

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Location: Chicago, Illinois

**November 19-23, 2008
Schedule of Meetings**

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

No meeting.

Thursday, November 20, 2008

9:00 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session
Location: Conference Room O, 37th Floor
Offices of Drinker Biddle and Reath, LLP
191 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3700
Chicago, Illinois

**November 21-23, 2008 State Board Members attending IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual
Conference**

State Board of Education “Meet & Greet” Conference Attendees
Comiskey Room, Hyatt Regency, 151 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago
Friday, November 21 from 1:30 – 3:30; and
Saturday, November 22 from 1:30 – 3:30.

Sunday, November 23, 9:45 a.m. – Thomas Lay Burroughs Outstanding School Board President Award
(during Third General Session)

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Public portions of the meeting will be audio broadcast via the Internet.

A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

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

B. Public Participation

(9:00 – 9:30 a.m.)

C. 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: 9:30 – 9:40 a.m.)

- *1. Bilingual Transition To Teaching Resolutions **(pp. 3-22)**
- *2. Approval of Minutes: October 22, 2008 **(pp. 23-29)**
- *3. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) **(pp. 30-43)**
 - b. Part 25 (Certification) **(pp. 44-55)**
- *4. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 25 Emergency Amendment (Certification) **(see above)**
- *5. Employee Handbook **(p. 56)**
- *6. Update Financial Status of Divernon CUSD #13 and Winthrop Harbor SD #1 **(pp. 57-62)**

(end of consent agenda)

7. Preliminary Discussion of FY10 Budget **(p. 63)** *(9:40 a.m. – Noon)*

D. Information Items

1. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports **(pp. 64-84)**

E. Adjourn

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| <p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> | <p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Carol Markko, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance.</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. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary Dr. Andrea Brown Mr. Dean Clark Dr. David Fields Ms. Brenda Holmes Ms. Joyce Karon Ms. Lanita Koster</p> <p><u>Members Absent:</u> None</p> |
| <p>PUBLIC PATRICIPATION</p> | <p>Janet Milkovich from the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) updated that Board on achievements of their organization. RFB&D has recorded 518 new books in the past year. These books are both usable by the blind and hearing impaired. Ms. Milkovich pointed out on a map the area RFB&D has covered with the help of the funding from the ISBE. (See handout for map). Ms. Milkovich thanked the Board for the funding to make this possible for children with disabilities.</p> <p>Charles Grode, Vice President of the newly-launched Institute for Learning, Access, and Training Initiatives for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Grode explained that the purpose of the institute is to create lasting connections among Chicago youth by promoting active participation in music and providing increased access to the resources of the CSO. Mr. Grode said that each year the CSO provides approximately nineteen arts education programs to more then 100,000 children and families in Chicago and surrounding areas. Despite all these efforts there are still hundreds of thousands more children who have uneven access to arts education. To begin reaching these children the Institute will offer three new initiatives to supports arts learning; Orchestra Explorers K-3 grades, Dream Out Loud ages 9-17, and Chicago Young Musicians Initiative will launch in April 2009. Mr. Grode thanked the Board for the opportunity to share this information with the Board. (See handout for more information).</p> <p>Ms. Holmes asked if they receive any public funding. Mr. Grodie responded that they do receive public funding from the NEA and limited funding from the City of Chicago as well as the State of Illinois.</p> <p>Tina Lechnick from Philip J. Rock Center and School discussed with the Board the financial crisis the Center and School is facing due to the Comptroller's backlog. The State Board of Education has funded them</p> |

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| | <p>with \$950,000.00 to operate the center and school but the Comptroller has only released \$300,000.00 from July to October. The facility is operated on a grant-funded basis only. Ms. Lechnick indicated that they have explored other options but they have been unable to secure a loan from the local banks. Keeneyville School District of DuPage County acts as their fiscal agent and they are attempting to explore their options through a possible district loan.</p> <p>Dr. Brown and Mr. Clark asked if Ms. Lechnick if she has spoken to her legislator. Ms. Lechnick said that she had not, but that she certainly would do so. Chairman Ruiz also recommended that she encourage her parents to lobby their legislators to advocate on behalf of the school and center.</p> <p>Mr. Reisberg stated that Superintendent Koch has been contacted by Dr. Carol Auer of Keeneyville School District #20 looking for a solution in the event that they would need to borrow the money. Mr. Reisberg indicated that staff is considering the issue and Superintendent Koch agreed to keep the Board updated.</p> <p>Joanna Brown of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association talked about the community neighbors centers that are funded by ISBE. Ms. Brown testified at the budget hearing in Chicago and wanted to clarify questions that were raised. She commented that the centers are located in Latino immigrant communities and have been around for about fifteen years. The centers depend primarily on the State Board for funding their community center and parent mentor programs. Ms. Brown stated that they would like to further develop their parent mentor program, should funds be available. She invited the Board members to attend an open house in January where they will be showcasing all of their programs at one of their community centers.</p> <p>Patricia Gonzalez, Assistant Principal at Burroughs School addressed the Board to request changes in 21st Century Community Learning Center Application process. Ms. Gonzalez asked that the State Board of Education remove the competitive priority for schools that are reapplying and are not meeting the state performance standards. She also asked that the Board give competitive priority to schools in the reapplication process that have used the funding effectively and have met or are exceeding the performance standards. Schools should be rewarded for good stewardship of these precious resources, not be penalized for succeeding. Ms. Gonzalez requested the Board's consideration of her suggestions prior to the next RFP opportunity for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch commented that the Board struggles with this funding because there are many schools in need of it. Dr. Koch stated that the 21st Century Grant is a very valuable program and we will continue to review the policy as we progress.</p> |
| <p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</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 event the item will be considered in its normal sequence.</p> |

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Ruiz stated that consent agenda item C.1 Bilingual Transition to Teaching Resolutions will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item for discussion.

Motion:

Ms. Karon moved that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda items excluding agenda item C.1 Bilingual Transition to Teaching Resolutions. 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 October 22, 2008 Board meeting.

Rules for Initial Review

Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Part 1 Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1), including publication of the proposed rulemakings in the Illinois Register.

Part 25 (Certification)

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Part 25 Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25), including publication of the proposed rulemakings in the Illinois Register.

Rules for Adoption

Part 25 Emergency Amendment (Certification)

Motion #1

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the emergency rulemaking for Part 25 Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25).

Motion #2

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 25) including publication of the proposed amendment in the Illinois Register.

Employee Handbook

The State Board of Education hereby approves the 2008 Employee Handbook to replace the 1998 Human Resources Manual.

**Update Financial Status of Divernon CUSD #13 and
Winthrop Harbor SD#1**

Whereas Divernon Community Unit School District 13 has annexed into Auburn Community Unit School District 10; and

Whereas Winthrop Harbor School District 1 has realized a surplus in their results of operations, a positive fund balance for two consecutive years, and are diligently decreasing the amount of the outstanding Tax Anticipation Warrants;

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| | <p>The State Board of Education approves that Divernon Community Unit School District 13 and Winthrop Harbor School District 1 are no longer certified as being in Financial Difficulty in accordance with Section 1A-8 of the <i>Illinois School Code</i>.</p> <p>END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</p> |
| <p>Bilingual Transition to Teaching Resolution</p> | <p>Dr. Ward moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby adopts the resolutions on pages 3-22 recognizing Jacqueline Aguilera, Juan Sanchez, Mark Clark, Michelle Everson, Marilinda Kustec, Silvia Acevedo, Claudia Altamirano, Carmen Andrade, Angel Avalos, Adriana Cardenas, Maria Carmona, Crystal Dominguez, Christian Drogos, Patricial Maxwell, Patricia Orozco-Rosas, Marisa Rodriguez, Carlos Santoyo, Esmerlada Velasco, Emma Walsh and Jennifer Wood. These teachers are recognized for making a commitment to provide a quality education to, and provide services for, high-need bilingual students in Illinois. Ms. Holmes seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> |
| <p>Preliminary Discussion of FY10 Budget</p> | <p>Mr. Clark stated that there is only one budget hearing left and it will be held in Wheaton at the Briar Glen Elementary Learning Center on December 3, 2008. Mr. Clark stated that they have heard testimonies from 113 people for funding issues.</p> <p>Mr. Clark then turned the discussion over to Superintendent Koch and Linda Mitchell to discuss the preliminary structure of the budget.</p> <p>Superintendent Koch said that he, Chairman Ruiz, and Linda Mitchell met with the Governor's Office of Budget and Management (GOMB) following the press release of the Governor. GOMB reviewed with them the Governor's proposal to balance the budget. Dr. Koch said that it is his understanding that the General Assembly will be acting today on the proposal of an 8% decrease for the General Revenue Fund. This would mean a potential \$600 million dollar decrease to the State Board of Education budget. This is of great concern and is being reviewed by our budget division.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes asked if this is 8% of the of the \$7.4 billion dollar state budget. Dr. Koch and Linda Mitchell responded that is correct. Ms. Holmes also asked if we will have any input to where the initial budget cuts would be made and had they done any scenarios. Dr. Koch indicated that at this point they do not know where the initial cuts will be made or if we will have input, and they had not done any scenarios yet. Chairman Ruiz stated that if you look at the Governor's proposal it would give him complete latitude to decide where the cuts would be.</p> <p>Ms. Holmes recommended that the State Board be prepared to suggest where the budget cuts might be made. She commented that she does not think the reality of the FY09 budget in its current form is going to continue to be reality, and that she would prefer to have a reduction plan ready.</p> <p>Ms. Mitchell suggested that today's agenda is to discuss the Board's FY10 priorities. She noted that the Board has been very clear on its priorities concerning General State Aid, Mandated Categorys, Early Childhood and the operations of the agency. Those items are where the largest share of the funding is in our budget, and if those are our priorities it does</p> |

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| | <p>not give us a lot of opportunities to bring about any type of reductions.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz requested that we have a recommendation for our current budget and the FY 2010 budget.</p> <p>Ms. Mitchell provided an update on the Comptroller's cash flow situation and its affect on the agency and outside programs funded by the agency. The Governor's Office and the State Board are working with the Finance Authority to see if there is a program that could assist these school districts with some short term financing.</p> <p>Linda Mitchell reviewed with the Board the budget background information provided to the Board. The information shows a categorized budget that reflects the priorities of the Board and our new Strategic Plan Initiatives.</p> <p>Ms. Karon requested that we have state level indicators for what a school or district should be. Ms. Karon feels that this would give the Board the necessary information to help them target their budget funding. Susie Morrison commented that other states have adopted Quality School Indicators at the school level and Quality School System Indicators for districts. These indicators lay out the expectations for a school and district of what a quality school should be, and they benchmark themselves against those quality indicators. Ms. Karon suggested that this be a work study session.</p> <p>Dr. Koch pointed out that many states are in the same budget crisis we are in, if not worse. Various state boards are handling their budgets differently; some know that they will be getting less funding and request larger amounts. Dr. Koch noted that it is very important that we create a better prioritization. We need to be clear about where our priorities are, and where they are not. Dr. Koch commented that we will not reach the \$600 million dollar reduction by doing away with the small items, and if we want to leave General State Aid intact, then we will have to look at Mandated Categoricals. Scenarios of this kind could be run for the Board's review. The Board members discussed the possibility of a special meeting to review the scenarios they requested.</p> |
| <p>Information Items</p> <p>Superintendents Report</p> | <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.</p> <p>Dr. Koch indicated he has been appointed to serve with seven other chiefs on the transition task force for the new federal administration and the first meeting will be on December 1, 2008 in Washington, D.C. The goal of the task force is to assist the administration in being aware of the priority of states and in being proactive, instead of reactive.</p> <p>Dr. Koch thanked Chairman Ruiz and Dr. Ward for attending the Boeing reception and commented that it was a very productive evening. Dr. Koch said they had the opportunity to discuss data infrastructure and several other of the Board's priorities with attendees.</p> <p>Dr. Koch commented that the Lincoln Bicentennial was recognized at a press event in Chicago on November 19. Students had the opportunity to read the Gettysburg Address. He noted that the Agency will be sharing</p> |

IBHE Liaison Report

with Illinois students Lincoln curriculum that Indiana helped develop.

Superintendent Koch introduced Mary Fergus who will be located in our Chicago office working as a Senior Communications Officer.

Dr. Koch shared with Board members information regarding CCSSO's Future of Teacher Licensure.

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 IBHE met on Tuesday, October 7th, on the campus of Kennedy King College in Chicago. On the afternoon prior to the Board meeting, the Public Agenda Task Force convened its fifth meeting. Dr. Nandi stated that prior to the fifth task force meeting; working groups were formed around the four goals of the Public Agenda. The working groups developed draft documents that identified central issues and a set of recommended strategies believed to address these issues. At the October 6" meeting, the task force members reviewed the draft documents. The task force will meet again on November 21, at which time a final draft should be ready for review and adoption.

Highlights of the October 7 IBHE meeting included the following:

- Representatives of the IBHE's Proprietary Advisory Committee addressed the Board. They highlighted the contributions of the for-profit education sector to Illinois' economy as both a consumer and as an engine of individual advancement.
- Illinois Student Assistance Commission Executive Director Andy Davis spoke about affordability and the efforts of ISAC to both increase available funding and to make more efficient use of current funding. Mr. Davis pointed to the goals of the Public Agenda to reduce repetition and remediation and to increase completion rates as being viable ways of improving student assistance efficiency.
- The Board reviewed the work of the Public Agenda task force and discussed the draft documents presented the day before. Several board members commented about the underlying need to revise education funding if we are to realize any of the goals of the Public Agenda.

Dr. Nandi's General Observations:

- Most colleges and universities are aligning their priorities with this public agenda.
- IBHE has no indication as yet of the 2010 budget although indications are toward a grief situation.
- There have been six public hearings around the state in regard to the Public Agenda.
- Illinois is the 34th state to the join the American Diploma Project Network.

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| <p>Member Report</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fall Veto Session is almost over. The legislature passed a \$220 million dollar supplemental appropriation bill in October that contains the restoration of funding for the Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Program. The Governor has yet to act on this bill, and has until December 5th to do so. <p>The Board's next meeting will be December 9th at National-Louis University in Chicago.</p> <p>Joyce Karon commented that the last Public Agenda Meeting will be held November 21 in Springfield at Robert Morris College at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Dr. Fields commented that he attended the budget hearings around the state and that he wanted to thank the organizations, schools and groups that accommodated the Board members and staff when they attended the hearings.</p> <p>Dr. Brown attended the Annual Superintendent's Conference on October 23-24, 2008 in Springfield.</p> <p>Ms. Koster attended the Grow Your Own Networking Meeting last week. Ms. Karon stated that she and Dr. Ward attended an Illinois New Teacher Induction Mentoring Meeting in Kankakee. Ms. Karon also attended the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Meeting on behalf of Superintendent Koch.</p> <p>Dr. Ward attended the American Diploma Project in Bloomington.</p> <p>Mr. Clark reported that he has attended three budget hearings since our last board meeting, and will have only the Wheaton hearing left on December 3, 2008. Mr. Clark also traveled to Carol Stream with Superintendent Koch and Ms. Morrison to visit several schools.</p> <p>Dr. Hall attended with Linda Tomlinson the Milken Award Presentation to Cheryl Watkins. She also attended the Black Star Parent Awards and had the opportunity to speak in Minnesota on Rtl.</p> <p>Chairman Ruiz stated that he had the opportunity to be Principal for a Day at Inter-American Magnet School, a CPS school. He had the opportunity to speak to the Students of the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund at UIC campus and attended the Advance Illinois luncheon.</p> |
| <p>Closed Session</p> | <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 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. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call</p> |

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| | <p>vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 12:07 p.m. and the Board went into closed session a 12:30 p.m. The open meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m.</p> |
| Chairman's Announcement Prior to Closed Session | <p>Chairman Ruiz announced that following lunch the Board will enter into closed session; the Board will reconvene only to adjourn the public meeting and will take no further action.</p> |
| Motion for Adjournment | <p>Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Fields. seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.</p> |

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman