

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

November 14-15, 2007

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Wednesday, November 14, 2007

10:30 a.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 9 7 2 6 4 6 5

12:00 – Break for Lunch

**1:00 p.m. Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole:
Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committees**
Board Room, 4th Floor
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 1 9 7 2 6 4 6 5

(End of conference call)

3:30-5:30 p.m. Budget Hearing
Board Room, 4th Floor

Thursday, November 15, 2007

8:00 a.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Board Room, 4th Floor
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9:00 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session
Board Room, 4th Floor
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Board Room, 4th Floor
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

Thursday, November 15, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); **Confirmation #: 1 9 7 2 6 4 6 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

1. Ruth Meissen 2007-08 Illinois Teacher of the Year (*Rules Packet pp.)*

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: October 18, 2007 (*Plenary packet pp.)*
- *2. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 51 (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers under Article 24 and (*Rules Packet pp.)*
Dismissal of Tenured Teachers and Principals under Article 34 of the School Code)
 - b. Part 226 (Special Education) (*Rules Packet pp.)*
 - c. Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan) (*Rules Packet pp.)*
- *3. Guidelines for Public Participation (*Plenary Packet pp.)*
- *4. Contracts and Grants over \$1 Million
 - a. TAOEP FY08 Grant Award to City Colleges of Chicago (*Joint Committee Packet pp.)*
 - b. Interactive School Report Card Contract Amendment (*Joint Committee Packet pp.)*
 - c. New Principal Mentoring Contract Award (*Joint Committee Packet pp.)*

(end of consent agenda)

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 (*Plenary pp.)*
2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*Plenary pp.)*

H. Adjourn

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

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
November 15, 2007
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois**

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On November 15, 2007, the State Board had the opportunity to go into closed session after a committee meeting. At 8:15 a.m. Chairman Ruiz announced that he would like to call the plenary session to order for the sole purpose of hearing a motion to go into closed session.

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.

Members Present:

Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman
Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman
Dr. Andrea Brown
Mr. Dean Clark
Dr. David Fields
Ms. Brenda Holmes
Ms. Joyce Karon

Members Absent:

Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary

Ms. Karon 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:

Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;

Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board; and

Ms. Karon further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.

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

The open meeting recessed at 8:20 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 8:25 a.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m. and 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. The Board members, Dr. Koch and anyone who wished to join them faced the American flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board meeting was being audio-cast live over the Internet.

Members Present:

Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman
Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman
Dr. Andrea Brown
Mr. Dean Clark
Dr. David Fields
Ms. Brenda Holmes
Ms. Joyce Karon

Members Absent:

Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary

<p>RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITION</p>	<p>Ms Karon read a resolution recognizing Ms. Ruth Meissen of Harlem Consolidated School District #122 as the 2007-08 Illinois Teacher of the Year for her leadership and dedication to the field of Education.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz and State Superintendent Chris Koch, presented Ms. Meissen with a framed Resolution of Recognition.</p> <p>Ms. Meissen thanked the Board for the honor and acknowledged what a pleasure it is to be in the presence of people so dedicated to the educational process. She noted that education has always been very important in her family and commented on how humbling it is to receive such an honor for following your heart.</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Ms. Paula Pergament from the Adler Planetarium spoke on the recent efforts the Adler has made to expand its work with the Chicago Public Schools. These efforts include workshops for principals and literacy coaches and a year-long science content seminar series for CPS teachers. These seminars offer credits and graduate credits to teachers at no charge. The Adler goal is to help teachers enhance their science content knowledge, as well as assist in their efforts to achieve high qualified status as defined by ISBE. Ms. Pergament thanked the Board for their time and asked that they consider the Adler's funding request for FY2009 budget.</p>
<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>Consent Agenda Items and Motion</p> <p>CONSENT AGENDA MOTION</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes</p> <p>Rules for Initial Review</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><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2007 Board meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 51 (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers under Article 24 and Dismissal of Tenured Teachers and Principals under Article 34 of the School Code)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Dismissal of Tenured Teachers under Article 24 and Dismissal of Tenured Teachers and Principals under Article 34 of the School Code (23 Illinois Administrative Code 51,) including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 226 (Special Education)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Special Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 226),</p>

