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Illinois State Board of Education calls special meeting

State Board of Education Chairman Jesse Ruiz hereby calls a special meeting under the Open Meetings Act. The purpose of the meeting is reflected in the agenda below.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Board Meeting via video conference

June 30, 2008

2:30 p.m.

Chicago Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, James R. Thompson Center
14th Floor, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL

Springfield Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor
100 N. First Street, Springfield, IL

Conference Call Phone Number: 1-800-640-0097 (Listen only)
Confirmation #: 2 2 1 1 6 0 8 6

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call
- B. Public Participation
- C. Board approval of legislative grants/initiatives
- D. Adjourn

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Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
June 30, 2008
Special Board Meeting
(via teleconference)

<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the Special Board Meeting of the Illinois State Board of Education to order at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, to call the roll. Dr. Chris Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was in attendance in Springfield.</p> <p><u>Members Present via Teleconference:</u></p> <p>From ISBE Chicago Office Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Mr. Dean Clark Ms. Joyce Karon Ms. Lanita Koster</p> <p>From ISBE Springfield Office Dr. David Fields</p> <p><u>Members Absent</u> Ms. Brenda Holmes Dr. Andrea Brown</p> <p>Chairman Jesse Ruiz announced that Board members in attendance today are all participating via teleconference from different locations.</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p><u>Springfield Public Participation</u> None</p> <p><u>Chicago Public Participation</u> None</p>
<p>LEGISLATIVE GRANTS & SPECIAL INITIATIVES</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz indicated that the purpose of this meeting is to review legislative grants and special initiatives that have been received by the agency as this is the last day of the fiscal year to consider action on those grants. Mr. Ruiz asked Superintendent Koch to summarize his recommendation.</p> <p>Dr. Koch indicated that he is bringing seven grants to the Board as indicated on the handout. The Chicago Principals and Administrators Association (CPAA) original request was for \$1.4 million. The Superintendent is recommending \$736,000, which is a reduction from the \$1.4 million CPAA requested.</p> <p>If the Board votes to approve these grants, staff will extend the end date to June 30, 2009, to allow for implementation.</p> <p>Dr. Koch asked Ronny Wickenhauser to review with the Board the other six projects summarized in the handout which are submitted for Board consideration. Mr. Wickenhauser indicated that in addition to CPAA, prior recipients included in this recommendation are the National Heritage Foundation, Southwest Youth Collaborative and Urban Solutions.</p> <p>Mr. Wickenhauser indicated that completed applications have been received from all seven organizations. Consistent with past practice, agency staff went through the budgets submitted by all organizations to determine what was fundable. Any issues were resolved and the Superintendent recommends funding as indicated on the handout. Dr. Koch added that other grantees did not meet the requirements of</p>

	<p>submitting required documentation within the deadline, so those grants are not being recommended for consideration prior to the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Mr. Clark asked if the last three prior funded organizations were funded at similar levels previously. Mr. Wickenhauser responded affirmatively.</p> <p>Dr. Fields asked how many of the grants are subject to an audit process. Dr. Koch responded that grants over \$25,000 are subject to audit (two of the seven being considered today). Mr. Wickenhauser indicated that grantees receiving over \$25,000 are required to retain an Illinois-certified CPA. There is a list of agreed-upon procedures that the CPA must verify, including that the grantee carried out and implemented the grant as it was proposed. Mr. Wickenhauser indicated that the Agency received audits for those grants which fell under that requirement last year. Mr. Wickenhauser is not aware of any issues on audits received.</p> <p>Mr. Clark asked if there was any concern that the grant agreements could not be signed by close of business today (June 30, 2008). Mr. Wickenhauser responded that all entities are aware that the documents must be signed today and as long as that happens, they are eligible to receive the grants at the extended end date of June 30, 2009. General Counsel Reisberg concurred.</p> <p>Ms. Karon recalled that a request was made by the Board that at some point during FY09 a Board Work Study be conducted to formalize a Board Policy on legislative grants and special initiatives, so all parties are aware of the procedures and expectations associated with receiving such funds. Chairman Ruiz acknowledged that request and, in addition, recommended that grantees appear before the Board during the fall budget hearings to justify their request for funding. Dr. Hall further suggested that legislators receive communication from the Board regarding the procedures and expectations we are placing on the grantees. Chairman Ruiz agreed and expected that members of the General Assembly would be appreciative of the oversight ISBE is requiring in this process.</p> <p><u>MOTION</u></p> <p>Dr. Hall moved that based on its review of the attached documents dated June 30, 2008, which demonstrate the benefits these legislative grants can offer to their respective communities, the State Board hereby approves such grants and, due to the late issuance of these grants, directs that the grants be given an extended end date to June 30, 2009.</p> <p>Further the State Board instructs the State Superintendent to carefully review the forthcoming recommendations of the After School Task Force so that agency staff can improve both the determination of who receives grants from the After School line item and the accountability for those that do.</p> <p>Dr. Ward seconded the motion. Chairman Ruiz asked if there was further discussion. Dr. Fields indicated that he will be consistent in his voting on this issue. He feels the Board has a much greater fiduciary responsibility in regards to expenditures, so he will be voting present. Chairman Ruiz called for a roll call vote.</p> <p>The motion carried, with five (5) yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 abstention.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	<p>Ms. Karon moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman