

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**100 N. First Street
Springfield, Illinois**

January 12-13, 2011

NOTE: Staff presentations and detailed Board discussion typically take place during Committee meetings prior to State Board action in the plenary session.

Open meetings will be audio cast on the Internet (as indicated) at: www.isbe.net

JANUARY 12, 2011

10:30 a.m. Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole

Board Room, 4th Floor

1:00 p.m. Break for lunch

***1:45 p.m. Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole**

Board Room, 4th Floor

***2:30 p.m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**

Board Room, 4th Floor

***3:15 p.m. Board Operations Committee of the Whole**

Board Room, 4th Floor

* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

JANUARY 13, 2011

8:30 a.m. Governmental Relations

Board Room, 4th Floor

***9:45 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**

Board Room, 4th Floor

* The meeting will begin at the conclusion of the previous session.

All State Board of Education meetings listed on this agenda will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons planning to attend who need special accommodations should contact the Board office no later than the date prior to the meeting. Contact the Superintendent's office at the State Board of Education, Phone: 217-782-2221; TTY/TDD: 217-782-1900; Fax: 217-785-3972.

NOTE: Chairman Ruiz may call to order the Board's plenary session early for the sole purpose of hearing a motion to go into closed session. In such case, the plenary session will reconvene for action items at the time posted. Chairman Ruiz may also call for a break in the plenary session on Thursday at which time the Board will go into closed session.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLENARY SESSION
100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois
Board Room, 4th Floor
January 13, 2011
9:45 a.m.

REVISED AGENDA
(posted 1/10)

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

**NOTE: Staff presentations and detailed Board discussion typically take place during Committee meetings prior to State Board action in the plenary session.
All meetings will be audio cast on the Internet at www.isbe.net**

AGENDA (timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)

I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Public Participation (up to 30 minutes)

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

III. Resolutions & Recognition

10:15 – 10:20 a.m.

- A. Larry Carrico, Mt. Vernon Community Member (*Plenary p. 12*)

IV. 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: 10:20 – 10:25 a.m.

- A. *Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2010 (*Plenary p. 3-11*)
- B. *Rules for Initial Review
1. Part 226 (Special Education) (*Rules packet pp. 7-31*)
- C. *Rules for Adoption
1. Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois) (*Rules packet pp. 32-80*)
 2. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education) (*Rules packet pp. 81-87*)
 3. Part 235 (Early Childhood Block Grant) (*Rules pp. 88-118*)
 4. Part 575 (School Technology Program) (*Rules packet pp. 119-128*)
- D. *Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million
1. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant (*Finance & Audit packet pp. 4-7*)
- E. *Legislative Proposals (*Governmental Relations packet pp. 5-110*)
- F. *2011 Board Calendar of Meetings (revision) (*Board Operations packet pp. 8-9*)
- G. *FY11 MCAT Transfers (*Finance & Audit packet pp. 8-9*)

End of Consent Agenda

- H. FY 12 State Board of Education Budget (*1/13/2011 Handout*) 10:25 – 10:40 a.m.

V. New Business

10:40 – 10:45 a.m.

VI. Announcements and Reports

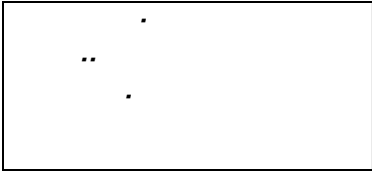
10:45 – 11:25 a.m.

- A. IBHE Liaison Report (*Dr. Proshanta Nandi*) 10:45 – 10:55 a.m.
- B. P-20 Council Liaison Report (*No report this month*)
- C. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements 10:55 – 11:05 a.m.
- D. Chairman's Report 11:05 – 11:15 a.m.
- E. Member Reports 11:15 – 11:25 a.m.

VII. Information Items

- A. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports (*available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm*)

VIII. Adjourn



Illinois State Board of Education Meeting
January 13, 2011
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois

ROLL CALL

Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order 10:27 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Mrs. Jean Ladage to call the roll. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education, was in attendance. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman
Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary
Mr. James Baumann
Dr. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Mr. Steven Gilford
Ms. Lanita Koster
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Members Absent:

None

Chairman Ruiz wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked them for all the work they have done in the past and all the work they will do in the coming year. He also asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the tragedy in Tuscon, Arizona.

Chairman Ruiz welcomed representatives from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS): Matt Snyder, Regional Office of Education #39, Macon-Piatt Counties and Paul McMahan, Assistant Superintendent of Regional Office of Education #47, Lee-Ogle Counties. Paul McMahan thanked the Board for the work they have done on the FY12 budget recommendation and he is pleased that attention has been paid to the at risk students. Matt Snyder spoke on the positive work that is being realized at DePue and Egyptian Schools as a result of the school improvement grants.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cynthia Woods, Director of Advocacy from the Illinois Association of School Boards, thanked the Board and Agency staff for their tireless efforts in working with stakeholders and advocacy groups.

**RESOLUTIONS &
RECOGNITION**

Dr. Brown moved that the State Board of Education, with its sincere appreciation and gratitude, adopt the resolution honoring Mr. Larry Carrico for his commitment to the health, fitness and overall wellbeing of the students of Mt. Vernon City Schools. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda items with the exception of IV. C .1 Rules for Adoption Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois) and Agenda Item IV. F. 2011 Board Calendar of Meetings (Revisions), which will be reviewed and voted on separately in the meeting. Ms. Koster 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 December 16, 2010, Board meeting.

Rules for Initial Review
Part 226 (Special Education)

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Special Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 226) including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Rules for Adoption
Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education)

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Transitional Bilingual Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 228). 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.

Part 235
(Early Childhood Block Grant)

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Early Childhood Block Grant (23 Illinois Administrative Code 235). 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.

Part 575 (School Technology Program)

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for School Technology Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 575). 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 & Grants Over \$1 Million

Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into an amended continuation grant agreement in FY 2011 with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) for receipt of a discretionary grant funded with IDEA, Part B funds in an amount not to exceed \$6,554,500 and General Revenue funds in the amount not to exceed \$450,000 for a combined total of not more than \$7,004,500 for the purpose of providing a fully coordinated statewide approach to technical assistance and support for the implementation of research based practices.

Legislative Proposals

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes Agency staff to continue working with stakeholders and then move forward with the following legislative proposals in the spring 2011 legislative session:

1. Revamping the Educator Certification System (Article 21 of the School Code)
2. Aligning State and Federal Accountability Standards;
3. Further alignment of Financial Oversight Panels and School Finance Authority
4. Revisions to the Textbook Loan Program;
5. Removing bilingual education from the Educational Services Block Grant for Chicago;
6. Permanently terminating the General State Aid Hold Harmless program;
7. Applying the Alternate Double Whammy formula to all Property Tax Extension

Limitation Law (PTELL) school districts statewide (to address the General State Aid-related issues raised by

School District U-46 and others);

8. Less Red Tape/Clean-up; and,
9. Elimination or Modification of Unfunded Mandates.

FY11 MCAT Transfers

The State Board of Education hereby approves that transfers be made as depicted in Exhibit A to reallocate the FY 2011 Mandated Categorical line items.

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals In Illinois)

Dr. Koch commented that the discussion of Part 30 has been extended for many months. Staff have taken great measures to include input from the public and now request Board consideration of the recommendation.

Motion

Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois (23 Illinois Administrative Code 30).

In addition, the State Board of Education will initiate a rulemaking by December 2011 to allow the granting of a principal's endorsement to an applicant who has fewer than four years of teaching experience based upon the presentation of evidence that includes, but need not be limited to, performance evaluations incorporating student growth indicators.

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.

Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a voice vote.

2011 Board Calendar of Meetings

Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the change to the September 2011 Strategic Planning Session to September 27-28, 2011; and change the April meeting to April 13 to accommodate staff and members' attendance at the IASA Annual Conference.

Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

FY12 State Board of Education Budget

Superintendent Koch noted that there is a change to the Teach For America grant line item since yesterday's discussion. Dr. Koch stated that the agency was able to get a commitment of \$1 million dollars in private sector funding if the agency would match the amount and, thus, recommends we do so. Dr. Koch pointed out that the handout dated January 13, 2011, reflects that change, bringing the Teach For America line to \$1.225 million. Dr. Koch said he would like the line to be corrected to read "Teach For America - Minority Recruitment."

Chairman Ruiz commented that the agency's efforts and ability to attract private sector donations is unprecedented. Chairman Ruiz stated this is exactly what Representative Pritchard spoke of yesterday. He said he is very proud of the agency seeking out partnerships with foundations, non-profits and individual donors who believe in public education. On behalf of the entire Board, Chairman Ruiz thanked fellow board member, Jim Baumann, Chief Financial Officer Linda Mitchell and the entire budget staff for their work and guidance on the FY12 Budget.

Mr. Baumann pointed out the two changes from yesterday's budget: the

addition of the University of Chicago Teacher Principal Pipeline Initiative that added \$1.3 million and the adjustment to Teach For America as mentioned above.

Motion:

Mr. Baumann moved that the State Board of Education hereby recommends to the Governor and General Assembly an increase of \$709,474.0 (10.2%) in General Funds appropriations for FY 2012. The full recommendation for the FY12 State Board of Education Budget is outlined in the budget handout dated Jan. 13, 2011.

Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

IBHE Liaison Report

(No report this month. Next IBHE meeting will be held on February 15, 2011 at National-Louis University in Chicago).

P-20 Council Liaison Report

(No report this month.)

**Superintendents
Announcements**

Dr. Koch commented that he and staff are working with other foundations in a number of initiatives including to accelerate our performance assessment pilots at higher education institutions in the state.

He noted that yesterday the Board received a tour of the Agency's webinar facilities and that approximately \$375,000 in state administrative costs was saved last year by utilizing webinar capabilities. There has also been uncalculated travel savings to the state and local districts as districts can now view seminars and training sessions from their local school buildings on their own schedule.

Superintendent Koch stated that he forwarded the recommendations of Streamlining Task Force Recommendations to the P-20 Council for discussion at their next meeting. Susie Morrison, Andrea Brown and Dr. Koch participated in the Streamlining Task Force.

The Superintendent reported that his work with CCSSO continues and he will be attending their January Board meeting next week. He is hoping to engage many stakeholders for an optimal accountability system which allows us to do what is best on behalf of all students.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Ruiz announced that on January 4, 2011 he participated in a University of Illinois Student Leadership Seminar at the Allerton Conference Center in Monticello. He will also be attending the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee on January 21-22, 2011 in Arlington, Virginia. *All travel for NASBE purposes will come from the NASBE professional development account.*

Members Reports

Ms. Koster said that she attended the Elimination of Poverty Commission meeting on Friday, January 7, 2011 where they discussed implementation of some of the recommendations.

Ms. LaBarre reported that she attended the opening of the new Rochester Intermediate School on January 9, 2011. She also had the opportunity to see the Chatham-Glenwood School Show & Jazz Choir which was a great example how Arts programs enhance a student's education.

Dr. Ward stated that on January 21-22, 2011 he will be in Arlington, Virginia participating in NASBE Teacher Preparation, Evaluation, Continuation and

Compensation Study Group. On January 18, he will be speaking to about twenty Chinese educators at Lockport Township High School.

Dr. Hall will be traveling to New Orleans on January 24-25, 2011 to participate as a member of the Illinois State Team, along with the Illinois Department of Public Health, for a Community Guide Strategy Workshop. *The travel cost will be covered by the Association of State Territorial Health Officials & The National Network of Public Health Institutes.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chairman Ruiz announced that the Monthly Fiscal and Administrative Reports are now available on line at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Operations Committee of the Whole

January 12, 2011

3:15 p.m.

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

All open meetings will be audio cast on the Internet at: www.isbe.net

AGENDA (*timeframes are estimated for planning purposes*)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation
- IV. Minutes of the December Board Operations Committee of the Whole Meeting (**pp. 2-3**)
- V.*Review Nominations for Recognition (**pp. 4-7**) 3:15 – 3:20 p.m.
- VI.*2011 Board Calendar (**pp. 8-9**) 3:20 – 3:30 p.m.
- VII. Board Operations – Fiscal Year to Date (**p. 10**) 3:30 – 3:40 p.m.
- VIII. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
- IX. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

**BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
January 12, 2011
Springfield, Illinois**

Members Present

Christopher Ward, Chair
Jim Baumann
Andrea Brown
David Fields
Steve Gilford
Vinni Hall
Lanita Koster
Melinda LaBarre
Jesse Ruiz

Members Absent

Staff Present

Superintendent Koch
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Darren Reisberg
Matt Vanover
Susie Morrison
Don Evans
Melissa Oller
Connie Wise
Linda Tomlinson
Beth Hanselman
Linda Mitchell

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. Ward called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call. (See roll call above.)
- II. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** None.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
- IV. **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** Mr. Ruiz moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:** Dr. Fields moved to recommend adoption of the resolution recognizing Larry Carrico a Mt. Vernon community member.
- VI. **2011 BOARD CALENDAR:** Jean Ladage informed the Board that the Holiday Inn & Suites (airport location) in Bloomington is available for September 27-28, 2011. With the Board's approval during plenary session on Thursday, those dates will be changed and posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

In addition, the Board discussed the April 2011 Board date. That meeting is in conflict with the IASA Annual Conference and ISBE staff have 5 sessions to plan for that conference. (Since the ISBE Annual Superintendent's Conference is no longer being held, ISBE is now working cooperatively with the IASA in their annual conference.) The Committee agreed to change the April 2011 Board meeting to April 13, and that action will be added to the plenary motion for consideration on January 13.
- VII. **BOARD OPERATIONS – FISCAL YEAR TO DATE:** Robert Wolfe indicated that there is a 29% reduction in Board member expenditures from July through December for Fiscal Year 2011 as compared to Fiscal Year 2010. Mr. Wolfe attributes that difference to a reduction in the number of Board meetings as well as a reduction in the number of Budget hearings held in the fall of 2010 vs. the fall of 2009. He added that the January – June 2011 comparison may level off to what was spent January – June 2010 because our efforts to reduce expenses began in the spring of 2010.
- VIII. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Mr. Ruiz asked for a monthly update from Robert Wolfe, so that operational expenses of the Board can continue to be monitored.
- IX. **CLOSED SESSION MOTION:** Ms. LaBarre moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

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

Section c 2 for the purpose of considering collective negotiating matters with Board employees or deliberations concerning salaries of employees; and

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

Ms. LaBarre further moved that the Board may invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board Operations Committee of the Whole recessed for closed session at 3:50 p.m. The members reconvened the meeting for adjournment at 4:15 p.m.

- X. ADJOURN:** Dr. Hall moved that the Board Operations Committee Meeting of the Whole be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

January 12, 2011

1:45 p.m.

(This meeting will begin immediately following lunch)

All open meetings will be audio cast on the Internet at: www.isbe.net

AGENDA (*timeframes are estimated for planning purposes*)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation (*15 minutes maximum*) 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.
- IV. Minutes of the December Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
- V. Food Allergies/School District Policies (Linda Tomlinson, Darren Reisberg) (**pp. 5-6**) 2:00– 2:25 p.m.
- VI. Strategic Agenda Update (verbal update) (*Superintendent Koch*)
- VII. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
- VIII. Adjourn

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

EDUCATION POLICY PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

1:45 p.m.

Springfield, Illinois

APPROVED

Committee Members Present

Dr. David Fields, Chair
Jim Bauman
Andrea Brown
Steven Gilford
Vinni Hall
Lanita Koster
Melinda LaBarre
Jesse Ruiz
Chris Ward

Members Absent

None

ISBE Staff Present

Superintendent Koch
Connie Wise
Don Evans
Elizabeth Hanselman
Linda Mitchell
Susie Morrison
Melissa Oller
Darren Reisberg
Linda Tomlinson
Matt Vanover

The Education Policy Planning Committee (EPPC) meeting convened at 1:35 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL:** Dr. David Fields requested roll call. See above for detailed listing.
2. **BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS:** There was no board member participation by any other means.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There was no public participation.
4. **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2010 EPPC MEETING:** Dr. Vinni Hall moved to approve the minutes of the December 2010 EPPC meeting and Melinda LaBarre seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the December 2010 EPPC Meeting.
5. **FOOD ALLERGIES/SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES (Linda Tomlinson, Darren Reisberg):** Shawn Rotherham of the Nutrition Programs Division was in attendance to provide the board with a summary of current state and federal laws impacting management of students with life-threatening food allergies in schools.

Ms. Rotherham further reported that a committee of 14 members, selected by ISBE and IDPH based on statute, met and drafted guidelines pertaining to food allergies. She added that local districts must develop their own policy on food allergies.

Shawn also informed the Board that the new law, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act, was signed into law on January 4, 2011. This Act calls for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and make available by January 4, 2012, voluntary national guidelines to help schools manage students affected by food allergy and anaphylaxis.

6. **STRATEGIC AGENDA UPDATE (Verbal Update)(Superintendent Koch):** Superintendent Koch provided an update about the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) governing board meetings. We are working on developing a job description for a liaison for PARCC and continue to seek a Division Administrator for our Assessment Division. Jim Palmer is Acting in that capacity. We are also coordinating with the P20 Council, and our former Board Member Joyce Karon is sitting on this committee, to ensure a communication loop is in place regarding the Illinois Common Core Learning standards and assessment development. Superintendent Koch indicated he would like for Illinois to proceed in planning a accountability waiver in the event reauthorization does not take place. This will help us to be ready for the use of growth models this fall and will demonstrate how an accountability system could look under a reauthorized ESEA.

Agency staff met with our Technical Advisory Committee, which is a group of national experts on assessment, and we are working on a master timeline which will illustrate how all components of standard and assessment implementation will look in Illinois. A strong message from our TAC has been that we need to look at curriculum as soon as possible and be working with teachers to get them ready for this transition to assessments based on the Illinois Common Core. .

Susie Morrison then provided additional information on the Common Core and awareness materials that has been provided to Regional Offices of Education.

7. **COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Dr. Fields stated that February's board meeting will be via videoconference and that there will be no committee meetings. He further stated that the board will report on Early Childhood and the SES Evaluation Results at the March board meeting.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Chris Ward moved to adjourn the EPPC meeting and Lanita Koster seconded the motion. The EPPC meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole

January 12, 2011

10:30 a.m.

All open meetings will be audio cast on the Internet at: www.isbe.net

AGENDA (*timeframes are estimated for planning purposes*)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation (*30 minutes maximum*) 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- IV. Minutes of the December Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole Meeting (*pp. 2-3*)
- V. *Contracts & Grants Over \$1 Million 11:00 – 11:10
 - A. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant (David Andel) (*pp. 4-7*)
- VI. *FY11 MCAT Transfers 11:10 – 11:20 (*pp. 8-9*)**
- VII. *FY12 State Board of Education Budget 11:20 – 1:00 (*pp. 10-33*)
(*Superintendent Koch, Linda Mitchell, Scott Taylor*)
- VIII. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
- IX. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois
January 12, 2011

I. ROLL CALL: Chairman Baumann called the meeting to order.

Members Present

Mr. Jim Baumann, Chairman
Dr. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Mr. Steven Gilford
Dr. Vinni Hall
Ms. Lanita Koster
Ms. Melinda LaBarre
Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Dr. Chris Ward

Members Absent

Staff Present

Superintendent Koch
Linda Mitchell
Scott Taylor

II. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS: None

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Julie Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff with the Governor's office gave a statement on the budget. Ms. Smith indicated that the General Assembly (GA) passed legislation which would increase the income tax beginning in January 2011 and which would allow for pension borrowing for FY 2011. The House of Representatives did not pass the borrowing to pay off the Comptroller's back log of bills. They did not pass the increase in the cigarette tax that would have been devoted to Human Services and Education. These initiatives may be considered by the new GA. Ms. Smith stressed that although the revenue increase will provide more stability for state services, it did not provide latitude for growing programs.

Jack Wuest with Alternative Schools Network asked for another year before transitioning the Re Enrolling Students – Alternative School Network into the Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education (IHOPE) Program. Mr. Wuest indicated that four-year data would be available in June and would likely show a decline in the drop-out rate. He pledged to work during the legislative session to secure additional funding for reenrolling students and thanked ISBE staff for helping to make the current program a success.

Dr. Koch responded that he felt that there had already been several years to transition from the current program to IHOPE. He referenced the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting of the Whole in January 2009 when the Committee had indicated that was the last year for the Alternative Schools Network. He also stated that a number of people had worked cooperatively to create the IHOPE legislation and to promulgate rules for the implementation of the Program and that his recommendation would continue to be to transition to IHOPE in FY 2012.

Dan Harris, Senior Manager with the Ounce of Prevention spoke in support of early childhood education. He indicated that research continues to show that high quality early childhood education is one of the most effective uses of public funds. He also indicated support for earmarking \$1.5 million for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.

Brian Daly with Teach for America (TFA) indicated that he was happy to see that the Superintendent's recommendation contained additional funding for TFA in FY 2012 to help with its efforts related to minority recruitment, though he understood that the recommendation may be revised down to level funding based on occurrences over the previous 24 hours. He also spoke

about retention of TFA Corps members and indicated that their data showed the average retention to be five years. Further, though criticism focused on corps members not remaining in the profession, their effectiveness was never questioned and TFA was working to constantly re-create a pool of talented corps members.

Superintendent Koch indicated that he was revising his recommendation and instead of recommending a \$1.275 million increase for TFA, he was recommending that TFA remain level and that the additional funding be allocated to a new program which would be designed to make a pipeline for effective teachers and principals. This allocation of \$1.3 million would leverage an additional \$1.3 million in private funding through the Chicago Community Trust.

Erika Lindley with ED-RED indicated she supported the Superintendent's recommendation for increased funding. She indicated that she hoped the revenue enhancement would lead to more timely payments, and she agreed that a substantial portion of the new funding should be placed in GSA to give the districts flexibility given continued funding uncertainties. She supported increased funding for MCATs and indicated all mandates should be funded especially those related to special education and transportation. She also supported the restoration of ROE salary line and urged ISBE to continue its communication with districts as proposed funding levels for FY 2012 were likely to change numerous times throughout the legislative session.

Diane Rutledge with LUDA spoke about the FY2012 budget recommendation. She indicated her organization appreciated the additional funding being proposed for GSA, MCATs and Bilingual education. She also indicated appreciation for seeking funding for reform efforts as such efforts need continued support.

IV. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

Dr. Vinni Hall moved to accept. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

V. CONTRACTS & GRANTS OVER \$1 MILLION: The Board will take action on the following contract in the plenary session.

A. Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) Grant (David Anzel)

VI. FY11 MCAT TRANSFERS: Superintendent Koch stated that the General Assembly has given ISBE the authority to transfer funds among selected Mandated Categorical Programs for which FY 2011 claims had been finalized. The proposed reallocations would move spending authority from lines where original spending authority exceeded actual claims to those without sufficient spending authority to meet claims. The reallocation would move additional funding into Transportation and into Special Education – Private Tuition. Mr. Baumann stated that this would move onto the plenary session.

VII. FY 12 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET: Mr. Baumann stated that the fiscal year 2009 budget was at \$7.4 Billion and our current budget is \$6.9 Billion. The vast majority of the resources are committed to GSA and MCATs. Superintendent Koch recommended the level funding of the Teach for America line and the creation of a new line for the University of Illinois-Chicago Teacher/Principal Pipeline at \$1.3 million. He felt it was important to leverage private sector dollars where they were available and we had a \$1 million commitment for the Chicago Community Trust with respect to the UIC Teacher/Principal pipeline line. He also stated that he did not support another year for transition for the Re-enrolling students from the Alternative School Network because in previous years' budget discussions, Mr. Jack Wuest was told that the money would be flowing into the IHOPE grant.

Ms. Linda Mitchell stated that the annual average increase in the ISBE budget from FY05 to FY12 was 4.2%. Ms. Mitchell stated that the foundation level remained constant over the last 2 years. If ISBE were to try to maintain its budget at a two percent increase, it would likely result in a \$60 increase in the foundation level with no other increases. Ms. Mitchell stated that it has taken six

years to get the foundation level to the amount recommended by EFAB in 2005. She also stated that there are 109,000 more students in poverty in Illinois than there were last year.

The Committee agreed to move the budget to the plenary session with two changes from the recommendation submitted by staff in the board materials budget memo. Specifically, the budget moved to the plenary session would contain level funding in FY 2012 for Teach for America at \$225,000 and a new line, University of Illinois-Chicago Teacher/Principal Pipeline at \$1.3 million.

VIII. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS: The FY 2012 Budget.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Vinni Hall moved to adjourn. Ms. Melinda LaBarre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole
January 13, 2011
8:30 a.m.

All open meetings will be audio cast on the Internet at: www.isbe.net

AGENDA (*timeframes are estimated for planning purposes*)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation (*15 minutes maximum*) 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.
- IV. Minutes of the December Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole Meeting (**pp. 2-4**)
- V. *Legislative Proposals (**pp. 5-110**) 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.
(*Darren Reisberg, Nicole Wills, Cynthia Riseman*)
- VI. Legislative Update (**handout**) 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
(*Darren Reisberg, Nicole Wills, Cynthia Riseman*)
- VII. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
- VIII. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, January 13, 2010
Springfield, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Ms. Lanita Koster, Chair
Mr. Jim Baumann
Ms. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Mr. Steve Gilford
Dr. Vinni Hall
Ms. Melinda LaBarre
Mr. Jessie Ruiz
Dr. Chris Ward

Committee Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Superintendent Chris Koch
Cynthia Riseman
Nicole Wills
Connie Wise
Beth Hanselman
Linda Tomlinson
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Linda Mitchell
Darren Reisberg
Don Evans
Melissa Oller
Matt Vanover
Susie Morrison

- I. **Roll Call:** See above.
- II. **Board Member Participation by Other Means:** None.
- III. **Public Participation:** Representative Robert Pritchard attended the Governmental Relations Committee meeting to discuss correspondence he sent to the agency on various issues including: finances, education reform, school consolidation, low-performing schools, and ways to minimize special education expenditures. Darren Reisberg provided background regarding the written request and an overview of the agency written response.

Representative Pritchard gave a short presentation about his interest in education issues and his wish to build awareness through involvement in the Legislative Education Caucus and partnerships with education policymakers (including the members of the Illinois State Board of Education). His presentation covered the following issues:

District finances and concerns with the inability of the state to make timely payments: Representative Pritchard expressed concern that the income tax increase legislation would create another funding cliff for the state when the tax rates decrease. He urged caution because he foresees state spending increasing by over 2% in the coming years which would add to the cliff. He suggests and encourages that districts continue to practice fiscal responsibility.

Implementation of Common Core Standards: Representative Pritchard emphasized the fact that districts and teachers must work hard to implement the newly adopted State standards.

Engagement of Students and Parents: Representative Pritchard urged the State Board of Education to find ways to engage parents and students across the continuum of learning (pre-K through 12).

Cost of Higher Education: Representative Pritchard reported that legislators are seeking ways to increase funding to the Monetary Assistance Program (MAP) and are looking at the 21st Century Program, an Indiana initiative to incentivize high school students with financial assistance for high performance.

Education Reform: Representative Pritchard encouraged Board members to actively participate in meaningful dialogue with a diverse group of stakeholders. He reported that education reform was highlighted during the General Assembly inaugural speech.

Board members and State Superintendent Koch responded to various points raised by Representative Pritchard and thanked him for his commitment to education.

Gloria Warner, Michelle Young, Sehara Germon, Donna Roberts-Williams and Madeline Talbott from “Action Now” presented on the increased cut scores for the Test of Basic Skills. Superintendent Koch responded that, at this time, the cut scores should be maintained—especially since the expectations for our teachers and students are being raised as a result of the adoption of the Common Core Standards.

Vicki Mahrt from Normal School District Unit 5, a teacher and IEA member who serves on the State Teacher Certification Board, testified in support of the increased cut scores on the Test of Basic Skills. She noted the importance of ensuring that teachers are prepared for rigorous challenges of the classroom and emphasized the role that the Basic Skills test plays in that process. She highlighted the importance of providing supports to teacher candidates in preparing to take the test and commended ISBE for the steps they have taken to do so—including allowing candidates up to five times to take the test, providing study guides, and offering candidates the ability to “bank” passed sections of the test.

IV. Minutes of the October Committee Meeting

Board member David Fields made a motion to approve the December Committee meeting minutes and Melinda LaBarre seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

V. ISBE Legislative Proposals

Nicole Wills provided an update on the re-write of the Article 21 of the School Code (Certification), which had been previously discussed during the September Board retreat and subsequent Board meetings.

Committee Chair Lanita Koster read through the remaining eight proposed legislative initiatives moving them to the consent agenda.

IX. ISBE Legislative Update

Governmental Relations staff gave an update of legislation acted on during the brief January legislative session:

- **SB 2505/PA 96-1496-** will bring approximately \$7 billion into state coffers through an increase in both the individual and corporate income tax rates (retroactive to January 1, 2011). The individual rate will increase from 3% to 5% and the corporate rate will increase from 4.8% to 7%. The rates will eventually decrease over the next 15 years. In the first four years, the new tax receipts would be used

to pay off state debt. Education would begin receiving additional funding from the tax increase in 2015.

- **SB 44** contained a \$1 increase in the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products with proceeds deposited in a newly created Fund for the Advancement for Education. The bill was defeated on the House floor.
- **SB 3087** increases the total amount of bonding authorization for the State, including \$1 billion for the School Construction Grant Program. It also amends the School Construction Law to provide that if a school district has been issued a school construction grant in Fiscal Year 2010 and was on the Fiscal Year 2002 priority ranking, the Capital Development Board shall escalate the State share grant amount of the project based on a 3% annual escalation rate. The bill was approved by both chambers and awaits the Governor's signature.
- **SB 3514** contains the provisions for borrowing the necessary funds (about \$3.7 billion) to make the State's 2011 pension payment. The bill was approved by both chambers and signed into law as PA 96-1497.
- **HB 5289** authorizes Valley View Community Unit School District 365U to issue bonds for certain building purposes for 25 years (instead of 20 years). The bill was approved by both chambers and was sent to the Governor for consideration.
- **HJR 127**, the mandate waiver resolution, was adopted by both the House and Senate, with the following modifications and denials of mandate waiver requests:
 - the St. Charles CUSD 303 request regarding driver education fee limits;
 - the DeKalb CUSD 428 request regarding behind the wheel instruction; and
 - the Rock Island CUSD 41 request regarding behind-the-wheel instruction

Government Relations staff gave a quick status update on education reform efforts including an overview of the legislative hearings held in December and the status of stakeholder negotiations.

X. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items: It was suggested that the Board conduct a working session with stakeholders/advocates/legislators in the upcoming months.

XI. Committee Wrap-up: Not needed

XII. Adjourn

The Governmental Relations Committee adjourned at 10:15 a.m. A motion was made by Vinni Hall and was seconded by Jesse Ruiz.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole

January 12, 2011

2:30 p.m.

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

All open meetings will be audio cast on the Internet at: www.isbe.net

AGENDA (*timeframes are estimated for planning purposes*)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Board Member Participation by Other Means
- III. Public Participation (*15 minutes maximum*) 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.
- IV. Minutes of the December Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole Meeting (**pp. 2-6**)
- V. *Rules for Initial Review (*Darren Reisberg, Shelley Helton*) 2:45 – 2:55 p.m.
 - A. Part 226 (Special Education) (*David Andel*) (**pp. 7-31**)
- VI. *Rules for Adoption (*Darren Reisberg, Shelley Helton*) 2:55 – 3:10 p.m.
 - A. Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois) (*Patrick Murphy*) (**pp. 32-80**)
 - B. Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education) (**pp. 81-87**)
 - C. Part 235 (Early Childhood Block Grant) (**pp. 88-118**)
 - D. Part 575 (School Technology Program) (**pp. 119-128**)
- VII. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
- VIII. Adjourn

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

APPROVED

Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, January 12, 2011
2:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present

Jesse Ruiz
James Baumann
Andrea Brown
David Fields
Steven Gilford
Vinni Hall
Lanita Koster
Melinda LaBarre
Chris Ward

Absent

None

Others

Chris Koch
Don Evans
Beth Hanselman
Linda Riley Mitchell
Susie Morrison
Melissa Oller
Darren Reisberg
Linda Tomlinson
Matt Vanover
Connie Wise

I. ROLL CALL

Chairman Jesse Ruiz called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. He noted that all Board members were present.

II. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS

There was no need for Board member participation by other means.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Madeline Talbott, lead organizer for Action Now, addressed the committee regarding her concerns about the basic skills test, particularly how the cut-scores were determined. Assistant Superintendent Linda Tomlinson explained the process for establishing the cut scores, as well as for making appointments to the State Teacher Certification Board (STCB). She indicated that the STCB knew that the new cut scores would have a major impact on passing rates, although the final results were not known until the cut scores were established and tests from a previous administration re-scored. Agency staff will be working with educator preparation programs to develop new courses or other types of remediation, as well as align general education coursework to the test's expectations, so that students are adequately prepared to take the test.

In response to a question Ms. Talbott raised about a correlation between high basic skills test scores and teacher quality, State Superintendent Koch noted that Illinois Education Research Council had conducted research of teacher performance that examined a number of factors, including an passage of the basic skills test, to establish a teacher quality index. Her research demonstrated that teachers with a lower quality index were employed at the lowest-performing schools and indicated a correlation between increased college readiness and a higher teacher quality index. Dr. Koch acknowledged that demonstrating a certain competency in content areas does not mean an individual will be an excellent teacher but it does matter in terms of his or her ability to impart knowledge. Ms. Talbott suggested that other skills, such as building relationships with students and families, are also essential.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Secretary Vinni Hall moved approval of the minutes of the Committee's meeting of December 16, 2010, and Board Member David Fields seconded the motion. It was adopted unanimously, and the minutes were approved as presented.

V. RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW

The Chairman turned the meeting over to General Counsel Darren Reisberg to summarize briefly the proposal that the Board would be considering, which will be released for public comment following Board approval.

Part 226 (Special Education): Mr. Reisberg indicated that the proposed changes implement P.A. 96-257, effective August 11, 2009, which defined “qualified workers” and “noncertified employees” for the purpose of reimbursement under Section 14-13.01 of the School Code. In order to be eligible, the qualified, or certified, worker or noncertified employee must provide services to students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Previous to the change in the law, Mr. Reisberg explained that the Funding and Disbursements Division established guidelines for reimbursement. The rules, as proposed, incorporate these guidelines with a few exceptions. For instance, certain positions that were eligible for reimbursement in the past, such as bookkeeper and secretary, no longer will be eligible since these individuals do not work with students with IEPs.

Dr. Hall sought clarification on the changes being proposed in Section 226.800(g) regarding certification requirements for special education directors and assistant directors. She expressed concern about what appears to be the removal of the requirement that certain coursework be completed to qualify for certification. Mr. Reisberg explained that the change was nonsubstantive in nature, providing a cross-reference to the current course requirements set forth in Part 25 (Certification).

VII. RULES FOR ADOPTION: Mr. Reisberg summarized the four sets of amendments for the Board’s adoption. He noted that the public comment period had ended on these rulemakings and following the Board’s adoption, they will be provided to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules for its review.

Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois): This new set of rules will govern the establishment, approval and implementation of educator preparation programs designed for principals. The agency received 141 letters of public comment about this rulemaking. Mr. Reisberg reminded the Board that it had reviewed the proposed rules and changes recommended in response to public comment in December, and that the rules were now ready for adoption.

Board member Andrea Brown asked about the process of reciprocity with other states and whether any safeguards will be employed to ensure that out-of-state candidates receive training that is comparable to the training offered in Illinois. Mr. Reisberg indicated that Dr. Tomlinson will be convening a group to discuss the standards to be used to make the comparison between the level of training individuals receive in other states and the Illinois principal preparation program.

Dr. David Fields inquired about how stakeholders have “received” the changes recommended in response to the concerns raised in public comment. Mr. Reisberg responded that the opportunity afforded by the December discussion led to further refinements of the proposed rules and he believed that the agency “is in a good place right now”.

Mr. Reisberg did mention, however, that City of Chicago School District 299, among others, raised concerns regarding the rules’ requirement that candidates for principal preparation programs have four years of teaching experience before they can enroll in a program. Mr. Reisberg noted that this requirement goes beyond the law, which only requires four years of experience to obtain a principal’s endorsement. The law, however, also directs the agency to promulgate rules that would allow candidates with fewer than four years of experience to obtain the endorsement based on the presentation of evidence to include results from performance evaluations that incorporate student growth indicators. Mr. Reisberg said a second rulemaking to specify the criteria for admitting candidates with fewer than four years of teaching experience will be initiated by December 2011 after the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council has completed

its work in designing the performance-based evaluation system. He noted that the motion for the adoption of Part 30 will include a statement to this effect.

Dr. Hall sought confirmation that charter schools do not have to employ principals who meet the certification requirements or complete principal preparation programs, despite these schools' receipt of public funding. Mr. Reisberg agreed, saying that the Charter Schools Law requires only that a certain proportion of instructional staff hold teaching certificates pursuant to Article 21, without specifying requirements for principals. Dr. Hall also asked if any "teeth" have been proposed in the rules to ensure that online programs are of high quality. Dr. Tomlinson responded that online programs will be required to meet the same requirements as other programs, including providing for face-to-face meetings between program personnel and candidates. These interactions and observations will assist staff of online programs to ascertain candidates' ability to collaborate, build teams and communities, and work with teachers.

Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education): These amendments define "instructional costs" for the purposes of districts' use of state bilingual education funding. P.A. 96-1170, effective January 1, 2011, requires recipients of bilingual funding to devote at least 60 percent of the money received to "instructional costs". No public comment was received, and the version presented for adoption is identical to the version the Board considered in October.

Part 235 (Early Childhood Block Grant): Two recently enacted laws removed the "sunset" provision on the Preschool for All (PFA) program and eliminated the predecessor program that served students ages 3 to 5 (Prekindergarten Program for Children at Risk of Academic Failure). Given the reductions in Early Childhood Block Grant, funding for parental training programs offered separately either from the Preschool for All or the 0 to age 3 Prevention Initiative will no longer be provided, and references to that program are being removed from the rulemaking.

The agency received 13 letters of public comment, primarily addressing the proposed increase from 51 percent to 80 percent in the proportion of students needed to qualify for priority consideration in the proposal review process. No changes were made in response to these concerns. A change, however, is recommended to clarify that priority consideration will be given to applications from communities where the need for services exceeds the number of programs available to meet that need.

Dr. Brown questioned whether the rules are applicable to both school district and community-based programs, and whether the proposed changes affect how the quality of community-based programs is determined and how that compares to the quality of programs offered by school districts. Division Administrator Kay Henderson responded that the proposal's primary effect is to increase the proportion of academically at-risk and low-income children that a program must serve in order to receive priority consideration for funding. Ms. Henderson said the available funding may only be sufficient for programs serving 80 percent or more children who are academically at risk – which is the first funding priority – thereby reinforcing the original purpose of the prekindergarten at-risk program to serve this population of children. She assured Dr. Brown that guidance and assistance will be provided to applicants as they complete the electronic request for proposals process.

As for program quality, Ms. Henderson said data show that overall, grant recipients offer "very high-quality programs" in both community and school settings but her staff lack sufficient data to determine whether either setting as group produces higher quality programming than the other. She indicated that it is unlikely that all currently funded programs will receive grants for FY 2012 due to the size of the anticipated appropriation, so resources will be targeted to the high-quality programs serving the most academically at-risk children. For programs found to be "significantly noncompliant", Ms. Henderson said funding is withdrawn if improvements are not made after technical assistance is provided.

In conclusion, Ms. Brown asked about the progress of determining a student's readiness for kindergarten. Ms. Henderson said she believes kindergarten readiness determinations should not be used to evaluate preschool programs or to keep students out of kindergarten. Instead, the results from these assessments should be used to improve preschool programs and identify the skills and abilities that students must have when entering kindergarten to ensure they later successfully progress through schooling. In response to Dr. Hall's comment regarding funding of separate parental training programs, Ms. Henderson also reiterated that the proposed change does not eliminate the requirement for the incorporation of parental training into other early childhood programs.

Part 575 (School Technology Program): P.A. 96-783, effective August 28, 2009, allows nonpublic schools that are recognized by the State Board of Education to apply for a loan under the Technology Revolving Loan program. The proposed amendments define the process by which loans to nonpublic schools will be provided, including retaining priority consideration for awarding loans to eligible public entities (i.e., school districts, charter schools, approved university laboratory schools, and area vocational centers), as well as the process to be used to recover equipment from nonpublic schools that either close or default on their loan. No public comment was received, and the version presented for adoption is identical to the version the Board considered in October.

VIII. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Reisberg reported that the February rules agenda is expected to be "relatively light", with no "red alerts".

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.