

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

June 20-21, 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, June 20, 2007**

- 10:30 a.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 8 1 7 8 8 2 7
- \*2:00 p.m. Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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- \*3:30 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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- \*4:15 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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\* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

**Thursday, June 21, 2007**

- 8:30 a.m. Board Operations Committee**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 8 1 7 8 8 2 8
- 9:30 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Board Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois  
Thursday, June 21, 2007  
9:30 a.m.

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

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

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**A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**B. Resolutions & Recognition**

**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: May 17, 2007 (**pp. 4-14**)
- \*2. Rules for Adoption
  - a. Part 25 (Certification) (**pp. 17-43**)
  - b. Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan) (**pp. 44-48**)
  - c. Part 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative) (**pp. 49-75**)
- \*3. Contracts over \$1 million
  - a. WIDA Memorandum of Understanding (**pp. 76-77**)
  - b. University of Illinois Memorandum of Understanding (**pp. 78-80**)
  - c. Illinois Interactive Report Card Contract (**pp. 81-82**)
  - d. Student Information System (SIS) Contract Renewal (**pp. 83-94**)
  - e. Harrisburg Project Contract (**pp. 95-96**)
  - f. FY08 Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS) (Technology for Success) (**pp. 97-98**)
  - g. Reading First Wireless Generation (**pp. 99-100**)
- \*4. Grants over \$1 million
  - a. FY08 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grants (**pp. 101-102**)
  - b. FY08 Learning Technology Centers Grants (Technology for Success) (**pp. 103-106**)
  - c. FY08 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grants (**pp. 107-108**)
  - d. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grant (ISTAC) (**pp. 109-110**)
- \*5. ISAT Math Definitions (**pp. 111-133**)
- \*6. QZAB Bond Authorization(s) (**pp. 134-144**)
- \*7. Pre-K Report to the General Assembly (**pp. 145-197**)
- \*8. NASBE Membership Renewal and Election (**pp. 198-211**)

- \*9. Appeals Advisory Committee Recommendations **(pp. 212-218)**
- \*10. Recommendations from the Teacher Certification Board
  - a. Institution Accreditation and Program Approvals
    - 1) Bradley University **(pp. 219-222)**
    - 2) Wheaton College **(pp. 223-226)**
  - b. Initial Unit Accreditation and Program Approval **(pp. 227-231)**
    - 1) American College of Education
    - 2) Argosy University
    - 3) The Chicago School

***(end of consent agenda)***

- 11. Update List of SES Providers **(pp. 232-235)**
- 12. Draft Strategic Plan Update to the General Assembly **(separate cover)**
- 13. Ogden v. Ruiz Settlement Agreement
- 14. Part 226 (Special Education) *(tentative)*
- 15. Englert v. Dunn *(tentative)*
- 16. Teacher Certification Board Nominations *(tentative)*

**E. New Business**

**F. Announcements and Reports**

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

**G. Information Items**

- 1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report **(pp. 236-239)**
- 2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports **(pp. 240-257)**

**H. Adjourn**

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 21, 2007**  
**100 North First Street**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

<b>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</p> <p>The Board members, Dr. Koch and anyone who wished to join them faced the American flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board meeting was being audio-cast live over the Internet.</p> <p><b><u>Members Present:</u></b> 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><b><u>Members Absent:</u></b> None</p>
<b>RESOLUTIONS &amp; RECOGNITION</b>	<p>Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Mr. Rolland Marshall for his leadership and dedication to improving Education for all students. Mr. Geppert seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Ms. Frana Allen for her leadership and dedication to the field of Education. Ms. Holmes seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Mr. Ed Geppert for his leadership, dedication and commitment to the field of public education. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert thanked the Board for the opportunity to work and serve with them. He also took time to personally thank the staff for performing their jobs everyday with the nobility, expertise, knowledge and dedication that goes far beyond what one could expect. Mr. Geppert thanked the administrative staff for their assistance and support. He closed by saying that he hopes that he has been true to the teachers, staffs and children of the State of Illinois in representing them and their essential work, and by challenging them to do better. Mr. Geppert thanked the Board for his Certificate of Recognition. Chairman Ruiz wished him well in his new position as President of the Illinois Federation of Teachers.</p>

<p><b>Special Introduction</b></p>	<p>Dr. Koch introduced several members of the Illinois Parent Leadership Council, Mr. Brad Hemingway, a member of Olympia Fields School District #162 Parent Organization and the South Cook County Board for Junior Achievement; Ms. Shelia Stocks-Smith, Director of Education Liaison for the Springfield Mayor's Office; and Ms. Deb Kunz, ISBE Special Education staff member and a parent liaison. The group addressed the Board as council members of the Illinois Parent Leadership Council. The Illinois Parent Leadership Council was established by an Executive Order as part of Governor Blagojevich's Education Plan. The Council's purpose is to serve as an advisory body to the Illinois State Board of Education and the Office of the Governor in a leadership capacity, setting examples for Illinois parents and educators on the importance of parental involvement in education. Ms. Stocks-Smith noted that the Council strongly believes that there is a connection between home and school, as it relates to increasing student achievement.</p> <p>Ms. Stocks-Smith indicated that in the few meetings they have had, they are working to propose a schedule for next year's meetings and they are hoping to provide some best practices for parent involvement. Dr. Hall asked that they make parent involvement at the high school level a priority. Ms. Kunz thanked Superintendent Koch for his appreciation of the importance of parent involvement in the agency and his support of the Council.</p>
<p><b>IBHE Liaison Report</b></p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Dr Nandi gave the following summary on the June 5, 2007 IBHE meeting held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received a presentation by Dr. David Spence, President of Southern Regional Education Board on the Development of Statewide College and Career Readiness Standards and Assessments.</li> <li>• Don McNeil of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission briefed the IBHE members on Student Loan Issues.</li> <li>• The Board took action to allocate funds for two programs: Health Services Education Grants Act Fiscal Year 2007 Grant and Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program Fiscal Year 2008 Grant Program.</li> <li>• Discussed campus safety.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p>	<p>Mr. Joseph Pedersen, President of Achievement Builders Corporation, spoke on their online web-based testing program. The testing program was developed in Illinois and is now used in eight other states. The tests are practice ISAT exercises for students in grades 3 through 8. The tests allow elementary students, teachers and parents to see deficit-strength feedback in student learning within the fundamental learning areas of reading, mathematics, science &amp; social science by producing a scorecard.</p> <p>Board members asked Mr. Pedersen several questions about the product.</p>
<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Consent Agenda Items and Motion</b></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 event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz stated that consent agenda item D.8. NASBE Membership Renewal and Election will be removed from the consent agenda and</p>

<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Rules for Adoption</b></p> <p><b>Contracts over \$1 million</b></p>	<p>considered a separate item for discussion. He also indicated that agenda items # 13. Ogden v. Ruiz Settlement Agreement and agenda item # 15. Englert v. Dunn will be discussed after the closed session.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch gave the Board members a brief summary on the items on the consent agenda.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked for a motion regarding the consent agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call voice vote.</p> <p>The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Approval of Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meeting of May 17, 2007 Board meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Rules for Adoption</u></b> <b><u>Part 25(Certification)</u></b></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for: Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Rules for Adoption</u></b> <b><u>Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan)</u></b></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for: Secular Textbook Loan (23 Illinois Administrative Code 350). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Rules for Adoption</u></b> <b><u>Part 555 (Children’s Mental Health Initiative)</u></b></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for: Children’s Mental Health Initiative (23 Illinois Administrative Code 555). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Contracts over \$1 million</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>WIDA Memorandum of Understanding</u></b></p> <p>The State Board hereby State Board of Education hereby authorizes staff to extend the Memorandum of Understanding to provide for the development, printing, delivery, and scoring services for the ACCESS. This agreement period will extend from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, with the total amount not exceeding \$9 million for the two-year period.</p>
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Grants over \$1 million

**University of Illinois Memorandum of Understanding**

The State Board hereby authorizes staff to develop and the State Superintendent to executive a Memorandum of Understanding to provide for the ongoing evaluation of assessment services. The agreement shall extend from September 30, 2007 until June 30, 2012. The total amount shall not exceed \$1,250,000 for the five year period.

**Illinois Interactive Report Card Contract**

The State Board hereby approves the contract renewal with Northern Illinois University for the purpose of refining and maintaining the Illinois Interactive Report Card.

**Student Information System (SIS)  
Contract Renewal**

The State Board hereby approves the contract renewal with IBM for the purpose of expanding the SIS to include new capabilities.

**Harrisburg Project Contract**

The State Board hereby approves the renewal of the Harrisburg Project to retain a contracting entity to manage the collection and reporting of special education data.

**FY08 Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS) Technology for Success**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a multi-year intergovernmental agreement with Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy to administer the Illinois Virtual High School.

**Reading First Wireless Generation**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to issue Wireless Generation a contract approval out of federal Title I, Part B, Subpart I Reading First Funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 and further, to enter into this contract and in accordance with all applicable laws.

**Grants over \$1 million**

**FY08 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grants**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to approve grant awards to selected grantees for the federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers program that exceed \$1million dollars, and further, to enter into grant agreements in accordance with all applicable laws.

**FY08 Learning Technology Center Grants (Technology for Success)**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to approve grant awards to selected Regional Offices of Education to operate the Learning Technology Centers in an amount not to exceed \$2.4 million, and further, to enter into grant agreements pursuant to this these Continuing Applications and in accordance with all applicable laws.

**FY08 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grants**

The State Board hereby authorizes the ISBE enter into grant agreements with district(s) for the second year of the Enhancing Education Through Technology Program which exceed \$1 million.

**Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grant (ISTAC)**

The State Board of hereby approves the renewal of the ISTAC grant to provide a fully coordinated statewide approach to technical assistance and support for

**ISAT Math Definitions**

the implementation of best practices.

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The State Board of Education approves the ISAT Math Performance Descriptions.

**QZAB Bond Authorization(s)**

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The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the applications submitted by the districts listed below for designation of \$14,790,000 in bonds from the calendar year 2006 allocation and \$14,790,000 in bonds from the calendar year 2007 allocation as Qualified Zone Academy Bonds pursuant to the provisions of Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program.)

District	2006 Allocation	2007 Allocation
City of Chicago School District 299	\$ 2,958,000	\$ 2,958,000
School District U-46	\$ 6,200,000	
Cook County School District 130	\$ 4,830,000	
Kewanee Community Unit School District 229	\$ 802,000	\$ 198,000
Sunnybrook School District 171		\$ 3,150,000
Unity Point Community Consolidated School District 140		\$ 1,010,955
Joppa-Maple Grove Unit District 38		\$ 800,000
Brownstown Community Unit School District 201		\$ 1,281,000
Quincy School District 172		\$ 5,392,045
Total	\$14,790,000	\$14,790,000

**Pre-K Report to the General Assembly**

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The State Board of Education directs staff to transmit the Illinois Prekindergarten Program for Children At Risk of Academic Failure 2005-06 Evaluation Report to the Illinois General Assembly and post the report on the Agency's Web site.

**Appeals Advisory Committee Recommendations**

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The Illinois State Board of Education accepts the Appeals Advisory Committee and the Superintendent's recommendation to:  
Uphold the Agency's position on Sandwich CUSD #430, Woodstock CUSD #200, Lincoln SD #156, Milford THSD #233, Lockport THSD #205, and Charleston CUSD #1.

The Illinois State Board of Education accepts the Appeals Advisory Committee and the Superintendent's recommendation to reject the Agency's position on part 1 of Chicago SD #299 appeal, finding that for this specific instance, the students whose tests were lost at John Whistler Elementary School and Mount Greenwood Elementary School will not be calculated into the participation rate for the 2006 AYP cycle only.

The Illinois State Board of Education rejects the Appeals Advisory Committee's recommendation and accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to uphold the Agency's position on part 2 of Chicago SD #299 appeal, finding that the Illinois Accountability Workbook approved by the Department of Education states: "Regardless of where a student with disabilities may be attending school, his or her achievement results are counted as part of the AYP for the student's home school. This calculation will be included in the district's AYP." (See Appendix A) Furthermore, to support Chicago's appeal on this matter would be inconsistent with intent and provisions of the Corey H. settlement.

**Recommendations for  
the Teacher Certification  
Board**

Section 4, paragraph 15, states that all ISBE policies, current and future, which have an impact on the education of children with disabilities in the LRE, shall support the education of students with disabilities. Current ISBE policy complies with the Corey H. settlement agreement and should not be altered.

**Recommendations for the Teacher Certification Board  
Institution Accreditation and Program Approvals**

**Bradley University**

In accordance with Section 25.125 (j) (1) of the State Board's administrative rules, the State Board of Education hereby assigns the status of "**continuing accreditation**" to **Bradley University** and authorizes the institution to conduct its programs and recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled review. This review will occur in 2013.

In accordance with Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A) of the State Board's administrative rules on review of individual programs, the State Board of Education hereby assigns "**continuing approval**" to the following professional education preparation programs for **Bradley University** as they meet the applicable Illinois content area standards.

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Family and Consumer Science
- Music
- Science: Biology
- Science: Chemistry
- Science: Earth and Space Science
- Science: Physics
- Visual Arts
- Learning Behavior Specialist I

In accordance with Section 25.127 (j) (1) (B) of the State Board's administrative rules on review of individual programs, the State Board of Education hereby assigns "**provisional approval**" to the following professional education preparation programs for **Bradley University** as the program reports were found to exhibit less than full compliance with the applicable content standards.

- English Language Arts
- Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish)
- Mathematics
- Social Science: History
- School Counselor
- Principal/General Administrative

Programs that have been provisionally approved must submit the relevant SPA or SAO program report results to the State Board no later than 18 months after provisional approval has been granted [IAC Section 25.127 (j) (1) (B)]. The results of the program report reviews will be conveyed to the Certification Board, which will then convey its recommendations to the State Board of Education.

**Wheaton College**

In accordance with Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A) of the State Board's administrative rules on review of individual programs, the State Board of Education assigns "**continuing approval**" to the following professional education preparation

**programs for Wheaton College** as they meet the applicable Illinois content area standards.

- Elementary Education
- English Language Arts
- Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish): Undergraduate
- Mathematics
- Music
- Social Science: History

Further, in accordance with Section 25.127 (j) (1) (B) of the State Board's administrative rules on review of individual programs, the State Board of Education assigns "**provisional approval**" to the following **professional education preparation programs for Wheaton College** as the program reports were found to exhibit less than full compliance with the applicable content standards.

- Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish): Graduate
- Science: Biology
- Science: Chemistry
- Science: Earth and Space Science
- Science: Physics

Programs that have been provisionally approved must submit the relevant SPA program report results to the State Board no later than 18 months after provisional approval has been granted [IAC Section 25.127 (j) (1) (B)]. The results of the program report reviews will be conveyed to the Certification Board, which will then convey its recommendations to the State Board of Education.

**Recommendations for the Teacher Certification Board  
Initial Unit Accreditation and Program Approval**

**American College of Education  
Argosy University  
The Chicago School**

In accordance with Section 25.155 (l) (1) of the State Board's administrative rules, the State Board of Education hereby:

- Recognizes the **American College of Education**, assigns accreditation of the educational unit, and approves the Principal/General Administrative teacher education program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the approved program and recommend candidates by entitlement. The State Board hereby authorizes the institution to conduct its program and recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled review. This review will occur in 2012.
- Recognizes **Argosy University**, assigns accreditation of the educational unit, and approves the Principal/General Administrative and Superintendent Teacher education programs, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the approved programs and recommend candidates by entitlement. The State Board authorizes the institution to conduct its programs and recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled review. This review will occur in 2012.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognizes <b>The Chicago School</b>, assigns accreditation of the educational unit, and approves the School Psychologist teacher education program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the approved program and to recommend candidates by entitlement. The State Board authorizes the institution to conduct its program and recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled review. This review will occur in 2012.</li> </ul> <p><b>END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b>NASBE Membership Renewal and Election</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NASBE Membership Renewal and Election</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Geppert moved that the Illinois State Board of Education authorizes renewal of NASBE membership for 2008, including the middle-range professional development account for use by Illinois members.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert further moved that the Illinois State Board of Education refrain from voting for the candidate for President-Elect.</p> <p>On behalf of the members of the Illinois Board, he would like to take this opportunity to officially request that NASBE review voting procedures for the election of national officers. Specifically we would request NASBE to examine the possibility of allowing for write-in candidates.</p> <p>Illinois casts its vote in the remaining offices, Secretary-Treasurer: Greg Haws-Utah and Central Area Director, Clinton Waara-South Dakota.</p> <p>Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert explained that there are concerns around the country and in Illinois with the NASBE process to elect national officials; when options are limited due to the withdrawal of a prior candidate. NASBE needs to address this issue so that there are adequate options for states in electing their national officers.</p>
<p><b>Update List Of SES Providers</b></p>	<p>Mr. Dean Clark moved that the following motion be adopted:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Whereas the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires that the State Board of Education promote maximum participation of Supplemental Educational Service providers and maintain an updated list of approved providers. I move that the applicants indicated on Attachment 1 be approved for addition to the Illinois Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers.</i></p> <p>Ms. Brenda Holmes seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call vote, with Dr. Vinni Hall voting "No".</p>
<p><b>Draft Strategic Plan Update to the General Assembly</b></p>	<p>Dr. Koch commented that because the Strategic Plan had not, again, received adequate funding, it has been difficult to summarize activities, yet we continue to have the statutory authority for an annual report. In this draft report, information has been inserted about the Gates Memorandum of Understanding and Principal Mentoring. These items have been incorporated into the report under the appropriate goals. Also included is a section specifically showing where money has been expended from the allocation that was provided for the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes moved that the State Board of Education hereby approve the Strategic Plan Report and directs the State Superintendent to submit appropriate copies to the Illinois General Assembly on or before July 1, 2007.</p>

	Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.
<b>Part 226 (Special Education)</b>	<i>(No action needed)</i>
<b>Teacher Certification Board Nominations</b>	<p>Mr. Geppert moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the following recommended appointments to the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE)</u></b> Dr. Deborah J. Curtis (Second Term)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Illinois Education Association (IEA)</u></b> Sheila Bowens (First Term) Eric Brown (First Term)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT)</u></b> Caryn Block (First Term)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools</u></b> Stephen Breese (First Term)</p> <p>Dr. David Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice call vote.</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	Chairman Ruiz announced that "New Business" is a new item printed on the agenda. Although we will not be allowed to vote on any non-posted agenda items; this is an opportunity to discuss any upcoming agenda items. Chairman Ruiz asked if there was new business to be presented at this time; there was no new business.
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:</b>	Dr. Koch recognized staff for their efforts and long hours to help process the work for the end of the fiscal year. Superintendent Koch also stated that Darren Reisberg, Sally Vogl and he have had several meetings with the General Assembly JCAR on the Part 226 (Special Education) Regulation.
<b>Superintendent's Announcements</b>	Superintendent Koch commented that he plans to travel to Portland, Maine, for the Chief State School Offices Conference on July 28 <sup>th</sup> - August 1 <sup>st</sup> . This will be Dr. Koch's 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting with the Council.
<b>Senior Staff Announcements</b>	<p>Beth Hanselman, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Special Education &amp; Support Services provided information to the Board regarding the State Performance Plan. She also commented that new IEP forms are available and staff will be conducting training on the new forms. This will help districts understand how to complete their IEP forms to ensure that their district will improve their program, specifically showing the relationship to the State Performance Plan, Part 226 regulations and federal regulations. Ms. Hanselman stated that they are now in the process of revising their Parent's Guide to align with the new regulations.</p> <p>Ms. Hanselman invited any Board Member who wished to attend to the Leadership Conference in Washington on August 8-10, 2007. She also reminded them of the Directors Conference on August 1-2, 2007 in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza. They will be holding sessions on Best Practices, Response to Intervention, Research Based Interventions, Literacy Transition,</p>

	<p>Disproportionality and will finish the conference with a discussion of the changes to Part 226</p> <p>Linda Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer, stated that this is a very busy time for the school finance and fiscal staff of the agency as the end of the fiscal year approaches. Staff are working to get payments completed. She also reported that they have been informed that Calumet School District will be getting a new business manager July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Don Evans, Director of Human Resources and Professional Development and Conference Planning, reported that the agency has been very active in the New Americans and Immigration Task Force. The Task Force has completed Phase 1 of the initiative. Phase 1 determines best practices to help immigrants coming into the State of Illinois with health and human services, as well as education. They are now moving into Phase 2 which is the implementation of the recommendations. The Committee is made up of community leaders and education leaders. They have a welcoming center opening in July in Melrose Park. Mr. Evans also commented that a draft copy of the Human Resources Manual will be coming out today for internal review.</p> <p>Ginger Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching &amp; Learning Services for All Children, commented that this year's testing is moving ahead as planned and everything seems to be going well. June 29<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for schools to have their demographics data cleanup completed for their IAA, ISAT and IMAGE testing. There will be no extensions for further data clean up. Mid-July PSAE will be posted and schools will have a couple weeks to review and clean up that data.</p> <p>Darren Reisberg, General Counsel, reported that with the fiscal year coming to close initial contracts and amendments are being drafted. The fiscal area is working well with legal to create a systematic way of handling these contracts so that there will not be such a rush to process them by the end of the fiscal year.</p>
<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz reported that the following Board Members will be attending out of state meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brenda Holmes will be attending the ECS National Education Forum on July 10 - 13, 2007 in Philadelphia. (Expenses paid by ECS.)</li> <li>• Joyce Karon will be attending the NASH and The Education Trust State Teams P-16 Summer Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 29 - 31, 2007.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he had participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <p><b>May 18</b> Attended the 27<sup>th</sup> Tutor/Mentoring Leadership &amp; Networking Conference, Northwestern School of Law</p> <p><b>May 24</b> Panelist for Wallace Foundation Preparation of School Leaders:</p> <p><b>May 30</b> Attended Inaugural Summit on the Metropolitan Family Services, University of Chicago's Glecher Center</p> <p><b>June 7</b> Moderated panel – Gates Foundation IL Partners Convening/Preparing all Students for Success</p> <p><b>June 12</b> Received Voice of Freedom Award at Harriet Beecher Stowe Fine</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Arts Academy</p> <p><b>June 12</b> Graduation keynote speaker at Salazar Elementary School</p> <p><b>June 23 (Tomorrow)</b> Keynote speaker at Sterling/Rock Falls Twin Cities Education Scholarship Awards (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Latin American Social Club Luncheon, Sterling.</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Board Operations Committee of the Whole</b>  Dr. Chris Ward reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved the minutes of May 2007 Board Operations Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Reviewed and approved a new nomination for a Resolution of Recognition.</li> <li>• Discussed Board retreat plans and agenda.</li> <li>• Discussed the NASBE Membership Renewal and Election.</li> </ul> <p><b>Education Policy Planning Committee</b>  Dr. David Fields reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin Cogdill, Superintendent of Marissa School District voiced his concerns to the Committee on not receiving an Enhancing Education through Technology grant.</li> <li>• Received a presentation from several teachers in the Chester School District on the successes of their Enhancing Education through Technology grants.</li> <li>• Approved the minutes from the May 2007 Education Policy and Planning Committee Meeting.</li> <li>• Received a presentation from Dr. Fred Singleton, Field Director of the Illinois Principals Association and Mr. Jason Leahy, Executive Director of the Illinois Principals Association on the progress they are making in developing the Illinois Distinguished Principal Leadership Institute.</li> <li>• Discussed and reviewed nine Grants and Contracts over \$1 million.</li> <li>• Connie Wise and Kalpana Desai reviewed the Illinois Pre-Kindergarten Program for Children At Risk of Academic Failure 2005-06 Evaluation Report.</li> <li>• Received a presentation from Jon Furr, Holland + Knight and Sally Askman, Gates Foundation discussed the status of the Illinois College and Work Readiness Partnership-Phase 2; Longitudinal Data System.</li> <li>• Received a presentation on the Burnham Plan by Max McGee, Superintendent of Wilmette School District #39, Dave Bonnette, Retired Superintendent of River Forest School District #90, Jo Anderson, Executive Director of Illinois Education Association, Mitch Roth, General Counsel, Illinois Education Association and Mary Ellen Guest from A+ Illinois.</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole</b>  Mr. Edward Geppert reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Leider, ISBE Administrator, Rob Grossi, Chairperson of the Oversight Panel, Ernestine Stover, Board President of Calumet Public School District #132 and Elizabeth Reynolds, District Superintendent spoke to the Committee on the positive changes that are taking place in Calumet Park School District #132.</li> <li>• Linda Mitchell and Ronny Wickhauser updated the Committee on the FY 08 budget.</li> <li>• Approved the minutes of the May 2007 Finance and Audit Committee</li> </ul>

	<p>Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deb Vespa updated the Committee on school construction and Qualified Zone Academy Authorization (QZAB) Bonds.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that Dean Clark has agreed to Chair the Finance and Audit Committee with Ed Geppert resigning.</p> <p><b>Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole</b>  Ms. Brenda Holmes reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole Wills and Kristi Kenney updated the committee on upcoming ISBE legislation and other issues occurring in the General Assembly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole</b>  Mr. Darren Reisberg reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the rules for adoption: Part 225 (Certification), Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan) and Part 555 (Children’s Mental Health Initiative).</li> <li>• Darren Reisberg updated the Committee on Part 226 (Special Education)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Members’ Reports</b></p>	<p>Mr. Clark attended the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting on June 1, 2007 in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Clark commented that he had the opportunity to meet with Tu Cheng-Sheng, Minister of Education in Taiwan, on June 15, 2007. They discussed the Memorandum of Understanding that is being negotiated with ISBE and Ministry of Education in Taiwan for potential teachers, teacher exchanges and student visits. Mr. Clark also attended the inaugural showing of the video “Navigating American Education System” on June 18, 2007. The video is made available by the DuPage Regional Office of Education and it is designed to involve Hispanic parents in the education system so they can advocate for their children’s education. Tonight, June 21<sup>st</sup>, he looks forward to attending the Illinois Arts Council Program “Arts Across America” at WTTW/Channel 11 Studio in Chicago.</p> <p>Dr. Brown commented that she has attended several Regional Superintendents retirement parties.</p> <p>Dr. Hall attended NASBE English Language Learners Study Group on June 1, 2007 in Alexandria, Virginia. Dr. Hall has also been serving on the Early Learning Council as Chair of Special Populations and they will be hosting a meeting on July 17, 2007 to determine what these special populations are. She was the graduation speaker at the Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education.</p> <p>Dr. Ward commented that he had the opportunity to attend the NASBE Models of Success Study Group on June 1, 2007 in Alexandria, Virginia. Dr. Ward stated that he will share the outcome of the study group with the Board and Superintendent Koch as soon as it is available.</p> <p>Dr. Fields stated that he attended Regional Superintendent Judith Pacey’s retirement party. She is retiring from the Champaign/Ford Counties Regional Office of Education #9.</p> <p>Mr. Geppert stated that he attended the Illinois High School Challenge Conference on June 13-14, 2007 in Bloomington, Illinois.</p>

<p><b>Closed Session</b></p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that following closed session the Board will reconvene to take action on the following agenda items listed on today's agenda: D. 13. Ogden v. Ruiz Settlement Agreement and D. 15. Englert v. Dunn Settlement Agreement.</p> <p>Dr. Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:</p> <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 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Hall further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session. Mr. Geppert seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:45 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Ogden v. Ruiz Settlement Agreement</b></p>	<p>Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a settlement agreement for Ogden v. Ruiz, including without limitation, the following terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plaintiff will be permitted to retake the Test of Basic Skills on one occasion after September 1, 2007, upon certain conditions, including without limitation that: (a) Plaintiff provides an ink-based right thumb print to the Illinois State Police within two weeks of execution of the Settlement Agreement and (b) Plaintiff provides an ink-based finger print image of the right thumb print on the relevant test document at the test sight in accordance with the National Educational Systems procedure.</li> <li>• The defendant shall not pay any amount of money to Plaintiffs as a result of this settlement.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
<p><b>Englert v. Dunn Settlement Agreement</b></p>	<p>Ms. Karon moved that the State Board of Education hereby authorize the State Superintendent to enter into a settlement agreement for Englert v. Dunn including, without limitation, the following terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any Regional Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent during FY04 shall have the opportunity receive a statutory COLA for FY04, subject to any exceptions agreed upon by the Parties.</li> <li>• Any Regional Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent during FY06 shall have an opportunity to receive the statutory COLA for FY06, subject to any exceptions agreed upon by the Parties.</li> <li>• Any Regional Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent during FY07 shall, from the relevant FY07 appropriation, have an opportunity to receive the statutory COLA for FY07 for the period from February 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007 subject to any exceptions agreed upon by the Parties.</li> <li>• With respect to the payments for the FY04 and FY06, Defendants will use their best efforts to obtain an appropriation for such amounts in the FY08 State budget.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There shall be no COLA for FY05 and any such COLA for FY05 shall not be included in the calculation of future salaries.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Geppert seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
<b>Information Items</b>	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.
<b>Motion for Adjournment</b>	Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Dr. Vinni Hall**  
Board Secretary

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**Mr. Jesse Ruiz**  
Chairman

**Board Operations Committee**

**Thursday, June 21, 2007  
8:30 a.m.**

**Board Room, 4th Floor**

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

**AGENDA**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Board Member Participation by Other Means**
- 3. Public Participation**
- 4. Discussion Items**
  - a. Minutes of the May Board Operations Committee Meeting (*pp. 2-4*)**
  - \*b. Review New Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition (*pp. 5-6*)**
  - c. 2007 Retreat Planning (*pp. 7-16*)**
  - d. NASBE Membership Renewal and NASBE Election (*Plenary pp. 198-211*)**
  - e. 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.

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## BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

June 21, 2007

Springfield, Illinois

### 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  
Dean Clark, Board Member  
Ed Geppert, Board Member  
Brenda Holmes, Board Member

### Members Absent

None

### Staff Present

Jean Ladage  
Marsha Moffett  
Christopher A. Koch  
Darren Reisberg

#### 1. **ROLL CALL**

Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves for purposes of roll call. (See above.)

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

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

#### 3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Paula Pergament brought the Board a copy of the Adler Planetarium Annual Report. Ms Pergament provided a brief update on progress with Adler's education programs.

#### 4.a. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

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

The Board Operations Committee reviewed two resolutions to recommend for approval in plenary session on Thursday.

#### 4.c. **RETREAT PLANNING**

Dr. Koch indicated he is looking forward to the 2007 retreat and he wants to be sure he provides the Board with the materials and tools they will need to carry out a successful retreat. He inquired about being able to work with specific Board members on specific topics. Chairman Ruiz indicated he likes the idea of each Board member becoming a champion for a certain issue.

It was suggested that there were too many issues on the retreat agenda for the Board to be able to have meaningful discussions around each. The determination was made that there should be a few key issues for discussion, plus the Board self-evaluation and a closed session discussion with Superintendent Koch.

The discussion on School Restructuring should be removed from the retreat agenda. The issues of School Safety and Early Childhood Education can be done in committee.

Superintendent Koch introduced the idea of a possible "Board Buddy" for individual issues. Chairman Ruiz indicated he likes the idea of each Board member championing specific issues. The Board finalized a list of topics for the Board retreat and Board members volunteered for serving as the champion of those issues.

- Gates MOU/Data (Joyce Karon)
- Demographics (Vinni Hall)
- HS Reform (Chris Ward)
- P-20 Legislative Update (short update) (Joyce Karon)
- Board Self-Evaluation

- Closed Session with Supt

**4.d. NASBE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NASBE ELECTION**

The determination was made to renew NASBE membership including the middle level rate of professional development.

Discussion pursued in regards to the lack of more than one candidate for the position of President Elect. The committee will recommend that Chairman Ruiz write a cover memo to accompany the Illinois ballot and indicate that Illinois is refraining from voting for the position of President-Elect and to request that NASBE review the association bylaws regarding election of officers. The committee recommended voting for the remaining offices on the ballot.

**4.e. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

There will be no committee meetings during August. A recap of the retreat will appear on the September committee agenda.

**5. DECISION ITEMS**

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

**6. ADJOURN**

Dr. Hall moved to adjourn the committee meeting. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

**Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, June 20, 2007**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Board Room, 4th Floor**

**Public Conference Call Access Number:** 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*)  
*Confirmation # 1 8 1 7 8 8 2 7*

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the May Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (*pp. 2-3*)
5. Distinguished Principal Leadership Institute (*Jason Leahy, IPA*) (*pp. 4-23*)
6. Contracts and Grants over \$1 million
  - \*a. FY08 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grants (*Myron Mason*) (*Plenary pp. 101-102*)
  - \*b. Illinois Interactive Report Card Contract (*Connie Wise*) (*Plenary pp. 81-82*)
  - \*c. Student Information System (SIS) contract renewal (*Plenary pp. 83-94*)  
(*Connie Wise, Terry Chamberlain*)
  - \*d. Harrisburg Project Contract (*Jodi Fleck*) (*Plenary pp. 95-96*)
  - \*e. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant (*Jodi Fleck*) (*Plenary pp. 109-110*)
  - \*f. FY08 Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS) (Technology for Success) (*Plenary pp. 97-98*)  
(*Dana Kinley*)
  - \*g. FY08 Learning Technology Centers Grants (Technology for Success) (*Dana Kinley*)  
(*Plenary pp. 103-106*)
  - \*h. FY08 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grants (*Dana Kinley*) (*Plenary pp. 107-108*)
  - \*i. Reading First Wireless Generation (*Dana Kinley*) (*Plenary pp. 99-100*)
- \*7. Pre-K Report to the General Assembly (*Connie Wise*) (*Plenary pp. 145-197*)

*Lunch break, then reconvene Education Policy Planning Committee meeting.*

8. Illinois College and Work Readiness Partnership – Phase 2: Longitudinal Data System (*p. 24*)  
(*Chris Koch, Ginger Reynolds*) ([\*Download Presentation\*](#))  
Others Attending: Jon Furr, Holland & Knight  
Sally Askman, Gates Foundation
9. Burnham Plan discussion (*pp. 25-32*) ([\*Download Complete Plan\*](#))  
Others Attending: Max McGee, Superintendent of Wilmette S.D. 39, former State Superintendent  
Dave Bonnette, Retired Superintendent of River Forest S.D. 90  
Jo Anderson, Executive Director, IEA  
Mitch Roth, General Counsel, IEA  
Mary Ellen Guest, A+ Illinois
10. Committee Agenda Planning
11. Adjourn

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

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Board Room, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Committee Members Participation Via Phone Conference**

None

**Board Members Absent**

**ISBE Staff**

Superintendent Chris Koch  
Darren Reisberg  
Ginger Reynolds

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

1. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. David Fields requested a roll call. See above.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** There was no participation from Board members by any other means.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Kevin Cogdill, Superintendent of Marissa School District, was in attendance to voice his concerns over the Enhancing Education through Technology grant.

Representatives from several schools in the Chester School District were in attendance to discuss their successes with the Enhancing Education through Technology grant.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MAY 2007 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes from the May 2007 EPPC Meeting.
5. **DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (Jason Leahy and Fred Singleton, Illinois Principal's Association):** Jason Leahy and Fred Singleton were in attendance to discuss the development of the Illinois Distinguished Principal Leadership Institute.
6. **CONTRACTS AND GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION:**
  - a. **FY 08 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grants (Myron Mason):** Myron Mason was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval for the FY 08 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grants.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

- b. **Illinois Interactive Report Card Contract (Connie Wise):** Connie Wise was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval for the renewal of the contract with Northern Illinois University for the refinement and maintenance of the Illinois Interactive Report Card.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

- c. **Student Information System (SIS) contract renewal (Connie Wise):** Connie Wise was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval to renew the contract with IBM for the enhancement, maintenance and support of the Student Information System.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

- d. **Harrisburg Project Contract (Jodi Fleck):** Jodi Fleck was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval for the renewal of a contract with the Harrisburg Project to maintain and revise software used to collect and report special education data.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

- e. **Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant (Jodi Fleck):** Jodi Fleck was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval for the renewal of a grant with the Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

- f. **FY 08 Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS) (Technology for Success) Intergovernmental Agreement (Dana Kinley):** Dana Kinley was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy to serve as fiscal agent for the administration of the Illinois Virtual High School in FY 08.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

- g. **FY 08 Learning Technology Centers (LTC's) Grant (Technology for Success)(Dana Kinley):** Dana Kinley was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval to award continuing grants to selected Regional Offices of Education to administer fifteen LTC's in FY 08.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

- h. **FY 08 Enhancing Education through Technology Grants (Dana Kinley):** Dana Kinley was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval to award the Enhancing Education through Technology Grants.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

- i. **Reading First Wireless Generation Contract Amendment (Dana Kinley):** Dana Kinley was in attendance to obtain the Committee's approval to amend a contract for professional development for the Reading First program with Wireless Generation.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

7. **PRE-K REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Connie Wise):** Connie Wise and Kalpana Desai were in attendance to provide the Committee with the results from the Illinois Pre-kindergarten Program for Children At Risk of Academic Failure 2005-06 Evaluation Report.

The Committee approved this item for a full Board vote at the plenary session.

**(LUNCH BREAK – EPPC reconvened at 11:45 p.m.)**

8. **ILLINOIS COLLEGE AND WORK READINESS PARTNERSHIP (Phase 2: Longitudinal Data System) (Chris Koch):** Jon Furr of Holland & Knight and Sally Askman of the Gates Foundation were in attendance to discuss the status of Phase II of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Illinois College and Workforce Readiness Partnership and to present their recommendations for the

further development of Illinois' longitudinal data system. Board members expressed concerns about the over-reliance on data to drive school-level decision making as well as the speakers' suggestion for common course labels. The Committee asked Superintendent Koch to return to a future meeting with a prioritized list of recommendations for further Board action.

**9. BURNHAM PLAN DISCUSSION:**

**In attendance:**

**Max McGee, Superintendent of Wilmette #39**

**Dave Bonnette, Retired Superintendent of River Forest SD #90**

**Jo Anderson, Executive Director, Illinois Education Association**

**Mitch Roth, General Counsel, Illinois Education Association**

**Mary Ellen Guest, A+ Illinois**

The above were in attendance to present the Burnham Plan for a World-Class Education. Board members expressed many concerns about the plan, including that the Board was not offered the opportunity to help develop the plan.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Joyce Karon moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting and Chris Ward seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2007  
1:45 p.m.**

This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.

**Board Room, 4th Floor**

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

**AGENDA**

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Board Member Participation by Other Means**

**3. Public Participation**

**4. Discussion Items**

**a. Calumet Park S.D. #132 Update (pp. 3-22)**

*(Chris Koch, . Darren Reisberg, Linda Mitchell, Ginger Reynolds, John Perkins)*

Others Attending: Gary Leider, ISBE Administrator;

Rob Grossi, Chairperson, Oversight Board;

Ernestine Stover, Board President, Calumet Public School District #132;

Elizabeth Reynolds, District Superintendent

**b. FY 08 Budget Update (Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser) (p. 23)**

**c. FY 07 Supplemental Appropriation for School Construction Grants (Deb Vespa) (pp. 24-25)**

**5. Decision Items**

**a. Minutes of the May Finance and Audit Committee Meeting (p. 2)**

**\*b. Recommendations for Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Authorization**

*(Deb Vespa) (Plenary pp. 134-144)*

**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

June 20, 2007  
Springfield, Illinois

### Committee Members Present

Ed Geppert, Chair  
Brenda Holmes  
Dean Clark  
Andrea Brown

### Other Board Members

Chris Ward  
Jesse Ruiz  
Joyce Karon  
David Fields  
Vinni Hall

### Staff Present

Chris Koch  
Linda Riley Mitchell  
Ronny Wickenhauser  
Darren Reisberg  
Jean Ladage  
Don Evans  
Ginger Reynolds  
Matt Vanover

#### 1. ROLL CALL

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

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### A. Calumet Park S.D. #132 Update

Linda Mitchell introduced Gary Leider, ISBE Administrator; Rob Grossi, Chairperson, Oversight Board; Ernestine Stover, Board President Calumet School District; Barbara Thomas, Board Vice President Calumet School District; and Elizabeth Reynolds, District Superintendent.

Ms. Stover stated that the Board had changed tremendously and has been involved in several trainings. They also participated in the IASB Conference in November.

Ms. Reynolds stated that they have balanced their budget and worked within their means while aggressively recruiting and hiring highly qualified staff. They are working with Mr. Lieder in getting in compliance in all areas. They have developed and approved academic standards for all of their students.

Mr. Grossi stated that General State Aid in the district has increased from \$3.3 million in 2003 to \$5.5 million this fiscal year. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2.7 million and the ending fund balance was \$3.7 million. The buildings are in severe disrepair and in need of \$11 million of upgrades. Calumet, however, only has the ability to borrow about \$5 million.

Gary Leider stated that the asbestos issues have been addressed. Mr. Leider also stated that they will be replacing tiles in six rooms that are loose. There are electrical issues, mold issues, leak issues and roof issues. The architect's recommendations require about \$6 million worth of necessary repairs, but not improvements. Mr. Leider stated that it would be wise to build a new building and remove the old building that was built in 1908. The other building, which is Burr Oak, is in better shape but still requires about \$4.5 million worth of repairs. This summer the Army Corps of Engineers is helping with the sewers.

##### B. FY08 Budget Update

Ronny Wickenhauser stated that the Senate was debating a resolution to reject the House budget. Mr. Wickenhauser stated that he was asked to review a bill for an interim one month budget. Mr. Wickenhauser doesn't expect for there to be an agreement by the 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wickenhauser has scheduled a meeting with Linda Mitchell, Melissa Oller, Tim Imler, and others in Finance to discuss contingency plans for the beginning of FY08. We will have to make contingencies in case no budget passes, which is also a possibility. Mr. Wickenhauser stated that

he did manage to get some line items back into the interim budget that are critical for the summer operations.

**C. FY07 Supplemental Appropriation for School Construction Grants**

Deb Vespa stated that the supplemental would take care of the 23 school districts that were entitled in 2002, plus Chicago's share. Ms. Vespa talked to the Capital Development Board (CDB) and as soon as it is signed by the Governor, CDB will work with the Governor to release the awards. If ISBE gets funding or authority for FY08 for the school construction program, ISBE will have to start reviewing the applications that have been received from approximately 94 districts.

**5. DECISION ITEMS**

**A. Minutes of the May Finance and Audit Committee Meeting**

The minutes were accepted and approved.

**B. Recommendations for Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Authorization**

Deb Vespa stated that the QZAB authorization for Illinois is \$14,790,000 for both 2006 and 2007. Ms. Vespa stated that ISBE has received more applications from school district than the authority granted to the state.

Ed Geppert motioned to recommend this to the full Board. This motion was approved.

**6. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Update on the FY08 Budget, and the FY06 State Wide Single Audit report.

Joint meeting with the Government Relations committee in the future to discuss the President's recommendation for education.

**7. ADJOURN**

**Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2007**

**4:15 p.m.**

This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.

**Board Room, 4th Floor**

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

**AGENDA**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Board Member Participation by Other Means**
- 3. Public Participation**
- 4. Minutes of the May Governmental Relations Committee Meeting (*pp. 2-4*)**
- 5. Legislative Update (*Nicole Wills, Kristi Kenney, Sumantra Lahiri*) (*pp. 5-114*)**
- 6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items**
- 7. Adjourn**

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## GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 20, 2007  
Springfield, Illinois

### Committee Members Physically Present

Brenda Holmes, Chair  
Chris Ward  
Dean Clark  
Jesse Ruiz

### Board Members Absent

### Others Present

Nicole Wills  
Jean Ladage  
Kristi Kenney  
Superintendent Koch  
Sumantra Lahiri  
Darren Reisberg

### Other Board Members Physically Present

Vinni Hall  
Dave Fields  
Andrea Brown  
Joyce Karon  
Ed Geppert

#### 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

#### 2. INFORMATION ITEM:

The committee meeting convened at 3:35 p.m. Chris Ward made a motion to amend the May committee notes to list Ed Geppert under Board members listed as absent. The motion was seconded by Chairman Jesse Ruiz.

#### 3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- SB 424 – Legislation would allow school district's to have a policy to allow 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who take courses in a high school classroom to receive high school credit
- HB 1648 –This legislation establishing a P-20 Council was amended in the Senate. The primary changes include making all state agencies and state boards non-voting members on the council.
- SB 143 –Requires non-public primary and secondary schools seeking recognition status from to comply with regulatory criminal information checks on all new employees.
- SB 166 – Requires school districts to have a policy that the bus driver is the last person off the bus and checks the bus after every route to make sure no students are left behind.
- SB 306 – Legislation changes the provisional alternative teaching certification to add that anyone with a “B” GPA can qualify for the certificate
- SB 446 – This bill amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Program by making technical changes to the existing program, including a change in the definition of hard to staff schools to match the current ISBE rule.

- SB 538 – Encourages school boards to allow use of school facilities in non-school hours by community members.
- HJR 1 –Creates a task force on deaf and hard of hearing education options.
- HJR 36 –Requires the Illinois Board of Higher Education to create a task force to study dual credit enrollment. ISBE will sit on the task force, but is not responsible for the organization or staffing.
- HJR 40 –This resolution extends the council for re-enrolling students who had recently dropped out of school.
- HJR 66 –This is an initiative of the Board of Higher Education and would require IBHE, ISBE, and the Governor’s Office to appoint a task force regarding school leadership in the state.
- HR 384 – This resolution establishes an After School Funding Policy Task Force, who’s purpose would be to make recommendations on the after school support line item in the budget.
- HR 396 – This resolution urges Congress to look at certain topics when addressing No child Left Behind Act reauthorization.
- HR 450 – A resolution that requires the State Superintendent to distribute pamphlets emphasizing the importance of Folic Acid.
- HB 1910 –ISBE initiative concerning releasing one school building during extraordinary situations.
- SB 397 – This bill became an ISBE initiative when the language from HB 2009 and HB 2013 were amended onto it.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Jesse Ruiz motioned to adjourn the committee at 4:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Chris Ward.

**Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2007  
3:30 p.m.**

This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.

**Board Room, 4th Floor**

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

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the May Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting
- \*5. Rules for Adoption
  - a. Part 25 (Certification) (*Linda Jamali*) (**Plenary pp. 17-43**)
  - b. Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan) (*Melissa Oller*) (**Plenary pp. 44-48**)
  - c. Part 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative) (*Jodi Fleck*) (**Plenary pp. 49-75**)
6. Part 226 (Special Education) (*Tentative*)
7. Less Red Tape Quarterly Informational Report (*Shelley Helton*) (**pp. 7-29**)
8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
9. Adjourn

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## Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

3:30 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

Chris Koch  
Darren Reisberg  
Melissa Oller  
Frank Hanselman  
Beth Hanselman  
Juana Burchell  
Kelly Rauscher  
Linda Jamali  
Dennis Williams  
Sally Vogl

**Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and noted that no members were participating by telephone. He also announced that no one had signed up for public participation.**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chris Ward moved approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2007, meeting. David Fields seconded the motion. It was adopted unanimously and the minutes were approved as presented.
- 5. RULES FOR ADOPTION:** General Counsel Darren Reisberg noted that the three sets of rules being presented had come to the Board for initial review at the February meeting. He indicated that Division Administrator Linda Jamali was available for the discussion of Part 25.

### **PART 25 (Certification)**

Vinni Hall indicated that she had reservations in connection with the new “teacher leader” endorsement, particularly in light of some of the public comment. However, she recognized that this might be an instance where changes would occur later and was willing to move forward with adopting the rule on that basis. She noted the potential for setting up another bureaucratic layer where the roles and responsibilities would not be clear. She also asked whether the assumption was that there would be an increase in pay or work load in conjunction with the endorsement and asked what the designations would mean. Dr. Hall concluded by stating that she was very pleased with the other aspects of this set of amendments.

Andrea Brown acknowledged that the “teacher leader” endorsement had been promoted by SAELP but noted that she was uncertain how it would work. In her view, district personnel were not sure how job descriptions would be structured for these individuals and how to view this endorsement in comparison to a supervisory endorsement. Ms. Jamali commented that the supervisory endorsement was also still in existence. She distinguished the requirements for the teacher leader from National Board certification, which requires expertise in a teaching field but does not involve training in helping adults. She clarified that teacher leaders would chiefly be utilized to help other teachers improve their instruction.

Dr. Brown noted that districts were familiar with using experienced teachers as coaches and that this work had not previously required an endorsement. Ms. Jamali re-emphasized that the teacher leader endorsement would not be mandatory and that it could be used in the way each particular district thought preferable.

Ed Geppert voiced his understanding of the legislative requirement to establish this endorsement and stated that, in his experience in elementary schools, teachers tended to gravitate toward individuals who are leaders. He believed many would not have any interest in working toward another credential but would be interested in training that would help them learn best practices. He also expressed concern for another level of bureaucracy within schools: "The deeper we go with decision-making, the better we do." He understood, however, that establishment of the teacher leader endorsement would not mandate that districts employ people in that function and felt that many of the questions surrounding its use were outside the control of the agency.

Dr. Brown noted that administrators might see a need for some teachers to take the lead in school improvement efforts and work outside the classroom for those activities. This endorsement might be suited to that purpose.

Mr. Reisberg pointed out the portion of the amendments that would institute a requirement for thumb-printing of certification test-takers and noted that it would permit dealing with testing improprieties more objectively.

#### **PART 350 (Secular Textbook Loan)**

Mr. Reisberg indicated that Division Administrator Melissa Oller and staff member Frank Hanselman were available to discuss this amendment, which had come before the Board for initial review in March. However, Board members had no questions or comments on this agenda item.

#### **PART 555 (Children's Mental Health Initiative Grants)**

Acting Assistant Superintendent Beth Hanselman and staff members Juana Burchell and Kelly Rauscher were introduced, and Darren Reisberg reminded the Board that this new set of rules had been presented for initial review at the March meeting as well. He stated that two items of public comment had been received and that some changes were being recommended in response to those points.

Vinni Hall stressed the desirability of integrating school-based services with the services offered by other agencies and asked whether part of the grant funds available under Part 555 would be used for planning of that nature. Ms. Hanselman replied that the mental health support grant projects would definitely work to enhance collaboration between districts and other entities. She explained that the grants related to integration of the social and emotional learning standards would involve a year of planning, whereas, in the case of the grants for mental health support, readiness and commitment are built in from the inception. She noted that Ms. Burchell's had been directed to review the various interagency agreements that are already in place and analyzing what further efforts are needed.

Ms. Burchell indicated that looking at children in a holistic way would mean a "new era" for schools. She explained that much of her time was being spent on technical assistance aimed at helping grantees establish connections with the resources that exist in their communities. It was her experience that most had already begun to form collaborative relationships, not only with mental health agencies but also with other entities, such as police departments, that could play supportive roles in surrounding children with structures that would support positive mental health. She went on to note that on-going reporting would be required, so that gains and barriers could be identified. She also described state-level collaboration that had been undertaken in support of the goals of this program. Training and progress monitoring would be emphasized.

Dr. Hall pointed to the distressing number of deaths, and particularly suicides, among school children and lamented the lack of resources available to schools for crisis management. This was her reason for wanting to be sure the grant program would focus on collaboration and on "wraparound" services, including follow-through with families. She noted that often people with serious mental health challenges are unwilling to acknowledge them, much less to ask for help.

Ms. Burchell replied by illustrating the variety of ways in which schools and their partners are responding to these challenges, such as offering relevant services on site. Dr. Brown asked who the readers of the grant proposals had been and how they had been selected. Ms. Hanselman indicated that not only educators but also mental health professionals had served in this capacity. Dr. Brown also voiced the hope that, when districts had received both types of grants under this program, the two would not operate in “silos” but rather would collaborate with one another. Along those lines, she noted the amount of experience that had been gleaned from initiatives such as Project SUCCESS.

Kelly Rauscher explained the plan for each grant recipient to receive two toolkits relative to implementation of the Social Emotional Learning Standards and clarified how the distribution among regional offices had worked. Ms. Hanselman described the integration that Ms. Burchell and Ms. Rauscher were bringing to this initiative through their work together.

Dr. Hall moved that adoption of all these sets of rules at the next day’s plenary session be recommended. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**6. PART 226 (Special Education)**

Darren Reisberg noted that this item had been placed on the agenda since it had not been known at the time of posting what would happen at the June 19 meeting of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. He explained JCAR’s lifting of the filing prohibition and stated that the rules would be filed during the next week. It was noted that no action on the part of the Board was needed with respect to these rules. Ed Geppert complimented the State Superintendent and staff for working so well with the various constituents to resolve the difficult issues that had been involved.

**7. UPDATE ON “LESSREDTAPE”:** Mr. Reisberg called to the Board’s attention the materials included in their packets and thanked Shelley Helton for preparing them. He indicated that Division Administrator Dana Kinley and staff member Jamie Baiter were present if needed to discuss the items related to technology plans. Board members had no questions as to the status of these matters.

**8. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Mr. Reisberg noted that the outcomes of the legislative session would have a major bearing on agenda planning for this committee and that more information would be provided as it became available.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** David Fields moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ed Geppert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.