<p>Guidelines for Public Participation</p> <p>Contracts and Grants over \$1 million</p>	<p>Including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u> Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Secular Textbook Loan (23 Illinois Administrative Code 350), Including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Guidelines for Public Participation</u></p> <p>The State Board hereby approves the revision to the plenary public participation guidelines and approves the guidelines for public participation in committee meetings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million</u> TAOEP FY08 Grant Awards to City Colleges of Chicago</p> <p>The State Board hereby retroactively approves the \$2,100,000 Fiscal Year 2008 grant agreement entered into by and between the State Board of Education and the City Colleges related to the Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program (TAOEP).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million</u> Illinois Interactive School Report Card Contract Amendment</p> <p>The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to enter into a contract amendment with Northern Illinois University for the purposes of enhancing the reporting features for student reports. The total contract amount will not exceed \$4,000,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million</u> New Principal Mentoring Contract Award</p> <p>The Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the awarding of a contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the managing of the New Principal Mentoring Program to the Illinois Principals Association, pending final contract negotiations.</p> <p>END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:</p> <p>IBHE Liaison Report</p> <p>Superintendent's Announcements</p>	<p>Vice Chairman, Chris Ward introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi who has been joining the Board meetings as a representative from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Dr. Nandi stated that the next Board of Higher Education meeting is not until December 4th at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Nandi updated the Board on the recent work that is taking place at IBHE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBHE continues to work and discuss their FY2009 budget. • The 26-member School Leader Task Force met on October 30th and November 5th to review the charge, protocol and context of the force's work and receive a benchmarking report, " <i>Preparing Highly Qualified School Leaders</i>". More information on the School Leader Task Force is available on the IBHE website (www.ibhe.org). • IBHE is reviewing the High School Feedback Report. The report is comprised of course performance summary data provided by the eleven public universities receiving incoming freshmen. <p>Dr. Koch stated that he had the opportunity to speak at the Illinois Association of Teacher Educators Fall Conference on November 9, 2007 at Eastern Illinois University. He attended the Council Chief State School Officers Annual Policy</p>

Chairman's Report	<p>Forum in Columbus, Ohio on November 10-11, 2007. Dr. Koch commented that he looks forward to meeting with the Bilingual Advisory Council on November 17, 2007 in Chicago. Dr. Koch stated that he and Linda Tomlinson were both present at the School Leader Task Force Meeting which Dr. Nandi referenced earlier. Dr. Koch asked Ms. Tomlinson to say a few words on the taskforce meeting.</p>
	<p>Ms. Tomlinson briefed the Board on the two School Leader Task Force Meetings. Issues discussed at the meetings included leadership and how it affects school improvement, what it takes to be a principal and identifying the best candidates to become leaders. The Task Force hopes to look at restructuring endorsements, lengthening internships, and to search for the best leaders to bring about school improvement.</p>
	<p>Ms. Melina Wright also shared an update on the Council for Chief State School Offices No Child Left Behind Reauthorization. Ms. Wright commented that she does not see the Reauthorization of NCLB happening in 2008, the House has directed their attention to Higher Education and Head Start Reauthorization and Appropriations. Ms. Wright believes that the Higher Education bill and the Head Start bill could make it to the Presidents' desk by this year. The House and Senate have appropriated \$6.8 billion more than the President's budget.</p>
	<p>The President vetoed the House Labor HHS Education Bill, and negotiations will begin again. The House and Senate are aware they will have to reduce the bottom line for the President to approve the funds, but they are not sure of where reductions will come from. Ms. Wright stated that she will continue to keep the Board updated.</p>
	<p>Dr. Koch commented that the CCSSO conference reading material was all on National Standards, and they, as an organization, are trying to make changes voluntarily instead of being forced into changes by the Department of Education.</p>
	<p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he had participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p>
	<p>October 10 Attended a Milken Educator Award Presentation to Samatha Godden-Chmielowicz at Schurz High School in Chicago.</p>
	<p>October 20 Spoke at the Pilsen Education Summit at Benito Juarez High School. Also in attendance was Joyce Karon.</p>
	<p>October 21 Keynote Speaker at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities 21st Annual Conference.</p>
	<p>October 22 Panelist at the Reenrolling Student Task Force Conference.</p>
<p>October 24 Met with representatives from the Boston Consulting Group and the Joyce Foundation who are working with the Gates Foundation to form an education organization. The organization hopes to advocate for improvements in public education in Illinois.</p>	
<p>October 30 Participated in Principal for a Day at Kanoon Elementary Magnet School.</p>	
<p>November 6 Attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Media Arts School For Profit in Chicago.</p>	
<p>November 7 Attended the Chicago History Museum Meeting in preparation of the Bi-Centennial of Abraham Lincoln's Birth in 2009.</p>	

