

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 West Randolph
Chicago, Illinois

January 17-18, 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.

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

10:30 a.m. Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole
9-040 James R. Thompson Center
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 6 7 2 6 4 4 8

Noon, or immediately following Finance & Audit Committee:
Convene Plenary Session for the sole purpose of going into closed session over lunch on Wednesday, January 17, 2007.
Plenary Session will not be reconvened for further action until Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
9-040 James R. Thompson Center
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 6 7 2 6 4 4 8

***3:15 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee**
9-040 James R. Thompson Center
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 6 7 2 6 4 4 8

***4:15 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
9-040 James R. Thompson Center
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 6 7 2 6 4 4 8

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

Thursday, January 18, 2007

8:45 a.m. Board Operations Committee
9-040 James R. Thompson Center
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 6 7 2 6 4 5 2

9:30 a.m. Reconvene ISBE Plenary Session
9-040 James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph, Springfield, IL
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 6 7 2 6 4 5 2

NOTE: Thursday's portion of the plenary session will also be audio broadcast via the Internet.

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100 West Randolph, Chicago, Illinois

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Wednesday, January 17, 2007

12:00 Noon (or immediately following Finance & Audit Committee

Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only); Confirmation # 1 6 7 2 6 4 4 8

Chairman Ruiz will call the plenary business meeting to order for the sole purpose of going into closed session over lunch on Wednesday, January 17, 2007. The plenary session will reconvene for all other action on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda - 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. Motion for Closed Session

Thursday, January 18, 2007

9:30 a.m.

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Reconvene Plenary Business Meeting

C. Reconvene Plenary Business Meeting

D. Resolutions & Recognition

1. Illinois School Health Centers (*p. 4*)
2. Other Resolutions of Recognition

E. Public Participation

F. Superintendent's Report

*** Consent Agenda**

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

Action Considerations

- *1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 19, 2006 (*pp. 5-18*)
- *2. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 60 (The "Grow Your Own" Teacher Education Initiative) (*pp. 19-31*)
 - b. Part 70 (Early Childhood Teacher Assistance Grants) (*pp. 32-48*)
- *3. 2007 State Board Calendar of Meetings (*pp. 49-50*)
- *4. State Board of Education Bylaws Revision (*pp. 51-71*)
- *5. Cumulative Waiver Report (*pp. 72-89*)
- *6. Approval of Updated Legislative Proposals (*p. 90*)
- *7. Approval of Illinois Alternate Assessment – Descriptors and Alignment (*pp. 91-100*)
- *8. Approval of Illinois Standards Achievement Test – Descriptors (*pp. 101-114*)
- *9. Approval of Language Arts Assessment for Grade 11 - Reading Goal 2 (*pp. 115-116*)

- *10. State Board of Education Budget
 - a. Ratification of FY07 State Board of Education Budget (**pp.116-1 through 116-18**)
 - b. Adoption of FY08 State Board of Education Budget (**p. 117**)

- 11. Approval of Pre-K for All Grant Agreements over \$1 million (**p. 118**)
 - a. Schaumburg School District #54
 - b. Illinois Action for Children

- 12. Amendment of Interim Contract

- 13. Release of closed session minutes (as needed)

G. Announcements and Reports

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

H. Information Items

- 1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (**pp. 119-121**)
- 2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (**pp. 122-137**)

I. Adjourn

NOTE: Chairman Ruiz may call for reconvening of closed session over lunch on Thursday.

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
January 17-18, 2007
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois**

January 17, 2007 CLOSED SESSION	The Plenary Session was called to order on January 17, 2007 at 12:03 p.m., for purposes of allowing the Board to go into closed session. The Board immediately heard a motion to go into closed session.
CLOSED SESSION MOTION	<p>Vinni Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:</p> <p>Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; and</p> <p>Section c 3 for the purpose of considering the selection of a person to fill a public office.</p> <p>Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board, and</p> <p>Section c 21 for the purpose of discussing minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act.</p> <p>Dr. Hall further indicated that the Board may invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.. Further, when closed session is adjourned, committee meetings will immediately continue. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The closed session recessed at 1:30 p.m. on January 17.</p>
RECONVENE/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, reconvened the plenary meeting at 9:30 a.m. on January 18, 2007. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Chris Koch, Interim State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</p> <p>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 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 Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> Mr. Edward Geppert, Jr.</p>
RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION	<p>Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolutions recognizing Illinois School Health Centers and Ms. Becky Watts. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Dr. Chris Koch asked that Ms. Karen Berg, Ms. Blair Harvey, Ms. Sue Murray and</p>

	<p>Ms. Lori Odell from the Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers come forward and receive the resolution on behalf of Illinois School Health Centers. Brenda Holmes thanked staff member Glenn Steinhausen, Principal Consultant for Curriculum & Instruction for all of his efforts in the area of student health care.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz thanked Becky Watts, Chief of Staff and Josh Jacobs, Governmental Relations for their service to the State Board Education. Ms. Watts and Mr. Jacobs will be relocating to Murray State University where they will be joining former Superintendent Randy Dunn on his administrative staff. Chairman Ruiz awarded Ms. Watts with a framed resolution. Ms. Watts commented that it had been a privilege to work with a Board and staff who strive everyday to do the right thing for children, educators and the State of Illinois.</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Ms. Jane Sharka, Ms. Lou Ann Jacobs and Ms. Pam Kramer from the Illinois School Library Media Association thanked the Board for the funding they have received to provide access to online databases for the children of Illinois. Ms. Sharka shared with the Board a proposal for online database selection and implementation timelines. The online database allows up-to-date information to be available and easily changed as new information is published. Chairman Ruiz asked how textbooks compare to databases. Ms. Sharka explained that online databases allow students to search for information that is reliable, accurate and updated. Textbooks are limited to what is only contained in books; on a database students can search by topic, keyword or title of resource and bring up the full text of additional reliable resources that have been through the editorial process. Chairman Ruiz informed the group that yesterday at the Finance & Audit Committee there was a recommendation for an allocation to fund the online database proposal.</p> <p>Mr. Manuel Ledezma a senior at Thornton High School in Harvey, Illinois spoke to the Board on Project Lead the Way, a nationwide Career and Technical Education program designed to get youth of all ages interested in engineering and engineering technology. Mr. Ledezma stated that this program has allowed him to be exposed to opportunities he never thought he would have. Mr. Ledezma will be attending West Point Academy and believes that Career and Technical education has played an important part in his preparation for college and his future in aerospace engineering. Mr. Ledezma thanked the Board for their continued support and funding of Career and Technical Education programs.</p> <p>Ms. Karen Berg, Ms. Sue Murray and Ms. Blair Harvey of the Illinois Coalition of Health Centers thanked the Board for the resolution and recognizing School Health Centers. Ms. Berg also thanked Glenn Stienhausen for his supportive work with the Coalition. There are 50 School Health Centers in Illinois providing quality health care services, many of them being the only place children and families can access services. Ms. Berg commented that there are over twenty-five communities that have expressed interest in having health centers, and are on a waiting list with the Department of Human Services (DHS). State funding for school health centers has been leveled since 2000. This year the Coalition is working to request an increase in the Department of Human Services budget of \$5 million dollars which would help school health centers grow over the next five years to twenty new centers.</p> <p>Ms. Lori Odell from the Uplift Community Health Center on Chicago's north side stated that the centers ensure a 100% compliance for all children under the state and federal mandate for physicals and shots. Uplift Health Center deals with all kinds of issues from cuts, sprained limbs, responding to asthma attacks, diabetic</p>

reactions, as well as, sports physicals and a full counseling program with staff and several partnerships. The Center is a hub in which there are several programs, full dental examines, medical screening programs and nutrition counseling that is very successful. Ms. Odell thanked the Board for their support of the health centers.

Ms. Sue Murray, former director of two school health centers on Chicago Public High School's north side thanked the Board for supporting the resolution. Ms. Murray noted that they could not perform the services they do without the help of the schools' key partners: the principal, office staff, school nurse, guidance counselors and teachers. These partners often help identify the students who have needs, and work with them to provide the best environment for them.

Ms. Brenda Holmes thanked them for their service and stated that she is glad to see that they had made arrangements to speak with the Governor regarding their funding. She also introduced them to Ms. Kristin Richards who was present at the meeting and on Governor Blagojevich's education staff. Ms. Holmes indicated that Ms. Richards could be of help to the Coalition in contacting the proper people at within the Governor's staff to help advocate their health center program.

Ms. Deborah Canna, Director of Career Development System, which is an education for employment system in southeastern Cook County, thanked the Board for supporting Career and Technical Education. Ms. Canna shared with the Board a newsletter explaining the launching of the Regional Strategic Plan Initiative for Suburban Cook, Lake County and Chicago area which is aligned with the ISBE Comprehensive Strategic Plan. The Networking Group is made up of nine regional systems which make up about 42% of the secondary students in the states northern region. Ms. Canna noted that they are working very hard to improve the quality and student performance in Career and Technical Education.

Ms. Janet Knupp from the Chicago Education Fund and Mr. Thomas Darden, Co-founder and Managing Director of Reliant Equity Investors, LLC and Board Member on the Chicago Public Education Fund, spoke to the Board in support of National Board Certification. Ms. Knupp thanked the Board for taking into account and acting on the suggestions she made on National Board Certification at the September ISBE Meeting. Ms. Knupp asked that the Board fully fund the program for FY 2008 at \$14.5 million dollars. National Board Certification has had a great impact in Illinois; it now ranks eighth in the nation for the number of National Board Certified Teachers. Ms. Knupp asked that the Board ensure that the program is administered fairly and objectively to guarantee the largest numbers of candidates pursue National Board Certification.

Mr. Thomas Darden introduced himself to the Board and stated that he was attending the meeting today out of his tremendous respect for teachers and the difference they have made in his life. The Chicago Education Fund represents a large corporate and civic community that strongly believes in National Board Certification. The Board of Directors is personally involved, because they know the difference a good teacher can make. Chicago Education Fund is committed to growing the number of National Board Certified Teachers in low income schools. There is a great need for quality teachers in these schools, 60% of the schools in Chicago with at least one National Board Certified Teacher have over 85% low income students. The Education Fund Board recognizes the value of the partnership with ISBE in this effort and the Fund has made a significant effort to increase the amount of National Board Certified Teachers in Chicago Public Schools. The investment by ISBE shows the state's commitment to quality

	<p>teaching. Mr. Darden thanked the Board for the previous funds and asked that they continue to adequately fund the program in FY 08. Mr. Darden also asked that ISBE ensure that the programs are administered fairly so that the largest number of teachers can pursue National Board certificates in Illinois.</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes asked if the Chicago Education Fund would consider developing a mentoring program where National Board Certified Teachers would be required to share the knowledge of what they have learned with other teachers. Ms. Knupp responded by saying that they have had the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research look at the National Board Certified Teachers in Chicago to see if they were mentoring. It was found that the majority of these teachers do so without making it a requirement, and it was not a condition of the stipend. Ms. Knupp said that they have found that most of these teachers are leading professional development. Research has also proven that 5% of the teachers that became National Board Certified teachers in Chicago stayed in Chicago in intercity schools. (Ms. Knupp said that she would send each of the Board Members a copy of the Chicago School Research Report Survey).</p> <p>Ms. Amanda Rivera, Director of Professional Development for the Department of Human Resources at the Chicago Public Schools, introduced Ms. Marcie Reagan who was the first National Board Certified Teacher in Chicago Public Schools and a representative from the Chicago Teachers Union. Ms. Nancy Schwartz, a staff member of the National Board joined them. Ms. Rivera requested that the Board continue to support National Board Certification Program both programmatically and financially. Together, Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Education Fund would like to grow the number of National Board Certified Teachers to 1,200 by the year 2008. Ms. Rivera voiced several concerns regarding proposed changes. The original intent of the Illinois Teaching Act of 2000 was to recruit National Board Certified Teachers to pursue this advanced credential that would assist them in improving their practice and elevating the teacher profession. Teachers were to be provided incentives, a tenure certificate, and a \$3,000.00 stipend for the ten years of the certificate without strings attached. In addition according to the Act, NBCT teachers were to receive stipends for providing professional development. Currently this professional development is provided by NBCTs during the day, after school, within a school or across the district. The discretion of how or when to use NBCTs for professional development is currently at the district's discretion. Proposed changes would negatively impact this professional development. Proposed rule changes and a decrease in funding would impede CPS from achieving its goals to grow NBCTs for all children especially at the schools that need them the most. Ms. Rivera thanked the Board for their past leadership and support of the National Board Certification Initiative. It has helped put Illinois in the top ten for states with the greatest number of NBCTs by maintaining the current programmatic structure.</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes let them know that the changes proposed are in proposed legislation, not rules and regulations and the Board has put that proposed legislation on hold. Ms. Holmes commented that she feels there must be a strong commitment towards mentoring and she is glad to see there is evidence of this happening without mandating that it be required. Chairman Ruiz asked that they return to a meeting in the future to keep the Board updated.</p>
<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz commented that all items listed with an asterisk (*) on the agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion and vote. Any Board members who wishes separate discussion on any item listed on the consent agenda may remove that item from the consent agenda , in which the</p>

Items and Motions

event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

Chairman Ruiz stated that consent agenda item F 10.b. Adoption of FY08 State Board of Education Budget will be removed from the consent agenda and considered a separate item for discussion.

Superintendent Koch gave the Board members a brief summary on the items on the consent agenda.

Chairman Ruiz asked for a motion regarding the consent agenda.

Motion:

Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby approve the consent agenda items with the exception of item F.10.b. (Adoption of FY08 State Board of Education Budget), which will be considered a separate item for discussion.

Mr. Dean Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Approval of the Minutes

The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the December 14, 2007 meeting.

Rules for Adoption

Part 60 (The “Grow Your Own Teacher” Education Initiative)

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for The “Grow Your Own” Teacher Education Initiative (23 Illinois Administrative Code 60). 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.

Rules for Adoption

Part 70 (Early Childhood Teacher Assistance Grants)

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Assistance Grant (23 Illinois Administrative Code 70). 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

State Board of Education Bylaws Revision

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the amendments to the Bylaws recommended for adoption by the Board Operations Committee.

2007 State Board Calendar of Meetings

The State Board of Education hereby approves the calendar of meetings for calendar year 2007.

NOTE: The State Board of Education plenary session will be held on the Thursday of each 2-day meeting cycle, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

State Board plenary sessions held in Springfield are located in the 4th Floor Board Room at 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Please check back to this website (www.isbe.net/calendar) for information on tentative meeting locations.

2007 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January 17-18	-----	Chicago (James R. Thompson Center)
February 21-22	-----	Springfield
March 21-22	-----	Springfield
April 18-19	-----	Springfield
May 16-17	-----	Springfield
June 20-21	-----	Springfield
July	-----	No Meeting
August 9	-----	Springfield (as needed)
August 22-24	-----	Board Retreat - Springfield
September 19-20	-----	Springfield
October 17-18	-----	Mt. Vernon
November 14-15	-----	* Springfield
December 12-13	-----	Springfield

* Following the announcement of Veto Session dates, the November meeting may be changed to Chicago, pending availability of accommodations.

Cumulative Waiver Report

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes transmittal of the 2007 Cumulative Waiver Report to the General Assembly before February 1, 2007. This Cumulative Waiver Report includes:

- Notification to the General Assembly that the State Board intends to advance legislative proposals to amend Sections 24-2 and 18-8.05(F)(2)(d)(1) of the School Code, as described in the report; and
- A recommendation that the General Assembly introduce legislation that would amend Section 27-23 of the School Code, increasing the maximum fee that may be charged for driver's education from the current \$50 to \$250.

Approval of Updated Legislative Proposals

The State Board of Education endorses the following legislative proposals in regards to agenda item F.6. (Updated Legislative Proposals) if appropriate vehicles become available:

- Proposal #14 (Obsolete and Duplicative Sections repeal)
- Proposal #24 (Special Education Technology Publication)
- Proposals # 26 (Retired Highly Qualified Teachers Returning to Work)

Approval of the Illinois Alternate Assessment – Descriptors and Alignment

The State Board of Education approves the IAA Performance Descriptors as approved by the State Testing Review Committee.

Approval of Illinois Standards Achievement Test –Descriptors

The State Board of Education approves the ISAT Reading Performance Descriptors as approved by the State Testing Review Committee.

Approval of Language Arts Assessment of Grade 11 – Reading Goal 2

The State Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Language Arts Assessment Committee and the State Testing Review Committee to adjust the Grade 11 Assessment Frameworks so as to discontinue testing Reading Goal 2.

Ratification of FY07 State Board of Education Budget

The State Board of Education ratifies and approves the FY 2007 Budget.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Adoption of FY08 State Board of Education Budget

Mr. Dean Clark (who was serving as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee in the absence of Mr. Geppert) moved that the following FY08 Budget be approved, as amended.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FY08 General Funds Recommended Increases

	Recommended Increases \$000's
<i>General State Aid/Mandated Categoricals</i>	637,864.9
General State Aid (\$355 Foundation Level Increase)	299,060.3
Mandated Categoricals (100% Funding)	132,504.6
Spec Ed - Personnel Reimbursement	206,300.0
<i>Other Requests</i>	153,734.4
Adler Planetarium	600.0
Agriculture Education	500.0
Arts and Foreign Language	3,000.0
Autism	200.0
Bilingual Assessment	2,500.0
Bilingual Education	8,448.0
Blind & Dyslexic	350.0
Bullying Prevention	500.0
Charter School - Start Up Grants	3,500.0
Charter School - Transition Aid	1,035.0
Children's Mental Health Partnership	3,000.0
Community & Residential Services Authority	16.8
Continued Reading Improvement Block Grant (7-12)	6,000.0

	Early Childhood Block Grant	60,000.0
	Early Childhood Block Grant (3% COLA)	9,386.8
	Early Intervening Service Training	3,890.0
	Growth Model	3,000.0
	Field Museum	500.0
	Grow Your Own Teachers	1,500.0
	Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map	150.0
	Illinois Economic Education	35.0
	Latino Education Alliance	175.0
	Logan Square Neighborhood Association	70.0
	National Board Certification	4,895.0
	Online Databases	5,000.0
	Philip J. Rock Center and School	174.0
	Principal Mentoring	1,100.0
	ROE Services	3,670.0
	School Business Official Small District Training/Services	380.0
	Standards Aligned Classroom	1,400.0
	Superintendent Mentoring & Training	200.0
	Support Our Schools	458.8
	Teacher Mentoring Grants	2,000.0
	Technology for Success	20,000.0
	Truants' Alternative & Optional Education	6,000.0
	Agency Operations	10,047.9
	Personal Services and Related	5,150.7
	Other Operations	4,897.2
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS BUDGET REQUEST	801,647.2

Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Pre-K for All Grant Agreements over \$1 million

Approval of Pre-K for All Grant Agreements over \$1 million Schaumburg School District #54 and Illinois Action for Children
Ms. Karon moved that the State Board of Education approve the award of Preschool for All grants in excess of \$1 million to Schaumburg School District #54 and Illinois Action for Children and authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into grant agreements in excess of \$1 million with such entities. Dr. Hall seconded

	<p>the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
<p>Amendment of Interim Contract</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Amendment of Interim Contract</u></p> <p>Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education authorize the Chairperson to enter into an amendment to the Employment Agreement with Dr. Christopher Koch, by adding the following sentence at the end of Paragraph 1(a):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Notwithstanding the foregoing, per Section 1A-4 of the School Code and unless earlier terminated as provided herein, Dr. Koch shall serve as State Superintendent of Education under the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, until a successor is appointed.”</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
<p>Release of the Closed Session Minutes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Release of Closed Session Minutes</u></p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes moved that according to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act, the State Board of Education has reviewed the minutes of its closed sessions from May through December, 2006, and hereby certifies that the need for confidentiality still exists for the closed session minutes for the time period reviewed. Ms. Joyce Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:</p> <p>IBHE Liaison Report</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. Dr. Nandi gave a brief summary on the December 5, 2006, IBHE Board meeting held at Harold Washington University in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Nandi reported that they received presentations by Spencer Foundation President Michael McPherson and the Faculty Advisory Council, Curtis White. The IBHE Board also finalized the approved the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program. Ms. Karon noted that the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education dialogue seem to be following in the same direction. Similar issues have been discussed: teacher preparation, student information, etc. Dr. Nandi indicated that the next IBHE Meeting will be on February 06, 2007.</p>
<p>Superintendent's Announcements</p>	<p>Superintendent Koch asked that everyone take a minute to view the Chicago Public School's Career & Technical Education display set up in the lobby. Superintendent Koch thanked Becky Watts and Josh Jacobs for their hard work and dedication to ISBE and expressed his appreciation to Linda Mitchell and Ronny Wickenhauser for all their work on the Budget. He also acknowledged Darren Reisberg and Jean Ladage for their efforts to prepare and organize the Board packet for the monthly meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Koch noted that yesterday he announced incorrectly that the meeting with stakeholders had been scheduled; it has not, but that it would be scheduled soon. Dr. Koch said that he wanted everyone to be aware that agency staff have been meeting with Harcourt on a regular basis to ensure a timely release of scores. There is an oversight contract in place to be sure the assessment arrives in time. The Student Information System (SIS) is up running for all school districts in Illinois with the exception of Chicago and we are working closely with them to get SIS up and running. Superintendent Koch commented that he will leave tonight to attend the 7-PAK Meeting of Special Education Directors and Superintendents in Florida. The meeting focus will be preintervention, such as Response to Intervention. John Herner and Ginger Reynolds will also be in attendance.</p>

<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz commented he will be appointing a nominating committee who will be recommending nominations for Board officers at the February. The Board will then be voting to fill those positions.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he had participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <p>January 09 Chaired the Re-Enrolling Students Task Force January 12 Submitted Mandated Report on Re-Enrolling Students to the Governor & General Assembly February 02 American Bar Association Pipeline Project Luncheon Meeting encouraging students to become lawyers.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that the following Board members will be attending out of state meetings as listed below:</p> <p>January 19-20 Dr. Ward will attend the NASBE Study Group on Models of Success: Policies and Strategies for Reconstitution and Schools in Need of Improvement in Alexandria, Virginia. January 19-20 Dr. Vinni Hall will be attending the NASBE Study Group on Language & Learning in Public Education: English Proficiency & Language Preservation in Alexandria, Virginia. January 19-20 Mr. Dean Clark will be attending the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee in Alexandria, Virginia.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Board Operations Committee of the Whole Dr. Chris Ward reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance: Dr. David Fields, Dr Vinni Hall, Ms. Joyce Karon, and Chairman Ruiz. Other members in attendance were Dr. Andrea Brown, Mr. Dean Clark, and Ms. Brenda Holmes.</p> <p>Dr. Ward commented that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the minutes for the December 2006 Board Operations Committee Meeting. • Reviewed new nominations for Resolutions of Recognition. • Discussed and approved the 2007 Board Meetings Calendar. • Reviewed Board Agenda Preparation Plan and Committee Agenda Planning for future Board meetings. <p>Education Policy Planning Committee Dr. Fields reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance: Dr. Andrea Brown, Mr. Ed Geppert, Dr. Vinni Hall, and Ms. Joyce Karon. Other members in attendance were, Mr. Dean Clark, Ms. Brenda Holmes, Dr. Chris Ward and Chairman Ruiz.</p> <p>Dr. David Fields commented that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPPC Committee received a presentation by members of the Coalition for High Schools, Fulton Nolen, Jr., Daryl Morrison and Leslie Wilson • Approved the minutes for the December 2006 committee meeting. • Becky McCabe reviewed the Growth Model Task Force Report. • Becky McCabe and John Craig reported on the RFSP for ELL-ISAT and ELL-PSAE which will replace the current IMAGE Assessment. • Superintendent Koch reviewed with Committee the new process for grant agreements over \$1 million. Two grants for approval this month are Schaumburg District 54 and Illinois Action for Children.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Fields commented that High School Emerging Issue will be reviewed at the February Committee meeting due to the time restrictions this month. <p>Finance and Audit Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Clark, Interim Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, reported that he and the following committee members were in attendance: Dr. Andrea Brown and Ms. Brenda Holmes. Mr. Dean Clark commented that he is pleased with the budget process and believes that the Board has done what is best for Illinois children. He also wanted to thank Mr. Geppert for his involvement in the process. Chairman Ruiz also thanked the Finance and Audit Committee members and the other Board members for what he believes is the best budget to date and hopes that the Governor and Legislature agree. <p>Governmental Relations Committee</p> <p>Ms. Holmes reported that she and the following committee members were in attendance: Mr. Dean Clark, Mr. Jesse Ruiz & Dr. Chris Ward. Other members in attendance were, Dr Andrea Brown, Mr. David Fields and Dr. Vinni Hall.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes reported that the members of the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the minutes for the December 2006 committee Meeting. • Reaffirmed the Board's authority to approve Virtual High School applications. • Approved the following legislative proposals in regards to agenda item F.6. (Updated Legislative Proposals) Proposal #14 (Obsolete and Duplicative Sections repeal), Proposal #24 (Special Education Technology Publication), Proposals # 26 (Retired Highly Qualified Teachers Returning to Work). • Discussed Educational Stakeholders meeting and will be planning a second meeting.
<p>Members' Reports</p>	<p>Dr. Hall stated that she participated in choosing a Chicago Public School (CPS) scholarship winner in cooperation with the Enhancement Corporation. The scholarship awards \$25, 000.00 for college to a CPS student. Dr. Hall commented that she also had the opportunity to meet with President Yayi of Benin, Africa, as well as their Minister of Education.</p> <p>Dr. Brown attended the Alliance, which is a Southern Illinois Group. The group heard a presentation by Jo Anderson, Executive Director of IEA, who talked on the Invest In Excellence Program.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz commented that he participated in the CHASE kick-off for Real Men Read and is looking forward to reading at Chicago Public Schools.</p> <p>Dr. Ward stated that he attended the Three Rivers Division Meeting of the IASA and updated them on the budget status.</p> <p>Ms. Karon attended the teacher mentoring group that is coordinated by the Illinois New Teachers Center at the University of Illinois. She also attended a discussion with Dr. Koch and the North Cook Superintendents.</p> <p>Dr. Fields attended the Illinois New Teacher Collaboration Meeting that helped</p>

	<p>plan the statewide conference that will be held on February 27 & 28, 2007 in Springfield.</p> <p>Dr. Koch thanked the Board Members, staff and the public for all their contributions to the FY 08 Budget.</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 information purposes. There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	<p>Dr. Fields moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

Board Operations Committee of the Whole
Thursday, January 18, 2007
8:45 a.m.
9-040 James R. Thompson Center
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. Discussion Items
 - a. Minutes of the November Board Operations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
 - *b. Review New Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition
 - 1) Illinois School Health Centers (**pp. 5-16**)
 - 2) Other Nominations
 - *c. 2007 Calendar of Meetings (*Jean Ladage*) (**Plenary pp. 49-50**)
 - d. 2007- 2009 State Board Committee Structure (**pp. 17-18**)
 - e. Review Board Agenda Preparation Plan (**pp. 19-20**)
 - 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
Thursday, January 18, 2007
Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Chris Ward, Committee Chair
David Fields, Committee Member
Vinni Hall, Committee Member
Joyce Karon, Committee Member
Jesse Ruiz, Committee Member
Andrea Brown, Board Member
Brenda Holmes, Board Member

Members Absent

Ed Geppert, Board Member
Dean Clark, Board Member

Staff Present

Jean Ladage
Darren Reisberg
Christopher A. Koch

1. ROLL CALL

Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 8:45 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.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4.a. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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

Dr. Koch asked the Board to consider a resolution recognizing the Illinois School Health Centers. Interim Superintendent Koch recognized Glenn Steinhausem of the Agency staff who has been serving as a liaison to the school health centers for the last 10-15 years. Dr. Koch indicated that the health centers have been shown to reduce problems with students in schools, increase attendance and it is a great partnership and model to have throughout the state.

Dr. Koch further commented that the Agency formerly had a full-time position dedicated to school health services (school nurse consultant) and that position was eliminated. DHS currently has a liaison to work with these centers, but that person is retiring. He is asking the Board to consider a resolution in order to recognize the importance of the work that the centers accomplish.

Ms. Karon moved to recommend Board approval for this recognition and Dr. Fields seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote. Dr. Ward will make a recommendation for Board approval at today's plenary session.

4.c. 2007 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Dr. Ward turned the Board's attention to the information in the plenary packet regarding the 2007 calendar of meetings. Ms. Karon pointed out that although the Board would like to travel more, attempts are being made to cut travel expenses for staff needing to travel for purposes of Board meetings. Dr. Ward commented that at least for one year we are attempting to pull back on the number of Board meetings held outside of Springfield. Mr. Ruiz asked Board members to also review their travel expenses for Board purposes and attempt to keep those costs down as much as possible.

Dr. Fields moved to recommend approval of the proposed calendar for 2007. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion. This item will move for Board consideration at today's plenary meeting.

4.d. BOARD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Dr. Ward pointed out the reference to the bylaws and asked members to get personal committee preferences to Chairman Ruiz if they haven't already done so. Mr. Ruiz clarified that if members are content with their current committee assignments, they can confirm that with him as well.

4.e. BOARD AGENDA PREPARATION PLAN

Dr. Ward commented that the month of January was a trial month for the new procedure for Board agenda preparation due to the change in the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Holmes and Dr. Fields commented that the procedures worked very well and encouraged members and committee chairs to remain aware of their email. She felt this month's planning went very well.

4.f. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Dr. Ward asked the Board Operations Committee members if there were any items that needed to be brought to his attention for discussion in February. Hearing none, he asked members to keep him informed of any potential items. He also asked members to keep their Board packet preparation schedule somewhere easily accessible as those dates are critical to the process.

5. DECISION ITEMS

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

6. ADJOURN

Ms. Karon moved to adjourn the committee meeting. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, January 17, 2007, 1:00 p.m.
Room 9-040, 100 West Randolph, Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Dave Fields, Chair
Andrea Brown
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon

Other Board Members Physically Present

Dean Clark
Brenda Holmes
Jesse Ruiz
Chris Ward

Others Present

Interim Superintendent Koch
Darren Reisberg
Ginger Reynolds

Board Members Absent

Ed Geppert

The Education Policy Planning Committee meeting convened at 2:50 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL:** David Fields took roll call.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** There was no participation from Board members through any other means.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Fulton Nolen, Jr., Daryl Morrison and Leslie Wilson, were in attendance as members of the Coalition for High Schools, to mainly observe and to generally speak on the terms of the implementation of the "Perspective of High Schools Renewal" document.

Leslie Wilson extended an invitation to the Board Members to attend the next meeting of the Coalition on February 26, 2007, in Bloomington at the IHSA headquarters.

4. **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2006 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes for the December 2006 EPPC Meeting.
5. **GROWTH MODEL TASK FORCE REPORT (Becky McCabe):** Becky McCabe was in attendance to present the Legislative Report of the Task Force on Growth Models, per Senate Joint Resolution 87. She stated that the Task Force was put together by the Legislature and the State Superintendent in order to address the issues encountered from the field on how to measure growth over time. She further stated that the report includes recommendations which require funding. Further, due to not having scores available, we were unable to produce models as part of what the Superintendent asked the Task Force to do.

Board Member Brown asked if we (ISBE) could provide technical assistance for the Growth Models to schools. Becky stated that ISBE does not have the resources to provide technical assistance, but there are other districts that have started to look at the variety of models that could be used and we could network districts from those districts.

Board Member Holmes referred to pages 18 and 19 of the Recommendations and asked what ISBE's role is in responding to the budgetary recommendations and whether or not we should have included this in the FY 08 funding. Ginger Reynolds stated that since our assessment system is not fully approved, we would not be eligible to apply for this pilot until the spring. Becky McCabe further stated that we responded to the legislature and had not brought this to the Board for anything additional. Ms. Holmes thought this was timely in relation to the adoption of the budget and it was suggested that Becky work with Ronny Wickenhauser on the funding issue and hopefully obtain this information by Thursday's Board meeting.

Board Member Karon asked if the Task Force looked at the cost of providing Plan and Explore would be and the savings to school districts and what they currently spend. Becky did not have the figures in front of her to answer Ms. Karon but stated that she could obtain this information as soon as possible.

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RFSP FOR ELL-ISAT AND ELL-PSAE TO REPLACE CURRENT IMAGE ASSESSMENT (Becky McCabe):** Becky McCabe and John Craig were in attendance to discuss and obtain authorization from the Board for the Request For Sealed Proposal for the English Language Learners assessment, which has been known as IMAGE. The name has changed so it will now be called ELL-ISAT or ELL-PSAE. Becky referred the Committee members to their Board item.

Becky stated that there was an error in the "Next Steps" but this will be brought back to the Board in February.

7. **PRE-K FOR ALL GRANT AGREEMENTS OVER \$1 MILLION (Cindy Zumwalt):**
 - a. Schaumburg School District #54
 - b. Illinois Action for Children

Interim Superintendent Koch began by stating that the State Board has a new process for grant agreements over \$1 million. He stated that agreements that exceed the \$1 million will now come before the Board. He briefly stated that there are two grant agreements this month for the Board's approval, one for Schaumburg District 54 and the other for the Illinois Action for Children.

Board Member Holmes recognized Cindy Zumwalt's experience and expertise in this project.

8. **HIGH SCHOOL EMERGING ISSUE DISCUSSION:** Dave Fields stated that due to the time, he asked the Committee to move this item to the February meeting so we could have more time on this issue.

Board Member Holmes asked about obtaining more refinement on this issue. Chairman Fields stated that the staff was to just obtain some information to bring to the Committee of the Whole to have a more full discussion on where we would like to go as next steps.

Ginger Reynolds referred the Committee to page 27 and then further stated that the Coalition has asked if the Board is interested in helping fund some workshops, which is \$200 per workshop and there are 4 workshops, for a total of \$800.

Board Member Holmes suggested that the Board members should attend the February 26 meeting first and that we need to also discuss if there is money in the budget for this.

The Committee discussed that the money is there to help budget these workshops.

9. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Ginger Reynolds suggested to have Division Administrator Mark Williams attend an EPPC meeting at some point to give the Board a review on the next Perkins legislation.

Brenda Holmes requested that the Committee have a discussion on the "wellness policy".

Chris Koch asked if the discussion on re-enrolling task force on truants' alternative program item would appear at February's EPPC meeting and the Committee confirmed that it would be.

Dave Fields reiterated that the EPPC Committee will discuss the High School Emerging Issue at next month's (February's) meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vinni Hall moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting and Joyce Karon seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, January 17, 2007
1:00 p.m.

9-040 James R. Thompson Center
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the December Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
5. Growth Model Task Force Report (*Becky McCabe*) (**pp. 4-20**)
6. Discussion regarding the RFSP for ELL-ISAT and ELL-PSAE to replace current IMAGE assessment (*Becky McCabe*) (**pp. 21-23**)
7. Pre-K for All Grant Agreements over \$1 million (**Plenary p. 118**)
 - a. Schaumburg School District #54
 - b. Illinois Action for Children
8. High School Emerging Issue Discussion (**pp. 24-69**)
9. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
10. Adjourn

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

Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, January 17, 2007
10:30 a.m.
9-040 James R. Thompson Center
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Centralized Compliance Monitoring System --Project Update (*Terry Chamberlain*) (**pp. 4-9**)
5. Decision Items
 - a. Minutes of the December Finance and Audit Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
 - *b FY 2008 Budget (*Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser*) (**pp. 10-27**)
 - i. Summary of Budget Requests
 - ii. FY2008 Estimates for Foundation Level and MCATs
 - iii. Board Budget Recommendations
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

January 17, 2007

Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Dean Clark, Acting Chair
Andrea Brown
Brenda Holmes

Committee Members Absent

Ed Geppert

Other Board Members Physically Present

Chris Ward
Vinni Hall
Joyce Karon
David Fields
Jesse Ruiz

Staff Present

Chris Koch
Linda Riley Mitchell
Ronny Wickenhauser
Darren Reisberg
Becky Watts
Jean Ladage
Terry Chamberlain

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several individuals addressed funding for online library tools. A request for a \$5 million line item to be added to ISBE's budget was made.

Paula Pergament talked about the Adler Planetarium and the Columbia Explorer Academy. She requested a \$600,000 line item to support expansion of the planetarium's distance learning and other programs.

Jack Wuest with the Alternative School network asked for \$40 million dollars to be put in the budget for incentive grants to get reenrollment programs started across the state. He had several students with him speak about the network.

David Chizwer from the Illinois Network of Charter Schools discussed funding for the start-up of Charter Schools. He asked that the law be complied with and that an appropriation for Charter School Start-Up grants be put in place.

Ron Giles discussed the benefits of Charter Schools.

Phyllis Locket discussed state funding to open new charter schools.

Judy Pacey discussed the ROE Services line item. She encouraged the Board to restore funding to the 2003 level.

Paul Frank discussed a grant program for Science and Mathematics.

Michelle Olson discussed some of what the University of Chicago supports. They run three charter schools and hope to open two more in the next 18 months with the state support. They are involved in a K-12 research, they have a teacher training program and they run unique college preparations courses. They would like to see their grant proposal program supported this would allow institutions like theirs to be able to expand program opportunities and it would bring other higher institutions to the table and engage in this important work.

Kim Ransom runs a college access program for Chicago public school students. She discussed its success and how the funding would help them.

Chris Kennedy discussed the amount of children with Autism and the training the teachers have. He requested \$1 million for the Autism budget.

Carol P. from the Illinois Civic Mission asked for funding to continue their work.

Joe Brennan from the Field Museum renewed their request for funding.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Common Monitoring Database—Project Update

Terry Chamberlain and Warren Summers of the Data Systems division provided an update on the status of the Centralized Monitoring System. The system is to incorporate information reporting in monitoring activities across the agency to focus management attention and elevate problems in districts as they occur. Currently, monitoring activities of the divisions are not widely shared with other divisions. Communication takes place on a department by department basis and is not structured with limited reporting across divisions. Data Systems has gathered information from the department and found the level of computerization ranging from high to low with Funding and Disbursements, External Assurance, Child Nutrition, and Special Education having the highest levels of computerization. Divisions that are more computerized have information in a format that could be shared in centralized system. Other departments are less computerized and it would be more difficult for them to share data.

Joyce Karon stated that this information should all eventually become part of the Agency's data warehouse. Terry Chamberlain said that is our intention. Andrea Brown expressed that this database would greatly assist in providing better technical assistance to the districts by allowing ISBE to focus on and better support those districts that are in need. Terry Chamberlain stated that Data Systems is analyzing expanding the use of either the External Assurance Tracking System (EATS) or the Special Ed Monitoring and Compliance system across all the divisions. It is his plan to have a prototype data structure available some time in March depending upon the availability of staff. Brenda Holmes asked that we share the update report with the Division Administrators. Terry Chamberlain stated that he would send it to them.

3. DECISION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the December Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Approved

B. FY07 Budget

Linda Mitchell stated that the Board would be asked in tomorrow's Plenary Session to formally approved the FY07 or current year budget. Although that budget has been shared with the Board, discussed in prior meetings and used in preparing various agency reports, a review of the past minutes did not show that it had ever formally been ratified by the Board after it was passed by the General Assembly. A copy of the FY077 Budget is in the Plenary Session packet.

C. FY08 Budget

i. Summary of Budget Requests

Linda Mitchell stated that Mr. Geppert, while absent, had summarized the requests from the participants in the budget hearings as well as made a general recommendation for the fiscal year 2008 budget. She stated that the Board had also received a package that includes information regarding the projected General State Aid calculations, the headcount for the agency and new position justifications.

ii. FY08 Estimates for Foundation Level and MCATs

Ronny Wickenhauser discussed General State Aid. The Corporate income taxes are up this year and EAV's are growing allowing General State Aid to go up at a lower cost. Mr. Geppert had proposed about a \$250 million increase. That would buy a \$322 increase to the foundation level bringing the Foundation level to \$5,656. The current level is \$5,334. ISBE had several requests to fund Mandated Categoricals at 100%. The base cost at funding Mandated Categoricals at 100% is \$114 million; however, the Special Education Extraordinary appropriation or need is based on the General State Aid foundation level. When you consider the \$322 increase to the foundation level that brings the cost to fund Mandated Categoricals at 100% to \$132.5 million dollars. So the cost of those two increases together is pretty substantial.

Mr. Wickenhauser also stated that ISBE heard testimony during the budget hearings to increase the Special Ed Personnel reimbursement rate. One of the suggestions was to double the current amount from \$8,000 to \$16,000. The cost of that at funding at 100% is \$332.6 million. These three items would make up a request for increase funding for fiscal year 2008 of \$714 million. The percentage increase for General State Aid and Mandated Categorical's is about 13%.

iii. Board Budget Recommendations

Brenda Holmes motioned to accept Mr. Geppert's recommendations on General State Aid and Mandated Categoricals, and that the request for Special Ed Personnel be at \$166.3 million (rather than \$332.6 million). The motion was seconded by Jesse Ruiz.

Brenda Holmes – yes, Joyce Karon – yes, Chris Ward – yes, Jesse Ruiz – yes, Andrea Brown – yes, Dean Clark – yes, David Fields – yes, Vinnie Hall – no.

Jesse Ruiz made a motion to approve the rest of Mr. Geppert's proposals for specific grant programs on the fiscal year 2008 budget. David Fields seconded the motion. Brenda Holmes proposed that the committee deal only with the line items currently in the ISBE budget, then address additional requests not currently in the budget. Discussion ensued, however, Mr. Ruiz asked that his original motion be voted on.

Jesse Ruiz – yes, Andrea Brown – yes, Dean Clark – no, David Fields – no, Vinnie Hall – yes, Brenda Holmes – no, Joyce Karon – yes, Chris Ward – yes.

Motion carried for the adoption of the remainder of Mr. Geppert's proposed increases for the fiscal year 2008 budget.

Ronny Wickenhauser discussed funding for ISBE operations. Questions arose on adding funding for a Data Warehouse. Ronny Wickenhauser stated that the funds could be a separate line item or it can be added into other operations contractual line item.

Ronny Wickenhauser stated the personal services number includes what we need to maintain staffing levels with our current contractual obligations and also includes the funding with the additional 60 staff we are requesting. The other operations line item includes some operational increases, some minimal operational increases to the travel line item and to some other line items. The biggest part of that \$1.2 million is for computer related stuff mainly to replace all of the agencies servers.

Brenda Holmes asked if there was any federal money to use. Ronny said we are using federal money for some of them.

Brenda Holmes would like a seasonal person added to the Governmental relations staff.

Jesse Ruiz moved for the approval of Mr. Geppert's proposal for funding for personnel services and related, as well as an amended other operations number (to include funding for a Data Warehouse). Joyce Karon seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on Motion Jesse Ruiz – yes, Andrea Brown – abstain, Dean Clark – yes, David Fields – yes, Vinnie Hall – yes, Brenda Holmes – yes, Joyce Karon – yes, Chris Ward – yes.

D. Other

Linda Mitchell stated that in February the Finance and Audit Committee will hear a report from the Chief Internal Auditor Lisa Labonte on the status of the external audit findings. Deb Vespa will be participating in the February board meeting to have the Chairman of the Livingston FOP address the board and ask for formal approval to dissolve the FOP. In March, the Finance and Audit Committee will be able to review the financial profiles for FY 06. The information is currently being collected by the school districts. ISBE will go through their AFR's.

E. Adjourn

Governmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

3:15 p.m.

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

9-040 James R. Thompson Center

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 December Governmental Relations Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
5. Legislative Update (*Nicole Wills, Josh Jacobs*) (**p. 5**)
- *6. Updated Legislative Proposals (*Nicole Wills, Josh Jacobs*) (**pp. 6-23**)
7. Debriefing of "Conversation with Invited Stakeholders" (**p. 24**)
8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
9. 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

January 17, 2007

Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Brenda Holmes, Chair
Chris Ward
Jesse Ruiz
Dean Clark

Board Members Absent

Ed Geppert

Others Present

Supt. Chris Koch
Jean Ladage
Darren Reisberg
Josh Jacobs
Nicole Wills
Marsha Moffett
Sumantra Lahiri
Ginger Reynolds

Other Board Members Physically Present

Joyce Karon
Vinni Hall
Andrea Brown
Dave Fields

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was no public participation.

2. **INFORMATION ITEM:**

The December Governmental Relations committee notes were made a part of the record. The motion was made by Dr. Chris Ward and seconded by Dean Clark.

3. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

- HB 232 would prohibit the State Board and any school district from establishing, supporting or maintaining any virtual classes or virtual schools. This would impact both the Chicago Virtual Charter School and the Virtual High School and any local school district programs. The Board agreed that Governmental Relations staff should oppose HB 232. Members who voted against the Chicago Virtual Charter School in August stated that their opposition in August was for that specific proposal and does not indicate their opposition for all virtual learning proposals.
- HB 258 would establish a grant program subject to appropriation to pay for half the costs districts would incur for training personnel in CPR and AED use. Additionally, HB 285 would establish another grant program subject to appropriation that would create a renewable energy grant program that ISBE would administer. Board members gave approval for Governmental Relations staff to discuss these types of bills with sponsors in relation to the impact that additional work will have on the agency without an appropriation for ISBE staff.

5. **2007 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS – ISBE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee discussed legislative proposals that had been submitted by agency divisions not addressed in December. Staff answered a number of questions concerning Proposal #26, including questions involving any possible impact to the Teachers' Retirement System.

The Committee agreed that Governmental Relations staff could move forward on all three proposals as "Priority 2" legislation. These proposals include:

- Obsolete & Duplicative Round 2 - Proposal #14
- Textbook Publication Technology - Proposal #24
- Retired HQ Teachers Returning to Work - Proposal #26

6. DEBRIEFING OF “CONVERSATION WITH INVITED STAKEHOLDERS”

Committee members felt the “conversation with invited stakeholders” provided beneficial information and urged another future meeting as a follow up. Dr. Vinni Hall stated that she would like to see an additional group invited, particularly with a combination of executives of the teacher unions and real teachers, superintendents and principals. Dr. Brown urged the Superintendent to meet with these groups as had been done in the past and Superintendent stated that such a meeting had been scheduled. Chairwoman Holmes was going to begin looking at getting together another group in March or April, perhaps with some of the other associations.

7. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

In February the Board will be discussing the spring mandate waiver report. In future meetings after a permanent state Superintendent is selected, the committee would like to discuss statutory and regulatory references to the State Board of Education when, instead, agency staff or the state superintendent is intended. Committee members also asked Governmental Relations staff to look at the legislative calendar for any possible dates for a legislative meet and greet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Chris Ward made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dean Clark.

**Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, January 17, 2007
4:15 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 November Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-7**)
- *5 Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 60 (The "Grow Your Own" Teacher Education Initiative) (*Linda Jamali*) (**Plenary pp. 19-31**)
 - b. Part 70 (Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Assistance Grants) (*Kay Henderson*) (**Plenary pp. 32-48**)
6. Discussion Item
 - a. Nutrition Programs (*Chris Schmitt & Roxanne Ramage*) (**pp. 8-11**)
- 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, January 17, 2007

4:15p.m.

Room 9-040, James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Present

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

Absent

Ed Geppert

Others

Christopher Koch
Darren Reisberg
Sally Vogl
Linda Jamali
Cindy Zumwalt

Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

It was announced that no one had signed up for public participation. Brenda Holmes moved approval of the minutes of the November 2006 meeting. Chris Ward seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented. Chairman Ruiz abstained from this vote, not having been present at the prior meeting. Discussion moved to the remaining agenda items, beginning with item 5.

5. RULES FOR ADOPTION

PART 60 (The "Grow Your Own" Teacher Education Initiative)

Darren Reisberg noted that this rulemaking had been presented for the Board's initial review in October of 2006 and introduced Division Administrator Linda Jamali to address any questions the Board members might have. Ms. Jamali indicated that several items of public comment had been received and that the proposed rules had been modified in response to the area of concern that had been identified. She noted that this set of amendments had been prompted by legislative changes, as well as by several issues that had arisen in the course of the planning grant process. On the legislative side, the cap on the number of permissible programs had been eliminated; there was now scope for partial forgiveness of loans; the repayment obligation could be waived or deferred for good cause; and candidates must be preparing at the bachelor's degree level. As far as operation of the program was concerned, it had been determined that each candidate's loan should consist only of amounts provided for tuition, books, fees, and other items directly related to the preparation program and should exclude peripheral expenses such as child care. Finally, the definitions of "hard-to-staff school" and "hard-to-staff position" were being adjusted to reflect the original intent to confine the program to schools serving a substantial percentage of low-income students.

Vinni Hall stated that she had two concerns. The first had to do with her experience that there had been some people who came into teacher preparation under the aegis of this program who had been required by the institutions of higher education to stay in school for considerable periods of time. She expressed the hope that the agency would have a way to track institutions' implementation in terms of entering candidates and the length of their preparation, particularly when they enter with an associate's degree already completed.

Ms. Jamali agreed that this might represent a problem and explained that the Board of Higher Education and the Community College Board were trying to correct the situation by means of clear-cut articulation agreements. She believed the availability of the associate's degree in

teaching should have the effect of streamlining candidates' further work and also noted that the problem was less severe in the "Grow Your Own" program than in other initiatives. She went on to note that the equivalency of coursework completed in foreign institutions is reviewed by specific agencies and is not within ISBE's purview.

Dr. Hall's second concern lay in the elimination of the opportunity for candidates in this program to earn master's degrees. It was clarified that individuals holding bachelor's degrees would no longer be eligible to participate, but that use of other alternative routes to teacher preparation by these individuals was encouraged.

Andrea Brown asked about what happens when a candidate who has completed a "Grow Your Own" program starts teaching but is not hired for a second year. The obligation to repay a proportionate share of the loan amount was discussed. Dr. Brown's concern related to the need for counseling individuals out of teacher preparation when it becomes apparent that they are unsuited to the profession rather than allowing them to finish and incur the loan obligation. The responsibility for close collaboration between those recruiting the participants and the institutions of higher education was stressed. Dr. Brown asked Ms. Jamali whether she could estimate the percentage of those recruited who would complete the teaching obligation, that is, who would be retained in the schools the program was designed to serve. Ms. Jamali responded that it was too early in the program's implementation to know.

In the audience was Anne Hallett, Director of Grow Your Own Illinois, and Dr. Brown noted that speaking with Ms. Hallett prior to the meeting had allayed some of her fears in this regard.

Brenda Holmes expressed her appreciation for Ms. Jamali's efforts in the establishment of this program, and Dr. Brown stated the belief that Illinois was at the forefront in this field and that the program should be a model for others.

PART 70 (Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Assistance Grant)

Mr. Reisberg recalled the October 2006 emergency rulemaking that was identical to these proposed rules and stated that, since no public comment had been received, the version being presented for adoption was identical to those earlier versions. He introduced Cindy Zumwalt, an ISBE staff member in the early childhood education division, who was present to speak to any questions the Board members wished to ask.

There were no questions. The Board members expressed support for the grant program established by Part 70 and their hope that an increase in high-quality early childhood education programs would result.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Darren Reisberg introduced Division Administrator Christine Schmitt and Division Supervisor Mark Haller to discuss the comparative information that had been provided in the Board packet and answer any further questions on nutrition standards or wellness policies.

Ms. Schmitt reminded the Board members that their December materials had included a comparison between federal requirements and the provisions of Part 305, School Food Service. This month, the recommendations of the School Wellness Policy Task Force had also been included.

Joyce Karon mentioned a *Chicago Tribune* article that had indicated that most fattening foods are found at home rather than in schools. Chris Ward recalled that that had been the Board's understanding at the outset of the recent round of rulemaking but that some things done in schools compounded the problem.

Mr. Reisberg framed the issue in terms of the provision in Part 305 which requires that the Board initiate a revision to the rules in response to the standards set forth in the Task Force's report. He noted that the discussion then taking place was intended to constitute that initiation. Brenda Holmes asked for confirmation of what had been stated previously from a legal perspective, namely that initiating the discussion was required but that it was not a foregone conclusion that the Task Force's recommendation would be incorporated into ISBE's rules or put into effect. Ms. Schmitt confirmed her understanding on this point. Ms. Holmes expressed her appreciation for the work and good intentions of the Task Force members. It was agreed that there is an issue with what students consume but that the recommendations needed a good deal of further consideration and discussion. The agency's next steps were identified as continuing with an in-depth analysis, after which the staff would communicate recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Reisberg stated that the Board would then be able to determine how it wished to proceed, possibly with further revisions to Part 305. Staff would certainly pay deference to the Task Force's report and welcome any additional input from the Board. However, he reiterated that there was no requirement for accepting any of the Task Force's recommendations. He also noted, however, that the State Board must adopt a goal to the effect that all districts would adopt wellness policies incorporating certain points, in line with recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It was pointed out that districts had already been required to have local wellness policies in place by the start of the 2006-07 school year and that they had done a very good job with these. The suggested language of a Board goal would be brought forward by staff for consideration.

Ms. Holmes inquired about the relationship of the CDC's policies to those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Ms. Schmitt clarified the four required components of districts' policies: standards for foods served during the school day; goals for nutrition education and physical activity; community involvement; and a plan for measuring implementation. Mr. Reisberg noted that it was P.A. 94-199 that had established the requirement for the Board to have a relevant goal.

Dr. Hall recalled the October discussion, at which time some Board members had felt ISBE was duplicating the work of the Wellness Task Force. Now that rulemaking had been completed relative to elementary schools, she felt that doing more in rules would defeat the intent of the legislation. Instead, she advocated work aimed at informing parents as to what good nutrition is and stated that the Board should move on to other matters.

7. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING

Mr. Reisberg provided an overview of the rulemaking items that were likely to be ready for the Board's initial review at the February meeting, including Part 25 (Certification), new Part 485 (Appeal Proceedings Before the State Teacher Certification Board), and Part 180 (Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools), which needed to be amended in response to P.A. 94-973. In addition, a pending set of amendments to Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) was expected to be ready for adoption at that time. That set of amendments also included changes in response to recent legislation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

David Fields moved to adjourn the meeting and Chris Ward seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.