

Thursday, August 21, 2008

8:45 a.m.

NOTE: Public portions of the retreat will be audio cast on the Internet at www.isbe.net

State Board of Education Plenary Business Meeting

D. Roll Call

Times are approximate - for planning purposes only.

E. Public Participation

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

F. Superintendent's Report

ACTION ITEMS

*** Consent Agenda**

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

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.

***1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. June 18, 2008 Work Study Session (*pp. 3-4*)
- b. June 19, 2008 Board Meeting (*pp. 5-17*)
- c. June 30, 2008 Board Meeting (*pp. 18-19*)

***2. Rules for Initial Review**

- a. Part 75 (Agricultural Ed Teacher grants) (*Patrick Murphy, Mark Williams*) (*pp. 20-27*)

***3. Rules for Adoption**

- a. Part 100 (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing) (*pp. 28-61*)
(*Deb Vespa*)
- b. Part 375 (Student Records) (*Darren Reisberg*) (*pp. 62-69*)

End of consent agenda

4. Educator Misconduct (*as needed*)

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

5. Approval of Revised Goals for Strategic Plan

10:00 – 10:20 a.m.

6. Proposed Changes to NASBE Bylaws & Policies (*pp. 70-78*)

10:20 – 10:50 a.m.

7. Superintendent's Contract (*as needed*)

10:50 – 10:55 a.m.

G. New Business

10:25 – 10:35 a.m.

H. Announcements and Reports

10:55 – 11:15 a.m.

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

I. Adjourn

NOTE: The Board may move to go into closed session as necessary for purposes allowed in the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

**Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
August 21, 2008
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Springfield, Illinois**

<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. A quorum was present.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board meeting was being audio-cast live over the Internet.</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Andrea Brown Mr. Dean Clark Dr. David Fields Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon Ms. Lanita Koster</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Staff Present in Chicago:</u> Dr. Christopher Koch Darren Reisberg Linda Mitchell Susie Morrison Don Evans Jean Ladage</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Staff Present in Springfield:</u> Connie Wise Linda Tomlinson Patrick Murphy Mark Williams Winnie Tuthill Shelley Helton Sally Vogl Harley Hepner Marsha Moffett</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><u>Staff Present in Chicago:</u> Dr. Christopher Koch Darren Reisberg Linda Mitchell Susie Morrison Don Evans Jean Ladage</p>	<p><u>Staff Present in Springfield:</u> Connie Wise Linda Tomlinson Patrick Murphy Mark Williams Winnie Tuthill Shelley Helton Sally Vogl Harley Hepner Marsha Moffett</p>
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<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Lydia Bullock from the Illinois Federation of Teachers stated that the National Federation of Teachers had recently held their convention in Chicago in July 2008.</p> <p>Daryl Morrison of the Illinois Education Association stated that IEA held their summer leadership conference at the end of July in Bloomington. Mr. Morrison commented that IEA is working hard to ensure teachers understand RTI. IEA also continues to watch funding for professional development and training so that they can work with State Board to ensure there is ample support. Mr. Morrison noted that as we near the 2010-2011 school year, appropriate funding will become even more of an issue regarding how the State Board will be able support school districts who need these resources.</p>		
<p>Educator Misconduct</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Karon moved that the State Board of Education hereby directs Agency staff to contact the Attorney General's Office in writing to determine if it is necessary that a Special Assistant Attorney General be appointed for purposes of prosecuting educator misconduct matters and, if such an appointment is necessary, that it be the law firm already approved by ISBE to handle educator misconduct investigations (preferably at the same rates already approved).</p>		

	Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote.
Approval of Revised Goals for Strategic Plan	<p>Chairman Ruiz commended the Board, Superintendent and staff on a very worthwhile and productive retreat discussion. Superintendent Koch noted that the Board and Agency has spent a considerable amount of time on the Strategic Plan and Goals, and expects to spend even more time as our role expands and our resources shrink. Dr. Koch then asked Ms. Morrison to review some of the revisions the Board had discussed on Tuesday during the retreat discussion. Following further discussion, the following motion was offered:</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Chairman Ruiz moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the following Revised Mission Statement, as well as the Revised Goals and directs the State Superintendent of Education to develop Strategies to be reviewed by the Board for the development of the 2008-09 Strategic Plan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proposed Mission Statement for Strategic Plan:</u> The Illinois State Board of Education will provide leadership, assistance, resources and advocacy so that every student is prepared to succeed in careers and postsecondary education, and share accountability for doing so with Districts and Schools.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proposed Revised Goals for Strategic Plan:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">GOAL 1: Every student will demonstrate academic achievement and be prepared for success after high school.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">GOAL 2: Every student will be supported by highly prepared and effective teachers and school leaders.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">GOAL 3: Every school will offer a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.</p> <p>Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Dr. Brown asked Superintendent Koch to please make sure that district superintendents know that the Board had an extensive discussion on the Mission Statement and the Goals for the Strategic Plan, so that the subtlety and the directiveness of the plan does not escape notice to our schools and educators</p>
Proposed Changes to NASBE Bylaws & Policies	<p>Dr. Ward explained the changes in the NASBE bylaws. He commented that as money gets tighter, NASBE found the need to tighten up their bylaws and polices. Many states were participating in NASBE activities without paying their dues or having a voting membership. NASBE would grant these privileges in hopes that they would become paying, voting members. People were receiving privileges without supporting NASBE and they would like to stop this practice.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz appointed Dr. Vinni Hall to attend the Annual Business Meeting October 17, 2008, and to serve as the Illinois State Board of Education Voting Delegate and to reflect today's discussion in casting Illinois' votes.</p>
Superintendent's	<i>No action at this time.</i>

Contract	
New Business	<p>Mr. Clark reminded everyone that they will soon be starting Budget Hearings for the FY10 budget. He would like the first one to be held in Bloomington in September in conjunction with the board meeting being held there. Mr. Clark also indicated he has contacted a site in the suburbs for a hearing and he is looking forward to more suggestions from Board Members.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz suggested that the Board go further south of Chicago and out of the Thompson Center. He said he had a location in mind and will get back to us.</p> <p>Mr. Clark asked that Board members keep the following areas in mind when suggesting locations: Metro-East, Champaign-Danville-Rantoul area and Rock Island-Galesburg area. He also suggested that a hearing be held in conjunction with the IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference and the Superintendent's Conference. Jean Ladage stated at this time there is no plan for a November Board Meeting due to veto session and the Triple I Conference in that month.</p> <p>Dr. Brown asked if we will have criteria for the people attending the budget hearing and requesting money for their grants. She asked if we could request to see their budget so that we can see how they connect to our strategic plan and achievements. Dr. Koch suggested that we put in the budget hearing announcements the Mission Statement and the Strategic Plan Goals and let people know that the Board would like them to address at least one of the three goals with their funding request. Ms. Koster stated that many of the groups will appreciate having a focus in advance of their testimony.</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS IBHE Liaison Report	<p>Chairman Ruiz noted that Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) was not present at the meeting, but asked Ms. Karon, to relay his report on the last IBHE meeting. Ms. Karon stated that the IBHE met on Tuesday, August 12th, on the campus of Kendall College in Chicago. Highlights of the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Representatives of the IBHE's Student Advisory Committee addressed the Board. They spoke of the issues they have been discussing over the past year and of issues they hope to address during the coming year. Among the topics of interest to the students are the transferability of credits from one college to another and the rising cost of textbooks. o The Board approved two documents revising the Administrative Code by which Board staff implements relevant Illinois statutes concerning program approvals. These revisions will now be sent to the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules for their approval. o The Board agreed to join the America Diploma Project. Discussion of the project noted the leadership of Dr. Koch and the State Board in involving Illinois in this very exciting national network. The Board of Higher Education looks forward to continued cooperation on meeting the goals set forth by the project. o The Board also approved FY 09 allocation grants to the University Center of Lake County, the Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program, and the Illinois Math and Science Academy