	<p>November 9 Visited Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz commented that he is looking forward to attending the next Board of Higher Education meeting on December 4th at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.</p> <p>He also noted that on December 6, 2007 the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation will host their 5th Annual Conference in Rosemont. The Caucus has asked that the ISBE help formulate their education panels for the meeting. Rene Valeniano may be contacting people to participate. Chairman Ruiz also invited anyone who might be interested to attend.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Education Policy Planning Committee</p> <p>Dr. Fields reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Judith Johnson of the Consolidated Committee of Practitioners presented to the Board their goals and the role they have with ISBE in regard to NCLB. • Approved the minutes of the October 2007 Education Policy and Planning Committee Meeting. • Introduced the Student Advisory Council Members attending the Committee Meeting, Sarah Freebairn of Shiloh High School in Newman and Micah Berman of University Laboratory High School in Champaign. • Rene Valenciano, Myron Mason and Carol Diedrichsen reported on NCLB Restructuring. • Superintendent Koch and Susie Morrison updated the Committee on the Illinois College & Work Readiness Partnership. • Randy Niles, Linda Tomlinson and Joanne Price updated the Committee on the Draft Charter School Annual Report. • Committee reviewed the agenda for the December 2007 Education Policy and Planning Committee Meeting. • Susie Morris updated the Committee on the P-20 Conference she attended with Kristin Richards of the Governors Office. <p>Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole:</p> <p>Governmental Relations and Finance and Audit Committees</p> <p>Ms. Holmes and Mr. Clark reported that the Governmental Relations and the Finance and Audit Committees discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Participation from Paula Purdue of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (IAHPERD) addressed the Committee on physical education waivers. • Approved the minutes of the October 2007 Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole: Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committees. • Nicole Wills and Leigh Ann Vanausdoll updated the Committee on current legislation. • The Committees welcomed Student Advisory Council Members Sarah Freebairn of Shiloh High School in Newman and Micah Berman of University Laboratory High. Ms. Holmes also acknowledged retired agency staff member, Lee Milner who was in the audience. • Superintendent Koch along with Shelley Helton and Winnie Tuthill discussed P.E. Policy and Waiver Requests.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronny Wickenhauser updated the Committees on FY08 Budget. • Linda Mitchell updated the Committees on the FY 09 Budget Hearings. • Reviewed and discussed three Contracts and Grants over \$1 million. • Deb Vespa updated the Committees on the New Health Life Safety Online System. • Deb Vespa gave an update on the Districts Certified in Financial Difficulty. • Committees reviewed the agenda for the December 2007 Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole: Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committee. <p>Ad Hoc Rules Committee</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that the committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren Reisberg updated the Committee on Rules for Initial Review: Part 51 (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers under Article 24 and Dismissal of Tenured Teachers and Principals under Article 34 of the School Code Rules). • Jodi Fleck updated the Committee on Rules for Initial Review: Part 226 (Special Education). • Frank Hanselman updated the Committee on the Rules for Initial Review: Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan). • Shelley Helton updated the Committee on Less Red Tape. • Committee reviewed the agenda for the December 2007 Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting.
<p>Members' Reports</p>	<p>Mr. Clark stated that the Finance & Audit Committee's FY09 Budget Hearings are ongoing with two more hearings left; Chicago and Belleville. Mr. Clark, as an Illinois delegate, attended the Career Technical Education Forum sponsored by the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta, Georgia on November 8-9, 2007.</p> <p>Dr. Brown attended a Grow Your Own Grant Workshop sponsored by a community organization in Alexander/Pulaski counties.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes thanked Superintendent Koch and Don Evans for the tour of the building yesterday and the opportunity to meet and greet agency staff. Ms. Holmes attended the Education Commission of the States Fall Steering Committee Meeting on November 4-5, 2007 in Denver, Colorado. She was able to get a definition of P-20: P-20 is defined as being Preschool through a Doctoral Program. Many of those at the meeting felt that it should be defined as Preschool through College. They are still trying to determine what P means; three and four year olds, or younger than that.</p> <p>Dr. Ward stated that he attended the Will County Career Center 2nd Annual Career Day-Building Trade Occupations. Dr. Ward has also attended the Glen Ellyn and Springfield Budget Hearings</p> <p>Dr. Fields spoke on November 7, 2007 at the Illini Division of the Illinois Association of School Administrators. Dr. Fields also attended the Rantoul budget hearing. Also in attendance were many of the members of the Illini Division of the IASA.</p>

	<p>Ms. Karon attended North Cook School Board Dinner. She also attended the Glen Ellyn, Rock Island and Des Plaines budget hearings.</p> <p>Mr. Ruiz asked that the Board members continue to work on their homework task and keep Jean Ladage updated on any pending work so that she can keep the worksheet up to date.</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. (Reports start on page 17 of your Plenary packet.). There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.</p>
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that no further action other to adjourn the meeting will follow the closed session.</p>
Closed Session	<p>Ms. Karon moved that the Board reconvene 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;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section c11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Karon further moved that the Board might invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and the Board reconvened closed session at 10:35 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	<p>Dr. Ward moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, November 14, 2007
10:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the October Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
5. NCLB Restructuring (*Rene Valenciano, Myron Mason* (**pp. 4- 16**))
6. Illinois College and Work Readiness (verbal update; no materials) (*Chris Koch, Susie Morrison*)
7. DRAFT Charter School Annual Report (*Randy Niles*) (**pp. 17-47**)
8. Committee Agenda Planning
9. Adjourn

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

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Board Room, 4th Floor

Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Physically Present

Dave Fields, Chair
Andrea Brown
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

Vinni Hall

ISBE Staff

Superintendent Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Rene Valenciano

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:** Dr. Fields introduced two Student Advisory Council members, Sarah Freebairn and Micah Berman, who were present at the EPPC meeting.

Judith Johnson and representatives from the Consolidated Committee of Practitioners were in attendance to discuss their goals and the role they have with the agency with regard to NCLB.

4. **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2007 EPPC MEETING:** The Committee approved the minutes from the October 2007 EPPC Meeting.
5. **NCLB Restructuring (Rene Valenciano, Myron Mason):** Rene Valenciano, Myron Mason and Carol Diedrichsen were attendance to provide the Board with an update on the current status of schools and districts in correction action and supports provided. Mr. Valenciano stated that agency and RESPRO staff will conduct a self-assessment of the Statewide System of Support. Further, Great Lakes West Technical Assistance Center will facilitate our efforts to engage stakeholders within to provide insights and guidance as we develop a plan to continually improve the support given to schools.
6. **Illinois College and Work Readiness (Verbal Update, No Materials) (Chris Koch, Susie Morrison):** Superintendent Koch gave a verbal update to the Board on the following issues:
 - Working on revised timeline with regard to the Achieve Work Plan
 - Staff preparing letter to ACT on Explore and Plan
 - Data Quality Campaign results show Illinois is progressing

Susie Morrison gave an update to the Board on plans for the P-20 Council, an initiative of the Governor's office. She stated that staff from ISBE, IBHE and ICCB attended a conference on the P-20 Council and discussed how other states are developing these activities.

7. **DRAFT Charter School Annual Report (Randy Niles):** Randy Niles and Jo Ann Price were in attendance to present the Board with a Draft of the mandated Charter School Annual Report. Mr. Niles stated that the final report will be presented to the Board at the December meeting.

Board Members requested staff look into the attendance issue at charter schools and they would like to see information included in this report on the multi-campus issue.

8. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING (for December):**

- Presentation on Career & Technical Education (per Dean Clark)
- Special Education State Plan (Beth Hanselman)
- Illinois College & Work Readiness Partnership (Chris Koch)
- Educator Supply and Demand Report (Connie Wise)
- Illinois Interactive Report Card (Harvey Smith)

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dean Clark moved to adjourn the committee meeting and Joyce Karon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**Joint Committee Meeting of the Whole
Governmental Relations and Finance & Audit Committees
Wednesday, November 14, 2007**

1:00 p.m.

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JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the October Joint Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
5. Legislative Update (*Nicole Wills, Leigh Ann Vanausdoll*) (**pp. 4-28**)
6. Superintendent's Recommendation regarding P.E. Policy and Waiver Requests (**pp. 28-40**)
7. Budget Process
 - a. FY 08 Budget Update (*Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser*) (**pp. 41-42**)
 - b. FY09 Budget Hearing Update (*Linda Mitchell & Ronny Wickenhauser*) (**pp. 43-45**)
- *8. Contracts and Grants over \$1 million
 - a. TAOEP FY08 Grant Award to City Colleges of Chicago (**pp. 46-47**)
 - b. Interactive School Report Card Contract Amendment (**pp. 48-49**)
 - c. New Principal Mentoring Contract (**pp. 50-51**)
9. New Health Life Safety Online System (**pp. 52-62**)
10. Update on Districts Certified in Financial Difficulty (**pp. 63-66**)
11. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items for Finance & Audit Committee
12. Adjourn

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

**Budget Hearing
Wednesday, October 17, 2007
3:30 p.m.
Board Room, 4th Floor**

**JOINT FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Springfield Illinois

Committee Members Present

Dean Clark, Co-Chair
Brenda Holmes, Co-Chair
Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Chris Ward
Joyce Karon
David Fields

Staff Present

Chris Koch
Linda Riley Mitchell
Susie Morrison
Darren Reisberg
Connie Wise
Linda Tomlinson
Ronny Wickenhauser
Don Evans
Rene Valenciano

Nicole Wills
Beth Hanselman
Patrick Murphy
Shelley Helton
Winnie Tuthill
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffitt
Mary Baksys
Deb Vespa

Board Members Absent

Vinni Hall

Student Advisory Members Present

Micah Berman, U of I Lab School, Champaign
Sarah Freebairn, Shiloh High School, Newma

Meeting was called to order by Brenda Holmes at 1:01 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board member Vinni Hall was absent.

2. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paula Purdue, representing the Illinois Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) expressed concerns about the Board's proposed rule implementing PA 95-0223. She also expressed concern over the proposal to discontinue the board's physical education waiver policy.

4. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER JOINT FINANCE AND AUDIT AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Approved

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Brenda Holmes introduced new Governmental Relations staff member Leigh Ann Vanausdoll. The Board was updated on the passage of the Budget Implementation Bill (SB 783) and the fiscal and programmatic impact to the Agency. Board members were also informed that the spring 2008 legislative calendar would be released later that day.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING P.E. POLICY AND WAIVER REQUESTS

Staff provided the Board with options for retaining, revising or amending the Board policy regarding the submission of assessment data with physical education waiver and modification requests. State Superintendent Chris Koch stated that he recommended the policy be eliminated, particularly since the policy does not lead to improvements for students and districts. Also discussed was a recommendation for the Board to cease making recommendations to the General Assembly about certain waiver requests that the Board would like for the legislature to deny or limit.

7. BUDGET PROCESS

A. FY 08 BUDGET UPDATE

Ronny Wickenhauser stated that he agreed that he did not think that ISBE had the authority to spend the \$3 million funding for the hard to staff schools based on the way the appropriation language is written as it is written in such a way that refers to a Senate Bill that never passed.

B. FY 09 BUDGET HEARINGS

Linda Mitchell stated that ISBE is more than half way through the budget hearings and discussed some of the programs that the public has testified about. Ms. Mitchell thanked the Board members for attending the Budget Hearings.

8. CONTRACTS & GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION

Randy Niles asked for approval on an annual grant for City Colleges of Chicago. The total grant is for about \$20 million the City Colleges get over \$2 million.

Connie Wise requested a contract for the State Superintendent to enter into a contract amendment with Northern Illinois University for the refinement and maintenance of the Illinois interactive report card.

Linda Tomlinson presented the Illinois Principal Associations contract for the New Principal Mentoring program.

9. NEW HEALTHLIFE SAFETY ONLINE SYSTEM

Deb Vespa stated that ISBE is unveiling the system the middle of January. The system will start out at the Architect level with the Architect being able to get into the IWAS system through approvals to enter 10 year surveys and amendments as they go through and inspect school buildings. It then has a process it will go through. Ms. Vespa stated that they have already completed the training with the Regional Superintendents. After Thanksgiving Mary Baksys, the Division Supervisor will conduct the training with the school districts.

10. UPDATE ON DISTRICTS CERTIFIED IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

Deb Vespa stated that ISBE has gone back and reviewed the school districts from Divernon, Harrisburg and Winthrop Harbor. Divernon did have a successful annexation into the Auburn School District. Harrisburg School District ISBE continues to monitor that school district. Winthrop Harbor School District did get their referendum passed and they do have a balanced budget this year. They are continuing to pay towards their debt.

11. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dean Clark stated that through January or February, the Governmental Affairs and Finance and Audit will meet as a joint committee. In December, there will be a presentation on the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. Ronny Wickenhauser stated that GOMB has declined to present before the Board as the information will be released with the Governors budget book.

12. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jesse Ruiz, and was seconded by Chris Ward.

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Thursday, November 15, 2007
8:00 a.m.

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

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation
4. Minutes of the October Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
- *5. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 51 (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers under Article 24 and Dismissal of Tenured Teachers and Principals under Article 34 of the School Code) (**pp. 5-8**)
(*Darren Reisberg*)
 - b. Part 226 (Special Education) (*Jodi Fleck*) (**pp. 9-16**)
 - c. Part 350 (Secular Textbook Loan) (*Frank Hanselman*) (**pp. 17-23**)
6. Information Item
 - a. Less Red Tape Update (*Shelley Helton*) (**pp. 24-48**)
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

Thursday, November 15, 2007

8:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Present

Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown
Dean Clark
David Fields
Brenda Holmes
Joyce Karon
Christopher Ward

Absent

Vinni Hall

Others

Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Elizabeth Hanselman
Frank Hanselman
Shelley Helton

Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. and noted that no members were participating by other means. He also announced that no one was present for public participation.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** David Fields moved approval of the minutes of the October 18, 2007, meeting. Brenda Holmes seconded the motion. It was adopted unanimously and the minutes were approved as presented.
- 5. RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW:** General Counsel Darren Reisberg noted that the three sets of rules before the Committee respond to recently enacted legislation or changes in agency processes.

PART 51 (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers Under Article 24 and Dismissal of Tenured Teachers and Principals Under Article 34 of the School Code)

General Counsel Darren Reisberg introduced the set of amendments to Part 51.

P.A. 95-510 amended Section 24A-4 of the School Code to allow the school board of the City of Chicago School District 299, along with the exclusive representative of the district's teachers, to enter into an agreement that would constitute an alternative evaluation plan for teachers in certain, specified schools. General Counsel Reisberg noted that the change in the law necessitates that an exception be provided in the rules governing teacher dismissals, specifically Section 51.20 (Applicability of this Part). In response to a question from Board Member Christopher Ward, General Counsel Reisberg responded that the law could potentially affect the entire district but that it is being implemented in only a subset of the district's schools (the "Fresh Start" schools). General Counsel Reisberg also confirmed that the alternative evaluation system can only be employed pursuant to an agreement negotiated with the teachers' union and that the agency must receive a copy of any evaluation plan negotiated, but that it does not "approve" the plan.

PART 226 (Special Education)

Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth Hanselman explained that the proposed amendments to Part 226 address three separate technical changes necessitated by recent legislation:

1. Section 226.220 (Development, Review, and Revision of the IEP) is being amended to acknowledge that certain considerations must be taken by an IEP team for any student with a disability on the autism spectrum. Assistant Superintendent Hanselman also noted that staff are working on the development of a guidance document that will set forth the questions and steps that local personnel would consider as they go through the process, noting that these

suggested questions and steps are not limited to students with autism but would be useful as an IEP team works with students who have other disabilities. No new form will be required.

2. Proposed changes addressed in Section 226.690 (Transfer of Parental Rights) allow for a student who reaches 18 and whose parent is not declared a legal guardian to designate a delegate to represent his or her rights. Staff will be developing a delegation of rights form for this purpose.
3. Section 226.635 (Appointment, Recusal, and Substitution of Impartial Due Process Hearing Officers) includes a proposed technical change that contains a timeframe for requesting a substitution of a hearing officer.

Following the presentation of the proposed amendments, Assistant Superintendent Hanselman responded to a query from Board Member Brenda Holmes about whether there is a listing of materials available for parents about changes in Part 226 and other legislation. Assistant Superintendent Hanselman responded that staff had just completed a guidance document for parents and others presented in a side-by-side format that addresses the federal regulations aligned to the state regulations. In addition, the electronic version of the side-by-side will include state policy guidance under the relevant sections, so that everything related to the regulations will be in one document for parents and districts. Related documents are available that will address federal policy guidance. Board members will receive a copy of the guidance document once it is printed.

Discussion that followed noted that parents can obtain resources from their school districts or special education cooperatives, as well as from the agency's website, which will provide a listing of research-based resources. The parent network and the parent information training centers also will have copies of the materials.

Board member Andrea Brown asked where Illinois stands in relation to what other states are doing regarding RTI (response to intervention) and whether Illinois has gone beyond what other states are doing. State Superintendent Koch noted that the requirements in Part 226 do exceed federal requirements. Assistant Superintendent Hanselman noted that Illinois is perceived as a leader in research-based interventions. In developing the state plan, agency staff are working in consultation with members of the teachers' unions, special education associations, school administrator groups and the regional offices of education, as well as collaboratively across agency divisions. To assist the field in implementing research-based interventions, the agency will be conducting professional development in school years 2008-09 and 2009-10, with implementation in school year 2010-11. Finally, both State Superintendent Koch and Assistant Superintendent Hanselman indicated that research-based interventions have implications for other areas, such as Reading First and No Child Left Behind.

PART 350 (Secular Textbook Loan)

General Counsel Darren Reisburg noted that the proposed changes update the rules to respond to new technology and system changes. Staff member Frank Hanselman was present to answer questions; no questions were posed.

6. **LESS RED TAPE UPDATE:** General Counsel Reisberg noted that Shelley Helton was available to answer questions regarding the Less Red Tape update. He noted that the email account continues to receive submissions and that agency staff continue to promptly respond to the field. Member Brown used one submission (#647, regarding RESPROS) as an example of how Less Red Tape helps individuals learn about various programs and services that are available to them. Other board members agreed that the email account is a good way to garner recommendations and get suggestions. A reminder about Less Red Tape also has appeared two recent editions of the *Superintendent's Weekly Message*.

In response to a question, General Counsel Reisberg also noted that the agency will pursue legislation addressing obsolete sections of the School Code and provisions about which the

agency has received audit exceptions; the bill may also include proposed changes based on recommendations received through Less Red Tape.

7. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** General Counsel Reisberg noted that Parts 151 (School Construction Program) and 375 (Student Records) will come before the Board for initial review in December. Also in December or January, Nutrition Programs Division staff will discuss the results of three public forums held to discuss the recommendations of the Illinois School Wellness Policy Task Force concerning nutrition standards, as well as staff recommendations for incorporating any of those standards into Part 305 (School Food Service).
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dean Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Fields seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.