoption of this at the March Board meeting. They stated that the USDE notified states in 2005 that of a requirement to define the term "technology literate." Ms. Kinley stated that the proposed definition is broad enough in scope and foundation to provide a universal description of technology regardless of grade level.

This agenda item will be brought back to the full Board for adoption.

7. **REVIEW OF READING FIRST GRANT OVER \$1 MILLION (Dana Kinley):** Dana Kinley was in attendance to obtain the Committee's retroactive approval of the FY07 Reading First Grant that exceeds \$1 million.

The Committee approved for this item to go to the full Board at the plenary session.

8. **REVIEW OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP RFP (Dana Kinley):** Ms. Kinley asked for the Committee's review of the Math and Science Partnership RFP. She stated that through an advisory panel which began in 2002, the focus is on institutions of higher education to develop masters degree programs with appropriate endorsements in math and science to increase the number of teachers in Illinois who are highly qualified in math and science.

The Committee approved for this item to go to the full Board at the plenary session.

9. **REVIEW OF PRESCHOOL FOR ALL RFP (Kay Henderson):** Kay Henderson was in attendance to obtain permission for the release of the Preschool for All RFP for FY 08. She stated that Interim Superintendent Koch gave her permission to make this retroactive. Further, we are asking for authorization from the State Superintendent to enter into the grant agreements that will be come out of the RFP that will be in excess of \$1 million.

The Committee approved for this item to go to the full Board at the plenary session.

- 10. ILLINOIS NEW TEACHER COLLABORATIVE INFORMATIONAL UPDATE (Linda Kolbusz-Kosan, INTC, Nancy Johnson and Linda Jamali):** Linda Jamali began by stating that the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative program is housed at the University of Illinois. She stated that Ms. Kolbusz-Kosan will be giving an update on the ten pilots for induction and mentoring that is in progress around the state. She introduced Linda Kolbusz-Kosan, who is the Program Coordinator for the Pilot programs. Linda Kosan commented that this has turned out to be a well-planned pilot program and stakeholders are pulling funding together. She added that Illinois was cited at a symposium as being one of the most progressive states due to a well-planned pilot program.

She informed the Committee that 40 districts, 680 new teachers, 351 mentors and over 22,000 students are being served. She added that there is diversity throughout the state, as the Board requested. Ms. Kosan invited the Board members to the INTC statewide conference on February 27 and 28, 2007, at the Hilton in Springfield.

11. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- More discussion on the NBCT presentation for NCLB Reauthorization position and the International Teacher Recruitment and Exchanges.
- More discussion on the high school issue with the Committee of the Whole
- Interim Superintendent Koch suggested discussion regarding International Teacher Recruitment in the near future (possibly April)
- Dr. Fields stated that at a later date, we will get the update on SES.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** Vinni Hall moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting and Ed Geppert seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole
Thursday, February 22, 2007
8:00 a.m.
Board Room, 4th Floor
Public Conference Call Access Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only)
Confirmation # 1 6 9 4 6 3 0 7

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Discussion Items
 - *a. Discussion of Livingston Financial Oversight Panel (*Deb Vespa*) (**Plenary pp. 197-203**)
 - b. Update on Districts in Financial Distress (*Deb Vespa*) (**pp. 2-9**)
 - c. Quarterly Update on Resolution of Audit Findings (*Lisa LaBonte*) (**pp. 10-15**)
 - d. FY 08 Budget Update (*Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser*) (**p. 16**)
5. Decision Items
 - a. Minutes of the January Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
(to be sent under separate cover)
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.

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FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

February 21, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Ed Geppert, Chair
Andrea Brown
Brenda Holmes
Dean Clark

Other Board Members

Chris Ward
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Jesse Ruiz

Staff Present

Chris Koch
Linda Riley Mitchell
Ronny Wickenhauser
Darren Reisberg
Jean Ladage
Deb Vespa
Lisa LaBonte

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Livingston Financial Oversight Panel

Deb Vespa stated that the Livingston Oversight Panel has been in existence for four years now. Two years ago the Livingston School District dissolved and annexed into Staunton School District. The reason they could not dissolve the Financial Oversight Panel at that time was due to the outstanding financial emergency assistance loan. Staunton has paid back all of that debt to the State Board of Education. Dr. Curtis Smith, Superintendent of Staunton, would like to request the Board's approval to dissolve the Oversight Panel. He will be coming to tomorrow's Board plenary session to make a presentation.

B. Update on Districts in Financial Distress

Deb Vespa discussed the three school districts that were certified and noted that two of the three are progressing well.

Divernon is continuing on their path to dissolution. They have gotten through the opposition petition period. They will dissolve into the Auburn School District. If payments come through for the General State Aid and Mandated Categoricals by June 30 as anticipated, they may be about \$100,000 better off than what their plan projected. There were some families that wanted to go to Pawnee so when they drew the new boundary lines for the new Auburn district they put those families where they wanted to go.

Winthrop Harbour passed their referendum. Their budget has not been revised yet. Once the taxes are received they will be revising their budget and will be making the adjustments on our reports accordingly.

ISBE continues to monitor the Harrisburg School District very closely. The district did try for a working cash fund bond, however, it was petitioned again. They may go forward in April and try to put it on the ballot to see if the community will vote for it. It will be used for a relief of debt and restructuring and not for operational purposes. The Superintendent is meeting with some opposition, but he is working very diligently to impress upon the board and the community the importance of this for the future of the school district and that the district has to live within the accordance of the plan the State Board has approved.

C. Quarterly Update on Reconciliation of Audit Findings

Lisa LaBonte discussed the Financial and Compliance Audit for FY05. The findings related to the GED and TAMS are gone as ISBE is no longer responsible for the GED program and TAMS has closed. The agency still has two non-compliance with mandates findings and those will be there for a long time unless we can get the School Code changed. A number of the issues have been

taken care of and will not be repeated in our 06 audit. Lisa LaBonte is working with agency staff on legislation to get the appropriate mandates repealed if they are no longer applicable, and the agency is taking action to take care of other issues.

The Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) accepted the FY05 audit at their December meeting. ISBE did not have to appear before the LAC as they did not have any major issues or questions.

ISBE had their FY06 Financial and Compliance Audit exit conference last week. The agency is developing responses to the findings. ISBE should have the final Financial and Compliance Audit for FY06 in the beginning of April from the Auditor Generals office.

ISBE has implemented a number of corrective actions to resolve findings from the FY05 A133 Statewide Single Audit. On other issues the agency has gotten a response from the U.S. Department of Education that contradicted the auditors' earlier findings. ISBE made the auditors aware of this as they conduct the FY06 A133 audit.

D. FY08 Budget Update

Linda Mitchell discussed the House budget hearing the agency participated in the day before. ISBE will be responding to the committee's outstanding questions.

Ronny Wickenhauser discussed other budget related information, including getting the budget into the Governor's Office of Management and Budget system. He also stated that his support staff had been working on the ISL's also. Ronny Wickenhauser indicated that Representative Soto, the chair of the House Elementary and Secondary Education Appropriation Committee, stated that the committee would call ISBE back in early March.

3. DECISION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the January Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Accepted

4. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Linda Mitchell stated that there will be another budget update in March.

ISBE has been gathering AFR reports from our 880 school districts over the last couple of months. Deb Vespa and her staff are in the final stages of compiling this information to give the board the annual report on the financial condition of the districts. The agency has received financial reports from all except two of the districts, one of which will probably not be received because of problems with the townships finances. The township has not been able to be audited.

5. ADJOURN

**Governmental Relations Committee
Wednesday, February 21, 2007
4:30 p.m.**

This meeting will begin immediately following the
House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education hearing.

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 January Governmental Relations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
5. Legislative Update (*Nicole Wills, Kristi Kenney, Sumantra Lahiri*) (**pp. 4-90**)
- *6. Spring 2007 Mandate Waiver Report (*Winnie Tuthill*) (**Plenary pp. 104-153**)
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.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 21, 2007
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Brenda Holmes, Chair
Chris Ward
Jesse Ruiz
Dean Clark

Board Members Absent

Others Present

Supt. Chris Koch
Jean Ladage
Darren Reisberg
Kristi Kenney
Nicole Wills
Marsha Moffett
Matt Vanover
Ginger Reynolds

Other Board Members Physically Present

Joyce Karon
Vinni Hall
Andrea Brown
Dave Fields
Ed Geppert

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was no public participation.

2. **INFORMATION ITEM:**

The January Governmental Relations committee notes were made a part of the record. The motion was made by Dr. Chris Ward and seconded by Chairman Jesse Ruiz.

3. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Nicole Wills and Kristi Kenney provided the Board with an update of bills introduced. They indicated to members that some bills would not have a position indicated as staff had not yet had an opportunity to review those with the Superintendent.

- HB 232 – Two amendments have been proposed to limit those entities that would be prohibited to start or support virtual schools or virtual classrooms. One of these amendments will specifically prohibit virtual charter schools under Article 27A, which had been missing from the original legislation. ISBE will continue to oppose this legislation.
- HB 285 – Establishes a renewable energy grant program that ISBE would administer. Governmental Relations staff has spoken with the sponsor of the legislation and an amendment is being drafted to transfer the grant program to DCEO, which already has expertise in this area, should funds become available.
- HB 357 – ISBE supported this legislation that would allow downstate districts to transfer funds between Transportation, Operations and Maintenance and the Education funds.
- HB 464 – This legislation makes changes to residency for teachers in Chicago. ISBE is supporting this initiative because the Corey H court monitor recommended this change as a way of increasing potential teaching personnel in Chicago Public Schools.
- HB 667 – Requires ISBE to make determinations of violent and gang activity within school district boundaries. If such a determination is made, the school district would be able to transport students under a mile and a half from the school and claim such students for transportation reimbursement. ISBE opposed this legislation because it

requires the agency to decide which areas are considered to have a high level of violent and/or gang activity.

- HB 693 – Makes changes to student residency with regards to individuals that are providing the student with a nighttime abode.
- HB 791 – This bill sets up additional procedures for school discipline policies with regards to in-school suspensions and expulsions. Governmental Relations staff intends to speak with the sponsor about her intent with regards to school districts affected and the elimination of certain due process rights for students facing suspensions and expulsions.
- HB 1030 – This bill would require ISBE to make changes in the annual report to include information on school district expenditures for special education services, including a breakdown of their state and federal reimbursement. After discussing the impact of this legislation with Special Education and School Support staff, Governmental Relations staff has initiated discussions with the sponsor to delay implementation of the bill until July 1, 2008. This would provide ISBE time to adjust internal data control systems and provide districts with information and definitions of various services.
- HB 115 – This bill requires an HPV inoculation as a part of the school health examinations given in kindergarten/first grade, fifth grade and ninth grade. Data on the number of students taking the test and the number opting out of the test would have to be submitted to ISBE along with other information regarding health examinations and immunizations. Since ISBE's responsibilities under this legislation only include data collection, the agency will stay neutral on the legislation. SB 10 is similar because it also requires female students get or opt-out of the HPV vaccine and for that information to be reported as part of the student health examination information.
- HB 193 – Similar to the legislation mandating HPV vaccinations for students as a part of the health examinations, this legislation would require that students receive HIV tests at kindergarten/first grade, fifth grade and ninth grade. Statistical data on whether or not the child took the HIV test would be reported to the State Board along with other health examination records.
- SB 172 – This bill contains the results of the Graduated Driver's License Task Force and is being endorsed by the Secretary of States Office. Currently there is little impact on the State Board.
- SB 396 – Amends Article 14 of the School Code and is identical to HB 317. Currently when a special needs student turns 18, the rights to have input on educational services are turned over to the student unless the child has been adjudicated incompetent. Under this legislation, the State Board can develop a separate level where, using that criterion, the school district could require that decisions concerning special education services remain with the parent or legal guardian, despite the student having control over his or her own decisions in other areas of life. ISBE is opposed to the current legislation, but is discussing this with the sponsor.
- HB 397 – This legislation is identical to the HB 318, which requires that a special needs student can continue to receive services up until the day before his or her 22nd birthday. This is consistent with the proposed Part 226 rules, so ISBE is supporting the measure.
- SB 424 – Requires that if a pupil successfully completes one or more of the courses required as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma before entering high school, then the pupil shall be given high school credit for that course.

- SB 446 - Makes many changes to the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act. ISBE has worked on amending this legislation with the Board of Higher Education and individuals from the Grow Your Own Teacher program.
- HB 1142 – This legislation makes changes to the distribution of Truants Alternative and Optional Education Program grants. As currently written, this legislation would give large school districts a greater advantage in receiving funds. ISBE will be opposing the bill in its current form.
- HB 1141 – This legislation would provide \$20,000 a year stipends (for five years) to teachers that teach in hard to staff schools.

4. SPRING 2007 MANDATE WAIVER REPORT

Winnie Tuthill presented information on the 2007 Spring Waiver Report. The Board voted to send five waivers to the General Assembly with comment. These waiver requests included:

- A recommendation for denial of the physical education waiver application for *Belvidere Community Unit School District*;
- A recommendation for a two year approval only for physical education waivers for *Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 20 and Aurora West Unit School District 129, and*;
- A recommendation for disapproval of substitute teaching waiver requests for *North Chicago Community Unit School District 187 and Waukegan Community Unit School*.

5. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The March Governmental Relations Committee will include an update on ISBE initiatives and other education-related legislation introduced by the General Assembly.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee member Dean Clark made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Chairman Jesse Ruiz.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, February 21, 2007
12:30 p.m.

(This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.)

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the December and January Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meetings (**pp. 2-14**)
- *5. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (**Plenary pp. 20-37**)
(*Ginger Reynolds*)
 - b. Part 25 (Certification) (*Linda Jamali*) (**Plenary pp. 38-60**)
 - c. Part 475 (Contested Cases and Other Formal Hearings) (*Darren Reisberg*) (**Plenary pp. 61-65**)
 - d. New Part 485 (Appeal Proceedings Before the State Teacher Certification Board) (*Darren Reisberg*) (**Plenary pp. 66-75**)
- *6. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation) (**Plenary pp. 76-100**)
(*Linda Jamali, Myron Mason & Mark Williams*)
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, February 21, 2007

12:30 p.m.

State Board of Education Office

100 North First Street

Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Dean Clark
David Fields
Ed Geppert
Vinni Hall
Brenda Holmes
Joyce Karon
Chris Ward

Absent

Others

Christopher Koch
Darren Reisberg
Sally Vogl
Ginger Reynolds
Linda Jamali
Myron Mason
Mark Williams

Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

- 1-2. All Board members were present, so there was no need for Board member participation by other means.
3. It was announced that no one had signed up for public participation.
4. David Fields moved approval of the minutes of the December 2006 and January 2007 meetings. Vinni Hall seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented. Discussion moved to the remaining agenda items, beginning with item 5.
5. **RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW**

PART 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)

Assistant Superintendent Ginger Reynolds explained that the U.S. Department of Education had affirmatively stated it would not permit implementation of the accountability-related policies put in place via P.A. 94-666. Consequently there was a need to eliminate the various duplicate provisions in Part 1 that indicate the alternative means of treating these issues according to whether ISBE received USDE's disapproval or not. General Counsel Darren Reisberg also noted that several references to the State Board that were found in these provisions were being revised to refer to the State Superintendent instead. In addition, an amendment to Section 1.30 would reflect the necessity for having some schools participate in pilot studies more than once every four years. Board members had no questions relative to this rulemaking.

PART 25 (Certification)

Division Administrator Linda Jamali outlined the topics covered by this set of amendments, which included the "teacher leader" endorsement and alternative route to administrative certification that had been newly established by P.A. 94-1039; an effort to streamline the acquisition of endorsements in certain foreign languages; revision of the rule on credit for student teaching done during time when individuals are being paid, which responded to two recent statutory changes; and changes to the rule on conditions of certification testing to require fingerprinting. Ms. Jamali noted that this last set of changes would alleviate the problem that arises when someone arranges for another individual to take certification tests in his or her name. She explained further that the

thumbprint to be provided would only be used when there were questions as to the identity of a test-taker.

There were no questions on Part 25.

PART 475 (CONTESTED CASES AND OTHER FORMAL HEARINGS) and PART 485 (APPEAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD)

Darren Reisberg presented an overview of the area of focus represented by each of these sets of rules. He explained that Part 475 provides the procedure for full evidentiary hearings before either the State Superintendent or the State Teacher Certification Board (STCB) and that such a hearing is not warranted in cases of initial denial of certification. He stated that individuals in that situation are entitled to due process but that it does not rise to the level of a full evidentiary hearing. He advised the Board that no hearing had been held by the agency in such a situation and that the revision to the rule would remove the indication that a hearing would be available. He noted that there had been related litigation but that it had not involved challenges to this policy.

Mr. Reisberg then went on to describe proposed new Part 485, which would govern appeals before the STCB. Such an appeal would relate to the outcome of a full evidentiary hearing that had been held before either the STCB or the State Superintendent. Mr. Reisberg noted that the Certification Board had conducted similar proceedings and that challenges had arisen to their process because it had not been set forth in rule. He therefore deemed it prudent to do so.

Ed Geppert inquired as to whether these rules had been reviewed by the Certification Board. Upon learning that they had been discussed at the February meeting of that body and that the Certification Board had recommended them for consideration by the State Board of Education, he moved to send them forward for action by the Board at the plenary session the next day.

6. RULES FOR ADOPTION

PART 1 (PUBLIC SCHOOLS EVALUATION, RECOGNITION AND SUPERVISION)

Rules Coordinator Sally Vogl summarized the three unrelated aspects of Part 1 that were affected by this set of amendments. Certain accountability-related provisions were being changed to eliminate references to approval of school improvement or restructuring plans by the State Superintendent, in keeping with recent changes in state law. Long-standing requirements for supervisory and administrative positions were being updated and reorganized. Finally, a change was being made in the validity of the provisional vocational certificate to provide additional flexibility in the operation of programs. Darren Reisberg noted that no public comment had been received on these proposed amendments. Division Administrators Myron Mason, Linda Jamali, and Mark Williams were present to answer any questions on their respective areas of responsibility within the rules.

Andrea Brown asked whether these amendments represented changes in the requirements for system directors in career and technical education. Ms. Vogl and Mr. Williams clarified that this was not the case. There being no other questions, Chairman Ruiz noted that all the rules that had been discussed would be included in the consent agenda for adoption during the next day's plenary session.

7. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING

Darren Reisberg stated that four sets of rules were expected to be ready for initial review at the March Board meeting, including Part 110 (Program Accounting Manual), Part 180 (Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools), Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan), and a new Part 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative Grants). In addition, a proposed amendment to Section 1.240 (Equal

Opportunities for All Students) would be presented for adoption. Mr. Reisberg noted that a substantial amount of public comment had been received from several different points of view on this amendment. Those comments would be summarized and discussed with the Board.

Brenda Holmes noted that the wellness goal had been included as a possible discussion agenda item but might also be appropriate for the Governmental Relations Committee. She indicated that she had been waiting for the related discussion on the policy on physical education waivers, which might potentially be revised. She asked for input from Dr. Koch, Mr. Reisberg, and her fellow Board members as to where the Board might go with these issues.

Dr. Brown noted that several different policies (wellness, physical education, and nutrition) touched on each other and should not be discussed separately. Chris Ward mentioned that these policies are more complex than they might appear on the surface because of their different implications depending upon one's place in the educational system.

Mr. Reisberg advised that nothing would tie these matters together from a legal standpoint, so that they could be addressed in whatever manner made sense to the Board members. He pointed out that there would not be consideration of another waiver report until September, so that the time before then presented a useful interval for consideration of these matters. It was noted that the need to establish a wellness goal might be the "driver" of the more comprehensive discussion.

It was estimated that 45 minutes to one hour should be sufficient for the Rules Committee's work in March. Dr. Koch introduced Matt Vanover, who had just joined the agency as director of public information after serving most recently at the Department of Transportation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dean Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ed Geppert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.