<p>Superintendent's Announcements</p>	<p>Excellence 2000 program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Board's next meeting will be October 7th at Kennedy-King College in Chicago. <p>In the afternoon following the IBHE meeting, the Public Agenda Task Force formed by House Joint Resolution 69 convened its fourth meeting. This task force includes members from business, labor, educational institutions and associations, the healthcare industry, and other stakeholders. During the meeting, task force members discussed the final report presented by consultants with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems and the four goals of the public agenda identified by the task force. These four goals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase educational attainment, • To ensure college affordability, • To increase production of quality postsecondary credentials, and • To better integrate Illinois' educational, research, and innovation assets. <p>The task force decided to form four working groups around the specific goals as part of a working plan to draft the final public agenda document. These working groups will undertake the writing of the draft over the next month.</p> <p>Dr. Koch stated that because of his visit to Harvard and the suggestions of their Chief Financial Officer, and at the urging of Chairman Ruiz, Dr. Koch has taken the opportunity to reach out to the private sector, foundations and businesses. Dr. Koch suggested to the Board that they interact with these groups directly so that they can understand our Strategic Plan and we can receive their support for a number of agency initiatives that are expensive and time consuming, and that may or may not be supported by our General Assembly budget. Dr. Koch suggested that we reach out to possible donors, private foundations and business associates to inform them of our Strategic Plan, goals, aspirations and accomplishments. He is working with Boeing to arrange for a time to do so in November.</p> <p>Dr. Koch added that Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum Director, Rick Beard, is very interested in engaging Illinois school children in the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. The Arts Council is also very involved and we have provided access to our own Student Advisory Council (SAC) to assist with the planning. They are planning a statewide competition for vocal performances of the Gettysburg Address. Grammy Awards will be given to the winners.</p> <p>Don Evans noted that individuals affiliated with the Grammy Awards are involved and that the top three winners will receive acknowledgement on MYSPACE. The first place winner will also have a DVD produced that will be distributed to all Illinois school districts. The actual judging will be done by the Grammy judges.</p> <p>Dr. Koch added that the private sector may make it possible for students in Illinois to receive copies of the Gettysburg Address. Mr. Beard has secured a \$75,000.00 donation through partnerships with the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum... This should be a great opportunity and exciting time for the schools.</p>
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<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Mr. Evans noted that the ASCME contract negotiations are still ongoing and they are hopeful that they will be done by the end of the calendar year.</p> <p>Ms. Morrison noted that Dr. Koch, Elaine Johnson, Judy Erwin, Matt Langer and she, we will be attending the American Diploma Project Institute in September. The group represents higher education, secondary education, as well as union. This group will be part of the institute team that will meet again in October.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the following Board Members will be attending out of state meetings:</p> <p>August 24-27 Andrea Brown will attend the OSEP & National Accountability Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.</p> <p>October 16-18 Vinni Hall and Chris Ward will be attending the NASBE Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <p>July 20-22 Participated in the Executive Leadership Program at Harvard in Boston.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz commented that recent school boycotts have occupied a lot of his time and he is appreciative to staff for their assistance with the information and data he has requested.</p>
<p>Members' Reports</p>	<p>Mr. Clark stated that he met with regional superintendents from DuPage, McHenry, Lake and West Cook and updated them on what the Board has been working on. He also represented the Board at the Wheaton School District 200 Board Meeting where he presented the Poetry Out Loud Award to Mark Thomas Schmidt.</p> <p>Dr. Brown attended several local meetings and she informed Board members that the Illinois Association of School Administrators was very appreciative of our new website. Dr. Brown attended several back-to-school meetings and learned that Jackson County not only has RTI in place but they are also PBIS schools. It was nice to see a school district implementing both programs across the whole county.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes attended the Education Commission of the States National Forum Meeting in Austin, Texas. She has also been asked to serve on an education task force by National Lewis University and will share information on finance adequacy with the Board as the task force progresses. Ms. Holmes reminded members that this is the 200th Anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates and that next year will be the celebration of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. Brenda also took a minute to thank Chairman Ruiz and his staff at Drinker Biddle and Reath, LLP for their wonderful accommodations and help during the retreat.</p> <p>Dr. Hall accepted an award on behalf of the Board for Agricultural Excellence at the Illinois State Fair. Her position as Early Childhood Co-Chair for Special Populations has kept her very busy, and she also now</p>

	<p>serving on a Statewide Committee on Inclusion Practices of Various Schools.</p> <p>Ms. Karon attended the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Fields stated that he had the opportunity to represent the Board at an African American Male Task Force. The group is hoping to share the recommendations of the task force with the General Assembly in October.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	<p>Dr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman