

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

100 N. First Street  
Springfield, Illinois

May 21-22, 2008

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS  
REVISED**

**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, May 21, 2008**

- 12:45 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole (new time slot)**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 1 6 4 7 8 4 5
- \*1:45 p.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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- \*3:45 p.m. Board Operations Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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- \*4:30 p.m. Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole (new time slot)**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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\* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

**Thursday, May 22, 2008**

- 9:00 a.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
1-866-297-6391 (*listen only*); Confirmation # 2 1 6 4 7 8 4 6
- \*9:30 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**  
Board Room, 4th Floor  
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Board Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois

Thursday, May 22, 2008  
9:30 a.m.

(This meeting will begin immediately following the previous session.)  
(Timeframes are estimated for planning purposes.)

**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only); Confirmation #: 2 1 6 4 7 8 4 6**  
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** 9:30 – 9:35 a.m.  
1. Thelma Grave, Pine Crest Elementary School, Georgetown-Ridge Farm CUSD #4 (*Plenary p.4*)
- C. **Public Participation** 9:35 – 10:05 a.m.
- 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** consent agenda items: 10:05 – 10:15 a.m.
- \*1. Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2008 (*Plenary pp.5-13*)
- \*2. Rules for Adoption  
a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (*Rules Packet pp.4-60*)  
b. Part 252 (Driver Education) (*Rules Packet pp.61-78*)
- \*3. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million  
a. SIS Phase II Applications Development Contract with IBM (*Finance & Audit Packet pp.5-6*)  
b. Homeless Continuation Grants (*Finance & Audit Packet pp.7-11*)  
c. Child Nutrition System (CNS) and Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) Contract Renewal (*Finance & Audit Packet p.12*)  
d. Contract for Monitoring Early Childhood Block Grant Programs: Regional Office of Education #27 (Henderson, Mercer and Warren County ROE) (*Finance & Audit Packet pp.13-14*)  
e. Special Education Grants  
1) Harrisburg Project (*Finance & Audit Packet pp.15-16*)  
2) Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) (*Finance & Audit Packet pp.17-18*)  
3) Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) (*Finance & Audit Packet pp.19-21*)  
f. Legislative Grants and Initiatives
- \*4. Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA) Cut Scores (*Education Policy Planning Packet pp.97-98*)
- \*5. Teacher Certification Board Recommendations (*Plenary Packet pp.14-16*)  
Program Approvals for Quincy University and University of Chicago
- (end of consent agenda)**
6. Cahokia School District #187 Financial Plan (*Finance & Audit Packet pp.22-29*) 10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
- E. **New Business** 10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

- F. Announcements and Reports** 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
1. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*) 10:45 – 10:55 a.m.
  2. Superintendent's Announcements 10:55 – 11:15 a.m.
    1. Preliminary Discussions Regarding Strategic Plan Update
  3. Chairman's Report 11:15 – 11:25 a.m.
  4. Committee Reports 11:25 – 11:35 a.m.
  5. Member Reports 11:35 – 11:45 a.m.

- G. Information Items**
1. Rulemaking Monthly Status Report (*Plenary pp.17-20*)
  2. SBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*Plenary pp.21-39*)

**H. Adjourn**

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	<p>concerns the district has with the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE).</p> <p>He stated our high school assessment system, unlike ISAT, does not measure against the standard; it measures against the group and the 1973-74 ACT student booklet that has been provided says that. The ACT has not changed in its purpose and it remains a sorting system. If you start out at the bottom, no matter how hard you work and how far you go, if everyone else is moving you will remain at the bottom. Superintendent Thornton asked that we please move expeditiously and forward to address this.</p> <p>Ms. Karon stated that she hopes that our work with ACHIEVE and our review of the ISAT standards will put us on the right track. She added that she hopes that it comes quickly enough to help District 211. Ms. Karon stated that she feels that we should seriously look at what Superintendent Thornton has presented to the Board today.</p> <p>Dr. Brown asked if they have any of this information they have researched on any schools that are not as high-performing schools</p> <p>Superintendent Thornton responded that the range is from five high schools in their district, and that the information has been shared with superintendents of high-performing districts and they believe the data is reflective and correct. They do know that without interventions there is a direct correlation between social economic level and academic achievement.</p> <p>Superintendent Thornton stated that the ISAT looks at a criteria-based reference exam and that is what they would like to have to replace the Work Keys.</p> <p>Dr. Koch told Superintendent Thornton that he would be sending him a copy of the ACHIEVE presentation that the Board received yesterday.</p>
<p><b>SUPERINTEDEDENT'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</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 wish 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 items D.3.f. (Legislative Grants and Initiatives), and D.4. (Illinois Alternate Assessment Cut Scores) have been pulled from the consent agenda and will be discussed and considered separately.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch commented that the motions for agenda item D.5.c. (Child Nutrition System and Application and Claim Entry System Contract Renewal) was updated on the web on Monday, May 19, 2008. The increase for FY09 and FY10 will make the total amount of the contract \$1,320,592, as reflected in the revised motion.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda items excluding agenda items D.3.f. (Legislative Grants and</p>

Initiatives) and D.4. (Illinois Alternate Assessment Cut Scores).

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the meeting of April 17, 2008 Board meeting.

**Rules for Adoption**

**Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervisions)  
Media Services**

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervisions (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1). 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.

**Rules for Adoption**

**Part 252 (Drivers Education))**

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Drivers Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 252). 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.

**Contracts and Grants over \$1 Million**

**SIS Phase II Applications Development Contract with IBM**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the Agency staff to extend the contract with IBM through Fiscal Year 2013 and to increase the maximum contract amount \$18,364,500, for the purpose of expanding the capabilities and supporting the SIS system.

**Homeless Continuation Grants**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the continuation of the Title X, Part C McKinney-Vento competitive grant to the Chicago Public Schools through FY2009 with a total maximum amount of \$1,525,590, and authorizes continuation through FY2010 (the third year of the three year grant cycle), as long as Chicago Public Schools continues to meet the terms of the grant.

**Child Nutrition System (CNS) and Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) Contract Renewal**

The State Board hereby authorizes the Agency staff to renew the Ashbaugh Associates Inc. for a two-year period and a maximum contract amount \$1,320,592.00 for the purpose of re-writing and supporting the CNS/ACES systems.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monitoring of Early Childhood Block Grant Programs for Compliance and Program Improvement: Henderson, Mercer, Warren Regional Office of Education #27</b></p> <p>The State Board hereby authorizes the renewal of the early childhood monitoring contract with Henderson, Mercer, Warren Regional Office of Education #27 with an increase of the contracts maximum amount to \$1,400,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Special Education Grants</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Harrisburg Project</b></p> <p>The State Board hereby approves the renewal of the Harrisburg Project increasing the total maximum amount of the contract to \$1,402,005, to retain a contracting entity to manage the collection and reporting of special education data.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC)</b></p> <p>The State Board hereby approves the renewal of the ISRC grant, thereby providing funding in the amount of \$477,200 for Fiscal Year 09, for the enhancement of technical assistance and resources for parents and educators of students who have a hearing loss and behavioral/emotional challenges.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC)</b></p> <p>The State Board hereby approves the renewal of the ISTAC grant for a maximum amount of \$5,391,200 for Fiscal Year 09, to provide a fully coordinated statewide approach to technical assistance and support for the implementation of best practices.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Teacher Certification Board Recommendations</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Program Approvals for Quincy University and University of Chicago</b></p> <p>The State Board of Education provisionally approves the Alternative Route to Certification program on a Type 03 Elementary, Type 09 Secondary with endorsements in mathematics or science-biology, and Type 10 Special certificate with an endorsement in LBSI for Quincy University, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the programs and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.</p> <p>Further, the State Board of Education provisionally approves the University of Chicago mathematics and science-biology programs, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b>D.3.f. Legislative Grants and Initiatives</b></p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz stated that agency staff will be sending out grant application forms to all prospective grantees so that the Board will have all the information required to make an informed decision for approving these legislative initiative grants. The Board will have received a recommendation from staff at the June board meeting and vote on the grants at the plenary session.</p>
<p><b>D.4. Illinois Alternate Assessment Cut Scores</b></p>	<p>Ms. Holmes moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed Illinois Alternate Assessment performance level cut-scores. Ms. Karon seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice</p>

	vote. Dr. Hall voted “no.”
<b>D.6. Cahokia School District #187 Financial Plan</b>	Chairman Ruiz commented that the Cahokia School District #187 Financial Plan will be deferred until the June board meeting so that staff can pursue more information that the Board is requesting.
<b>New Business</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS</b>	Chairman Ruiz introduced Dr. Proshanta Nandi who joins 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 June 3rd at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.
<b>IBHE Liaison Report</b>	<p>Dr. Nandi spoke on his personal observation of the NCHEMS (National Center for Higher Education Management Systems) Report and the Future of Education in Illinois. He stated that NCHEMS provided us with excellent data from reliable sources. Painstaking diligence went into identifying these relevant pieces of information.</p> <p>Dr. Nandi went on to say that he had attended several of the NCHEMS meetings and the public comments heard referred to conditions as to why some of us choose not to go through higher education even through the fall-out of that choice clearly indicates deprivation of one or another; material, emotional and even spiritual. An undereducated person with immediate pressure to fulfill his/her family a \$30,000.00 job is more important than what he/she might earn a number of years later. In most cases planning for the future is distinctly an upper class phenomenon. Socio-economic conditions do not tend to influence fulfillment of educational goals. It is really a Catch 22 phenomenon. Poverty turns people away from higher education; lack of high education assures a life of poverty. We must start somewhere. He urged that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) We focus on reducing the impact of poverty on the youth so that they can be free to go to school, and</li> <li>2) NCHEMD examines “education” as a dependent variable in addition to what they have done so far.</li> </ol> <p>Dr. Nandi encouraged education policies leaders to be clear about what we consider a quality education - not a piece of paper that certifies a person has a college degree that is to serve as a passport to future wealth and happiness. Education should be viewed as being charged with conservation of the most highly prized beliefs and intellectual skills in cultural heritage.</p> <p>In short, this education is humanistic. The diploma mills and on-line courses taught by untested adjunct faculty may pad up a school enrollment but do not make a student a truly educated human being. Dr. Nandi closed by stating that he wanted to share these thoughts with us as we deliberate upon our mission.</p>
<b>Superintendent’s Announcements</b>	Dr. Koch commented that he has been in contact with the United States Department of Education regarding our Differentiated Accountability System proposal. We have submitted the proposal in hopes of taking advantage of any flexibility that would be offered by the federal government, particularly because we do not know when NCLB will be authorized in the future. The proposal is now at peer review and we have delayed the implementation of the timeline with our stakeholders in the

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Announcements**

short time we had. We do not want to rush this process and we have laid out a timeline that probably won't give us a huge advantage, there were only seventeen applications and thirteen slots to be given out. Hopefully, we will hear by the end of June the status of our application.

As Melina Wright discussed yesterday we are trying to take advantage of the regulatory process, in hopes that it will take us down a path we can live with. We want to make sure that Illinois has voiced its input. We will be sharing in the next month the regulatory information with our stakeholders, to get their input and to make sure their comments are heard. We will then bring comments on the proposed federal regulations for NCLB to the Board.

Dr. Koch stated that he traveled to Washington, D.C. last week with Judy Erwin, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. They met with Representative Rahm Emanuel and Senator Dick Durbin who were briefed on our standards work. There was not much talk on NCLB reauthorization at this time. We discussed resources for data infrastructure since Illinois is not where we should be concerning data infrastructure. We did let them know that we would be taking advantage of every opportunity from the federal government to promote our infrastructure.

Linda Mitchell announced that several of the budget management staff participated in the Illinois Association of School Business Officials Conference:

- Deb Vespa participated and moderated a panel on the Illinois Accounting Manual.
- Tim Imler monitored a meeting on the Illinois Cost Report.
- Robert Wolfe, Sherry Sullivan and Linda Mitchell solicited participation for the Illinois School Purchasing Network and hosted a major exhibit on the network.

Beth Hanselman announced that the National Accountability Conference, August 25-26, 2008 and the OSEP Leadership Conference, August 27, 2008 will be combined and in Baltimore, Maryland. Beth noted that the conferences are now taking registration and invited any member of the Board who wished to attend to join her.

Ms. Hanselman also informed the Board that the LEA Determination Letters will be released soon. The letters are sent out each year with the determination of the status of districts (with regards to compliance) for the twenty indicators as part of the State Performance Plan. This year the determinations for districts is based on disproportionality, child find, referral from Part C to Part B, transition for age 16 and above, the correction of non-compliance, timely submission of data and audit findings.

Ms. Hanselman stated that they had expected to have approximately 600 to 700 districts need corrective action as a result of LEA findings. She is happy to report that only 500 districts will need corrective action this year, but it is a substantial increase over last year's 347 districts. June 6<sup>th</sup>, the agency will be hosting a conference call for the districts with LEA findings and there has been an appeal process set up if the district would like to appeal any of the data findings. September 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline for the appeals process, and October 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the District

<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p>	<p>Improvement Plans. Ms. Hanselman said that she will be sharing a list of districts having LEA findings with the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Brown asked if staff could share the criteria developed for LEA findings with the Board.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz reported that he participated in the following meetings since the last Board meeting:</p> <p>April 23 Attended the Ounce of Prevention Dinner/First Five Program from California</p> <p>April 28 Attended South Suburban Superintendents Meeting with Darren Reisberg and Superintendent Koch where residency issues were discussed.</p> <p>May 1 Attended the Adler's Women In Space Dinner with Dr. Vinni Hall.</p> <p>May 6 Attended the education roundtable meeting sponsored by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs "Influencing Legislative Reform in Education". Argentina's Nicolás Ducoté, Cofounder and General Director of the of the Center for the Implementation of Public Policies for Equity and Growth was also in attend and received the Chicago Councils First Gus Hart Fellow Award.</p> <p>May 7 Attended the High Jump Reception. The High Jump Program helps Chicago public school children become mentor and attend some of the better schools across the county.</p> <p>May 12 Moderated at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago the kickoff for Food Allergy Awareness Week with First Lady Patti Blagojevich.</p> <p>May 15 Attended a Real Men Read Luncheon where guest speaker, Maria Celeste Anchorwoman from Telemundo TV spoke on the series she did on Real Men Read.</p> <p>May 16 Attended my son's Preschool Parent Teachers Conference.</p> <p>May 17 Attended the 3rd Annual Bilingual Parent Summit in Oak Brook.</p> <p>May 20 Had lunch with students from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School who participate in a work program at the law firm I work at.</p> <p>June 10 Meet with Univision Television-Chicago Vice President and General Manager, Vincent Cordero about doing several public forums on resources for students.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the following Board Members will be attending out of state meetings:</p> <p>May 28-30 Vinni Hall &amp; Dave Fields will be attending a conference in Atlanta, GA, sponsored via a partnership between NASBE and the CDC. Travel expenses are being covered by the Center for Disease Control.</p> <p>June 6-7 Dean Clark, Chris Ward and Vinni Hall will be going to Alexandria, VA to attend NASBE Governmental Affairs, Board of Directors and Study Group Meetings. Travel expenses will be paid from the NASBE Professional Development account.</p>
	<p><b>Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Dr. Fields reported that the Education Policy and Planning Committee discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received public participation from Vincent Allocco, President and Executive of El Valor-Chicago who asked that Illinois strive to do a better job with transitions from pre-school through college and into the workforce. Mr. Allocco was accompanied by 35 individuals who supported his cause. Mr. Kahill Santos also participated in public</li> </ul>

participation by asking questions about graduation policies. Darren Reisberg asked Mr. Santos for further information so his questions could be addressed.

- Welcomed soon-to-be new board member Lanita Koster
- Approved the minutes of the April 2008 Education Policy and Planning Committee Meeting.
- Michael Cohen and Jennifer Vranek from ACHIEVE, Inc. briefed the Committee on the American Diploma Project Network.
- Judy Erwin, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education and Aims McGinness from National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the IBHE: A Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education in Illinois: planning for Career and College Success.
- Joyce Zurkowski reviewed the proposed Illinois Alternate Assessment Cut-Scores.
- Melina Wright presented some draft comments for the proposed regulations under Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act.
- Discussed the June 2008 Education Policy and Planning Committee Meeting agenda.

#### **Governmental Relations Committee Meeting of the Whole**

Ms. Holmes reported that the Governmental Relations Meeting of the Whole discussed the following topics:

- Governmental Relations Committee welcomed Lanita Koster to the Board.
- The Committee approved the minutes of the April 2008 Governmental Relations Committee Meeting.
- Nicole Wills provided the Committee with a legislative update
- Committee was also updated on the budget bills affecting the agency.

#### **Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole**

Mr. Clark reported that the Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole discussed the following topics:

- Received public participation from Dave Comerford and Laura Aerne of the Illinois Federation of Teachers on the financial situation involving teachers in Cahokia School District #187. The Board also heard from Clarice Berry, President, and Faye Terrell-Perkins, Senior Executive Director from Chicago Principals and Administrators Association on funding they are requesting from a state grant for teacher mentoring. Senator Delgado accompanied the ladies and spoke on behalf of their cause.
- The Committee reviewed several contracts and grants for approval.
- Deb Vespa reviewed with the Committee the Cahokia School District #187 Financial Plan.
- Linda Mitchell and Ronny Wickenhauser updated the Committee on the recently passed budget.
- Discussed the June 2008 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting agenda.

#### **Board Operations Committee of the Whole**

Dr. Ward reported that the Board Operations Committee of the Whole discussed the following topics:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee reviewed plans for the Board Retreat and discussed the main topics of interest for the meeting.</li> <li>• The Committee discussed completing the Superintendent's evaluation.</li> <li>• The Committee discussed the agenda for the June 2008 Board Operations Committee of the Whole.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole</b> Chairman Ruiz reported that the Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received public participation from Lou Ann Jacobs of the Illinois School Library Media Association whose members are concerned about the need for improved language that clarifies the rules governing library media programs in Illinois schools.</li> <li>• The Committee reviewed the Rules for Adoption.</li> </ul>
<b>Members' Reports</b>	<p>Ms. Holmes stated that she wanted to take a minute to thank several of the hardworking agency staff: Dr. Connie Wise and the Standards and Assessment staff and Matt Vanover and the Public Information staff for making the Illinois Quick Stats/Elementary and Secondary Education Statistic Cards possible every year. These cards contain useful information that comes in very handy when traveling.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes stated that she attended Illinois Association of School Business Officials Conference.</p> <p>Dr. Ward attended Illinois Association of School Administrators Annual Conference on April 23-25, 2008 in Springfield and the SCOPE Annual Spring Dinner in Alsip on April 30, 2008. He also attended a Three Rivers Illinois Association of School Administrators Breakfast Meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Karon also attended the Illinois Association of School Business Officials Conference.</p> <p>Dr. Fields said that on May 19 he had the opportunity to be part of the NASBE Distinguished Award Committee which picks three individuals to be recipients of the NASBE Distinguished Award. Dr. Fields said that he has been serving on the Illinois Task Force on the Condition of African American Males and will be reporting to the Board soon on their findings.</p>
<b>Information Items</b>	<p>Chairman Ruiz asked that the Board members read the Monthly Status Report on Rulemaking and the Fiscal and Administrative Monthly Reports printed in the Board meeting materials. There were no inquires this month regarding these reports.</p>
<b>Chairman's Announcement Prior to Closed Session</b>	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that the Board would enter into a motion to go into closed session, reconvening only to adjourn the meeting and no additional action will be taken.</p>
<b>Closed Session</b>	<p>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:</p> <p><b>Section c 1</b> for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee;</p>

	<p><b>Section c11</b> 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. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 11:18 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:45 p.m. The open meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Motion for Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.</p>

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Dr. Vinni Hall**  
**Board Secretary**

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**Mr. Jesse Ruiz**  
**Chairman**

**Board Operations Committee of the Whole**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

**3:45 p.m.**

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

**Board Room, 4th Floor**

**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only)**

**Confirmation #: 2 1 6 4 7 8 4 5**

**AGENDA** *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 3:45 – 3:50 p.m.
4. Minutes of the April Board Operations Committee Meeting **(pp.2-4)**
5. Review Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition
  - a. (No new nominations received at time of print.)
6. Board Retreat Planning and Strategic Plan Discussion *(Chris Koch)* 3:50 – 4:10 p.m. **(p.5)**
7. Board Reflection 4:10 – 4:15 p.m.
8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
9. Adjourn

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

**BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**May 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  
Brenda Holmes, Board Member  
Lanita Koster, Board Member, pending confirmation

**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 4:15 p.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:** There was no request for public participation.
4. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:** Dr. Fields moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the March 2008 committee meeting be approved. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed on a unanimous voice vote.
5. **REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:** There were no new nominations received.
6. **BOARD RETREAT PLANNING AND STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION:** Superintendent Koch commented that over the last couple of years, the mandated update of the Strategic Plan has been completed by retrofitting work accomplished in the agency into the goals of the Strategic Plan. We will likely do some of that again this year in order to meet the June 30 deadline. When the Strategic Plan was adopted by the Board in 2005 it was intended to be a living document. Dr. Koch recommended that it is time to look at the Plan and to facilitate that discussion at the retreat. Dr. Koch stated that he would conduct a senior staff retreat over the summer to reflect what the Agency believes are the current plans and goals of this Board at this date and will then present a proposal at the Board's retreat in August to be used as a starting point for the Board's review and crafting into the Board's Strategic Plan. Dr. Ward asked if Standards would be a part of that discussion and Superintendent Koch indicated he expected it would, as well as at the June committee meetings.

Dr. Ward indicated that the Board Self-Evaluation would also take place at the retreat. There was discussion surrounding organizations that would fall within the parameters of the Open Meetings Act allowing the Board to conduct their self-evaluation in closed session. Suggestions for organizations eligible to facilitate were Education Commission of the States (ECS), the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), or the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), as the Board is a dues-paying member of each organization. Dr. Koch indicated that, if the Board desired, he would be happy to reach out to Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director of CCSSO to see if he would be willing and available to facilitate. The Board concurred that Mr. Wilhoit would be an excellent choice to assist the board in this effort.

Dr. Ward also reminded members that the structure of the Board and its committees has the potential to change dramatically in January 2009. Chairman Ruiz added that the structure of the Board and its committees can impact performance, so it could play into the evaluation discussion.

Dr. Ward recommended that the Board use the existing Superintendent Evaluation instrument for the August evaluation and from that point forward there would be revised goals for the coming years. At the retreat there would be new goals related to the contract and a new instrument would be developed at that point. Board members concurred that annually, by the retreat in August, an evaluation cycle of the Superintendent, complete with pay incentives would be completed.

Dr. Fields suggested that looking down the road from the retreat, he thought the Superintendent could identify some hot button items on which the Board could do some reading and further study. It wouldn't take a lot of retreat time, but just identify the issues that the Superintendent recommends.

7. **BOARD REFLECTION:** Ms. Karon shared that she enjoyed attending the IASBO breakfast with Superintendent Koch, that she was impressed with his honesty and that he reflected the thinking of the Board. It was a tough audience with the uncertainty of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> General State Aid payments. They were appreciative of his comments and the assistance of Agency staff.

Dr. Hall and Chairman Ruiz shared the video from the celebration at the Adler Planetarium for Astronaut/Teacher Barbara Morgan.

Dr. Ward added that he attended a SCOPE meeting with Superintendent Koch and appreciated his comments.

8. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND AGENDA PLANNING:** Retreat topics will be finalized during the May committee meeting.
9. **ADJOURN:** Dr. Hall moved that the Board Operations Meeting of the Whole be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The committee meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**  
**1:45 p.m.**

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

**Board Room, 4th Floor**

**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391** *(listen only)*  
**Confirmation #: 2 1 6 4 7 8 4 5**

**AGENDA** *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.
4. Minutes of the April Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting **(pp. 3-5)**
5. ACHIEVE Standards Review *(Chris Koch, Susie Morrison)* 2:00 – 3:00 **(pp. 5-46)**
6. IBHE: *A Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education in Illinois: Planning for Career and College Success* *(Joyce Karon, Chris Koch, Linda Tomlinson)* 3:00 – 3:20 p.m. **(pp. 47-96)**
- \*7. Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA) Cut-Scores *(Joyce Zurkowski)* 3:20 – 3:30 **(pp. 97-98)**
8. Newly Proposed NCLB Title I Regulations: Discussion of Potential Board Commentary *(Chris Koch, Melina Wright)* 3:30 – 3:45 **(pp. 99-132)**
9. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
10. Adjourn

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

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

1:50 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.

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

Springfield, Illinois

**Committee Members Physically Present**

Andrea Brown  
Vinni Hall  
Joyce Karon  
Dr. David Fields, Chair

**Other Board Members Physically Present**

Dean Clark  
Brenda Holmes  
Lanita Koster  
Jesse Ruiz  
Chris Ward

**Committee Members Participation Via Phone**

None

**Board Members Absent**

None

**ISBE Staff**

Superintendent Chris Koch  
Elizabeth Hanselman  
Linda Reilly Mitchell  
Susie Morrison  
Darren Reisberg  
Rene Valenciano  
Connie Wise

The Education Policy Planning Committee (EPPC) meeting convened at 1:50 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL:** Committee Chair, Dr. David Fields had members introduce themselves. See above for detailed listing.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** There was no participation from Board members by any other means.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Vincent Allocco**, President and Executive Director of El Valor -Chicago, brought 35 individuals to the meeting today. He thanked Chairman Ruiz, State Superintendent Koch and the Board for their leadership.

Dr. Allocco requested that Illinois do a better job with transitions as they pertain to individuals with disabilities. More efforts for transition need to be made from pre-school all the way through assisting college students entering the work force.

**Kahlil Santos**, Illinois citizen and member of the U.S. Navy, spoke to the Board regarding a student in a school he works with who is not being allowed to receive their diploma. He asked if there is a state policy in place that governs this issue. Darren Reisberg stated that his would be a local district decision. Mr. Reisberg asked Mr. Santos to provide him with further information so that the situation can be reviewed.

Mr. Santos requested information about sports requirements, and the Board responded that this would fall under the jurisdiction of the Illinois High School Association.

Mr. Santos also asked about another student who was allowed to take a correspondence course but later found out that it would not apply to their graduation requirement.

4. **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2008 EPPC MEETING:** Joyce Karon moved to approve the minutes from the April, 2008 Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting. Vinni Hall seconded and the minutes passed unanimously.

5. **ACHIEVE STANDARDS REVIEW (Chris Koch, Susie Morrison):** Dr. Koch introduced Michael Cohen and Jennifer Vranek with Achieve, Inc., and Mr. Cohen provided a brief overview of the American Diploma Project Network (ADP).

Mr. Cohen then reported that Achieve has conducted a review and analysis of the Illinois Learning Standards, and he gave a report on their findings as follows:

1. Illinois descriptors have strengths, but Achieve also found significant gaps in content coverage when compared to exemplary standards, especially in English and Science.
2. Illinois English, mathematics, and science descriptors lack the clarity and specificity necessary to convey the level of performance expected of students.
3. The progression of expectations from Stage I (early high school) to Stage J (late high school) in English, mathematics, and science is not clearly developed.

Suggested improvements are:

- Rework the Illinois standards in English, science and mathematics so they fully embody 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge and skills and more closely align in knowledge and skills needed for success in college and careers.
- Revise the Illinois descriptors in English, science and mathematics to achieve greater precision in coverage measurability, clarity and progression between grade spans.

How Achieve and the ADP Network help states:

- Convening K-12, higher education, policy leaders and employees.
- Providing R & D and intellectual leadership on standards, graduation requirements, assessment, and accountability.
- Delivering technical assistance and advising on policy and advocacy strategies.

If Illinois was to join the ADP program, the State Board of Education would lead development of an "ADP action plan" with stakeholders to address review and revisions of:

- Standards
- Curriculum
- Professional development
- Graduation requirements
- Assessments and accountability

Brenda Holmes, Dean Clark, Vinni Hall and Andrea Brown asked for further information and clarification on the report. Much of the discussion centered around real-world application for both students and teachers, how to get information on the standards out to others, and the costs involved.

6. **IBHE: A Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education in Illinois: Planning for Career and College Success (Joyce Karon, Chris Koch, Linda Tomlinson):** Judy Erwin, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education gave a brief overview of the *Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education*. This is a planning blueprint for the State of Illinois to direct state policies and resources to the higher education and career needs of Illinois residents and to address the current and future economic needs of the state.

Aims McGinness from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) reviewed major points covered in the information given to members in their packets. Mr. McGinness stated that he sees this as a living document that will continue to grow and change over time. A draft for public comment should be available by August.

7. **ILLINOIS ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT (IAA) CUT-SCORES (Joyce Zurkowski):** Joyce Zurkowski reported that, in past years, a portfolio assessment was used for IAA. In 2007-2008, ISBE administered a new form of the IAA. A status model is now in place which looks at the same kinds of standards in a different way. Ms. Zurkowski then reviewed examples of sample test questions, and gave a report on the IAA Standard Setting Summary.

Andrea Brown asked about states still using portfolios. Ms. Zurkowski responded that about 20 states still use the portfolio process, but often in conjunction with sending in student work samples.

Vinni Hall shared concerns about the many variables involved in testing students with disabilities. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**Joyce Karon made a motion that the IAA Cut-Scores item be removed from the Board consent agenda for May but remain on the plenary agenda. Jesse Ruiz seconded the motion. A vote was taken with Dr. Hall voting against the motion; the motion passed.**

8. **NEWLY PROPOSED NCLB TITLE I REGULATIONS: DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL BOARD COMMENTARY (Chris Koch, Melina Wright):** Melina Wright reviewed the information provided to members in their packets. On April 22, 2008, Secretary Spellings announced the proposed Title I regulations to strengthen and clarify NCLB. Many of the proposed regulations offer only minor changes, but there are several proposed new requirements. There will be four regional hearings on the proposed regulations and comments will be accepted by USDE until June 23, 2008. Discussion occurred.
9. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS (for June):**
  - Charter Schools (Dr. Fields)
  - Violence prevention in the schools (Dr. Hall)
  - Career and Technical Education report (Dr. Brown)
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vinni Hall moved to adjourn the meeting and Chris Ward seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE  
REVISED START TIME FOR  
THIS COMMITTEE MEETING  
REVISED: 5/19/2008**

**Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole  
Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
4:30 p.m.**

**Board Room, 4th Floor  
Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only)  
Confirmation #: 2 1 6 4 7 8 4 5**

**AGENDA** (timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 4:30 – 4:45 p.m.
4. Minutes of the April Finance & Audit Committee Meeting (pp. 2-4)
- \*5. Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million 4:45 – 4:50 p.m.
  - a. SIS Phase II Applications Development Contract with IBM (pp. 5-6)
  - b. Homeless Continuation Grants (pp. 7-11)
  - c. Child Nutrition System (CNS) and Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) (p. 12)  
Contract Renewal
  - d. Contract for Monitoring Early Childhood Block Grant Programs: Regional Office of Education #27 (Henderson, Mercer and Warren County ROE) (pp. 13-14)
  - e. Special Education Grants
    - 1) Harrisburg Project (pp. 15-16)
    - 2) Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) (pp. 16-17)
    - 3) Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) (pp. 19-21)
  - f. Legislative Grants and Initiatives (pp.)
- \*6. Preview Cahokia School District #187 Financial Plan (Deb Vespa) 4:50 – 5:05 p.m. (pp. 22-29)
7. State Board of Education Budget Update 5:05 – 5:20 p.m.. (p. 30)  
(Linda Mitchell, Ronny Wickenhauser)
8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
9. Adjourn

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

## FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
Springfield Illinois

### Committee Members Present

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

### Staff Present

Chris Koch  
Linda Riley Mitchell  
Jean Ladage  
Darren Reisberg  
Connie Wise  
Linda Tomlinson  
Rene Valenciano  
Don Evans

Ronny Wickenhauser  
Patrick Murphy  
Deb Vespa  
Marsha Moffitt  
Linda Jamali  
Marica Cullen  
Terry Chamberlain  
Chris Schmitt

### 1. ROLL CALL

All present

### 2. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS

None

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Dave Comerford, Illinois Federation of Teachers*

*Laura Herne, Illinois Federation of Teachers - Cahokia*

- Spoke about Cahokia's financial situation and asked the Board to delay any action regarding Cahokia's financial plan
- Handouts were submitted to committee members.

*Clarice Berry, Chicago Principals & Administrators Association*

*Faye Terrell-Perkins, Chicago Principals & Administrators Association*

*Senator William Delgado*

- Spoke about a funding for the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association (CPAA). CPAA programs were discussed. Senator Delgado explained that money was included in the budget for the CPAA in the Principal Mentoring line item. Board members were asked to release the funding.
- Handouts were submitted to committee members.

### 4. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion passed.

### 5. CONTRACTS & GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION

#### a. SIS Phase II Applications Development Contract with IBM:

Motion was moved to send the proposal on to the Plenary Session.

#### b. Homeless Continuation Grants:

Motion was moved to send the proposal on to the Plenary Session.

#### c. Child Nutrition System (CNS) and Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) Contract Renewal:

Motion was passed to renew.

#### d. Contract for Monitoring Early Childhood Block Grant Programs: Regional Office of Education #27 (Henderson, Mercer and Warren County ROE):

Motion was passed to renew.

**e. Special Education Grants:**

**1.) Harrisburg Project**

Motion was passed.

**2.) Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC)**

Motion was passed.

**3.) Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC)**

Motion was passed.

**f. Legislative Grants and Initiatives:**

Motion was passed to request additional information from the grant applicants. The Board will consider the grants at its June meeting.

**6. PREVIEW CAHOKIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #187 FINANCIAL PLAN**

Deb Vespa discussed Cahokia's financial situation and the district's financial plan.

Linda Mitchell asked the board to wait until June to take action. This would give Ms. Vespa and others the opportunity to address the concerns that were raised earlier in the meeting.

**7. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET UPDATE**

Ronny Wickenhauser stated that the House passed five budgets that contain numbers for the State Board of Education today. There are two budgets that have ISBE's operations in it and three that have grants or portions of grants in them. Mr. Wickenhauser discussed the contents of each bill and indicated that the bills would have to be combined to make up an entire budget. One House budget scenario was a "flat" budget, while the other two scenarios included significant growth.

**8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items**

The Committee will review member projects at the June meeting. The Committee will also review Cahokia's financial situation. If an FY09 budget is passed, an update will also be provided.

**9. ADJOURN**

**PLEASE NOTE REVISED  
START TIME FOR THIS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
REVISED: 5/19/2008**

**Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole  
Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

**12:45 p.m.**

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

**Board Room, 4th Floor**

**Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only)**

**Confirmation #: 2 1 6 4 7 8 4 5**

**AGENDA** *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 4:30 – 4:45 p.m.
4. Minutes of the April Governmental Relations Committee Meeting **(pp. 2-4)**
5. Legislative Update *(Nicole Wills)* 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. **(pp. )**
6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
7. Adjourn

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

**GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
Springfield, Illinois

**Committee Members Present**

Brenda Holmes, Chair  
Jesse Ruiz,  
Chris Ward  
David Fields  
Joyce Karon  
Vinni Hall  
Andrea Brown  
Dean Clark  
**Lanita Koster**

**Staff Present**

Chris Koch  
Linda Tomlinson  
Jean Ladage  
Nicole Wills  
Darren Reisberg  
Connie Wise  
Susie Morrison  
Beth Hanselman  
Marsha Moffett

**1. ROLL CALL**

See above.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**3. MINUTES OF APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Board member Dave Fields made a motion to approve the April Committee minutes and the motion was seconded by Chris Ward. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Holmes indicated that at the April Governmental Relations Committee meeting, which was held in the Stratton Building, Representative Chapa LaVia filed a verbal complaint with the committee, including allegations that Agency staff had not provided to her staff fair and courteous assistance in accepting a hand-delivered Preschool for All grant proposal from Rachel's Learning Center. Ms. Holmes indicated that a letter responding to Representative Chapa LaVia's allegations was hand delivered to her by Superintendent Koch and Chairman Ruiz the same afternoon (April 17). Ms. Holmes requested that the ISBE response be added as an addendum to the Governmental Relations minutes. (See attached addendum.)

**4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- HB 6377 and HB 6378 – Budget bills in the House that contain appropriations for union and exempt/merit comp employees respectively for all state agencies. Between these two bills, ISBE would receive the 25 staff increases requested.
- HB 6348 – A House budget bill that has been referred to as the “growth” budget for education, and contains various spending increases.
- HB 6349 – This budget bill contained specific increasing relating to special education – for special education personnel reimbursement, special education transportation and RTI.
- HB 4180 – The bill as introduced by Rep. Fritchey would make the moment of silence permissive instead of mandatory. However, an amendment was filed that would keep the moment of silence mandatory, but would remove the words prayer from the statute and mandate that the moment be no more than 1 minute. The amendment did not receive the requisite number of votes needed to release it from committee.
- HB 4266 - As originally introduced, this bill would require ISBE to collect data from school districts on lost interest due to the delayed Budget Implementation Bill for FY 08. An amendment was put on the bill to make it subject to appropriation and to allow the calculation of lost interest to be

done by formula, as opposed to individual school districts submitting claims. The bill passed the House and the estimated cost to fully fund this would be \$1.7M.

- HB 4441 - This bill allows children who will turn 5 by December 1<sup>st</sup> and have attended preschool to start kindergarten. For children that have not attended preschool, they must turn 5 on or before September 1. The bill is still in the House and an amendment is being filed to the bill to define preschool.
- HB 4442 - This bill provides that if a student must be transferred from one attendance center to another within a school district because the attendance center the student is currently attending exceeds its attendance capacity, then the attendance center the student is to be transferred to must not be an attendance center that is on the academic watch list. The bill is still in the House and an amendment has been filed that would make it applicable only to Chicago.
- HB 4456 - The bill creates the Commission on Children and Youth Act, which the State Superintendent or his designee shall sit on. The Department of Human Services will be responsible for staffing the Commission. This bill passed both Houses on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- HB 4522 - This bill reduces the number of General State aid payments from 24 to 22, payable August through June of each year.
- HB 5038 - This bill expands provisions concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant by providing that not less than 11% (instead of exactly 11%) of the grant shall be used to fund programs for children ages 0-3. The bill further requires that this percentage shall increase to at least 20% by Fiscal Year 2014. The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee with an amendment that deleted the rulemaking language added in the House. The amendment also requires that 20% of any ECBG grant be spent on technology.
- HB 5077 – An amendment in the Senate deletes the language passed by the House and amends the Technology Immersion Pilot Program with respect to the \$10M limitation on the amount of funds that can be expended for the program.
- HB 5717 - This bill provides that any child who received a health examination within one year prior to entering the fifth grade for the 2007-2008 school year is not required to receive an additional health examination in order to comply with the provisions of Public Act 95-422 (which requires children entering the sixth grade to have a health examination) when he or she attends school for the 2008-2009 school year, unless the child is attending school for the first time.
- SB 2500 - This bill contains the enacting language for the Superintendent Mentoring program, which ISBE has been in support of.
- SB 2505 - Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services shall work with representatives of voluntary residential services providers to develop a performance-based contract model that fully funds the cost of care provided by residential services providers beginning in State fiscal year 2010. This bill impacts several state agencies, including ISBE.
- SB 2091 - ISBE bill containing the educator misconduct proposal. The bill passed out of the House Education Committee, but the Speaker added an amendment containing 'no rulemaking' language.
- SB2042 - ISBE court placement legislation.
- SB 2379 - ISBE bill with respect to the withdrawal from special education cooperatives.

- SB2481 - This bill is the ISBE initiative on out of state teaching certificates. This bill has not been released from the House Rules Committee.
- SB 2487 - ISBE bill that cleans up provisions concerning school district reorganizations.
- SB 2864 - ISBE bill to eliminate the use of 11-15 passenger vans.
- SB 2288 – This legislation is the major tax swap initiative Senators Meeks and Cullerton have been advocating for. A total of six amendments have been filed onto the bill that will not move until at least the fall veto session. The first five amendments deal with various tax credits and funds. Amendment 6 contains the “Burnham Plan” language in an altered form.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Ruiz made a motion to adjourn the committee and it was second by Dr. Ward. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

**ADDENDUM:** ISBE response to Representative Chapa LaVia

**Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole  
Thursday, May 22, 2008  
9:00 a.m.**

**Board Room, 4th Floor  
Public Conference Call Number: 1-866-297-6391 (listen only)  
Confirmation #: 2 1 6 4 7 8 4 6**

**AGENDA** (timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
4. Minutes of the April Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting
- \*5. Rules for Adoption 9:20 – 9:30 a.m.
  - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (Linda Tomlinson) (pp.4-60)
  - b. Part 252 (Driver Education) (Tim Imler) (pp.61-78)
6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
7. 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, May 22, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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

**Committee Members Present**

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

**Absent**

**Others**

Chris Koch  
Darren Reisberg  
Tim Imler  
Shelley Helton  
Sally Vogl

**Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. All the members were present, so there was no need for participation by other means.**

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One individual had signed up for public participation. Lou Ann Jacobs, representing the Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA), presented a statement from the Association's president, Jane Sharka, and thanked the Board for the opportunity she had had to work with agency staff and others on the amendments to Part 1 related to districts' programs of library media services. Serving on the advisory committee had been an interesting experience, and she viewed the remaining concerns as a wonderful chance to work with schools to broaden opportunities for students. The ISLMA would work with ISBE, higher education, the Illinois State Library, and other parties to help Illinois teachers receive certification or endorsement in library media services by increasing the availability of the required coursework. Ms. Jacobs noted recent efforts on the part of ISBE in this regard and described initiatives being undertaken by several universities as well. Other continuing professional development activities could also be developed, particularly with input from districts and regional superintendents regarding specific needs in the various areas of the state. She concluded by thanking the Board once again and complimenting the staff members with whom she had worked.

Brenda Holmes asked to be reminded how many certified school librarians were serving in the public schools, and the number was estimated at between 1,000 and 1,200. Ms. Jacobs noted that some 770 districts had received the per-capita grant administered through the Illinois State Library, meaning that certified staff members were present in those districts. She also told the Board that a legislative effort was under way to raise the minimum amount of that grant.

Joyce Karon stated that the per-capita grant language had been written in order to reach the greatest possible number of schools and that membership in a regional library system opens the door to all the services those systems provide. Vinni Hall inquired whether any on-line coursework was available that would count toward the endorsement. Ms. Jacobs answered affirmatively and indicated that the ISLMA had plans to post this information on its web site in the near future. The recent popularity of this option was noted.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joyce Karon moved approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by David Fields and adopted unanimously. The minutes were approved as presented.

#### 5. RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW

Chairman Ruiz turned the meeting over to General Counsel Darren Reisberg for a discussion of the rules on the agenda. Mr. Reisberg indicated that two rulemakings were being presented for adoption: Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) and Part 252 (Driver Education). He noted that a number of different matters were addressed in Part 1, which had been presented for initial review in October of 2007. He asked Rules Coordinator Sally Vogl to highlight the two principal issues, with particular attention to the process by which the agency had arrived at the version of the rule on library media services that was under consideration.

##### **PART 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)**

Ms. Vogl spoke first to the new limitations on waivers of the daily physical education mandate in Section 27-6 of the School Code that had been established by P.A. 95-223. As of January 1, 2008, each district would be permitted no more than one two-year waiver and two renewals of two years each, for a total of six years. She explained that the difficulty in implementing the statute lay in the treatment of districts that already had waivers in effect as of January 1 or who had had waivers at some time in the past. She called to the Board members' attention the letters of public comment that had advocated counting some or all of these periods of effectiveness against the new six-year maximum and pointed out the problem of retroactive effect for the statute. After exploration of the legal issues associated with such retroactivity, it had been concluded that this would not be appropriate. That is, the counting should begin with those applications that are approved on or after the day when the new statutory provisions took effect, as the proposed rule had provided.

Ms. Vogl acknowledged that there had been comments from several legislators describing their personal intentions in voting for P.A. 95-223. These individuals did advocate counting some of the time for which districts had already had waivers in effect, but their statements could not be understood as countermanding what the law actually says and particularly the absence of any provision for retroactive effect. Board members had no questions on this portion of the rulemaking.

Ms. Vogl then recalled the origins of the proposed changes in Section 1.420(o) regarding library media services, as well as the many serious reservations that had been voiced during the public comment period. The expression of these difficult issues had led to a decision to take substantial additional time for review and further consultation prior to presenting the rule for adoption. The first step taken had been to expand the original advisory group to ensure representation by the Illinois School Management Alliance and to consider what kinds of changes could be made to preserve the essential characteristics of a "program" rather than to diminish the long-standing requirement. She noted the need for alternatives that would avoid the promulgation of a rule that was impossible for districts to abide by.

After preparation of a significantly revised discussion draft, staff had convened a group that was limited to school district superintendents who had submitted detailed comments on the difficulties the proposed rule would present for their districts if adopted in its original form. Based on what was learned about what districts *could* do, further revisions had been made, and that next version had then been circulated to all the individuals who had participated at any stage of the discussion. By and large, the last version had seemed not to raise major issues among the parties, probably because it included a high degree of flexibility for organized collections of resources and for direction of the program.

Andrea Brown was interested in standards for library media specialists, and Ms. Vogl pointed to a hand-out delineating the requirements for those assignments spanning the last 30 years. She drew a distinction between these "standards" (requirements) and the standards that apply to the preparation

programs for individuals seeking certification in this field. Dr. Brown and Ms. Karon also discussed professional standards for performance on the job.

Brenda Holmes asked Cynthia Woods of the Management Alliance to comment on her organization's stance with regard to the revised version of the rule. She noted that there had not seemed to be an effort to prompt further large-scale correspondence stating objections, as had been the case when the rule was originally proposed. Ms. Wood indicated her understanding that the problems previously noted had been resolved through the discussions, and Ms. Vogl confirmed that this was her understanding as well.

There were no further questions on the amendments to Part 1.

#### **PART 252 (Driver Education)**

Darren Reisberg introduced the amendments to Part 252 and stated that the only item of public comment received had been supportive. The amendments under consideration were therefore identical to those originally presented in March. Division Administrator Tim Imler was present to answer any questions. Joyce Karon asked about any conflict between the new provisions in the law and the approval of waivers for some school districts to use simulators or other means to replace some of the required six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. Mr. Reisberg clarified that ISBE had not approved these requests. Rather, the General Assembly had not disapproved them, so they were deemed approved. There was no conflict with the law, because the law permitted waivers of this type. Mr. Imler clarified that simulators could still be used, but not to count for part of the six hours that must be completed behind the wheel. He also indicated that numerous additional districts were apparently interested in pursuing waivers of the new requirements.

#### **6. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Chairman Ruiz noted that the Board had received an outline of the rulemaking items that were likely to be ready for consideration at the June meeting and indicated there was nothing further to add. Mr. Reisberg asked the Board members whether the forecasts that were being transmitted in this way were sufficient to make the monthly status report on rulemaking unnecessary. They responded affirmatively.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dean Clark moved for adjournment. Vinni Hall seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.