

## EDUCATION FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD

August 13, 2009  
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Room 2-025, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
James R. Thompson Center  
Chicago, Illinois

### Members Present

Ms. Sylvia Puente, Chair  
Mr. Dean Clark  
Mr. Arthur Culver  
Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr.  
Mr. Ken Swanson

### Members Absent

None

### ISBE Staff Present

Linda Riley Mitchell  
Scott Taylor  
Toni Waggoner  
Jason Hall  
Darren Reisberg  
Matt Vanover

1. **WELCOME:** Ms. Sylvia Puente stated that the last report was issued in 2005. This advisory board makes its recommendations to the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly. The Board is charged with establishing the first recommendations for the foundation level of funding which represents the minimum amount necessary to provide the basic education for each student and for making a recommendation for supplemental General State Aid for the school districts which have a high concentration of children in poverty.

The EFAB recommendation for the upcoming school year foundation level is \$7,288 per student; however, the appropriation is for \$6,119 per student.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Ms. Sylvia Puente, Mr. Dean Clark, Mr. Arthur Culver, Mr. Ken Swanson, and Mr. Ed Geppert, Jr. all introduced themselves.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Sean Nolan, Director of Government Relations with Voices for Illinois Children.
4. **ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:** Ms. Puente stated that the Board would ask the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to offer the recommendation based on the current formula for 2010. Ms. Puente said that the EFAB members would spend the next year looking at and understanding the components of the formula and determining what needs looked at more in depth.

Mr. Dean Clark agreed to be the Ethics officer. The terms of appointments to the EFAB Board are as follows: Ms. Sylvia Puente's until January 2014. Mr. Dean Clark until January 2013. Mr. Ed Geppert and Mr. Ken Swanson until January 2012. Mr. Arthur Culver until January 2010.

5. **MEETING CALENDAR AND PLANNING:** Ms. Puente stated that to have recommendations by January 2011 that the Board will have to complete their work by next fall. The Board agreed to have meetings approximately every other month. The Board set a date of October 7, 2009 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm for the next EFAB meeting in the Thompson Center in Chicago, IL. The Board will set other meeting dates at the October meeting.
6. **GENERAL SCHOOL FUNDING:** A PowerPoint presentation was given to the members regarding the Illinois funding system. Major topics of the presentation were a history of EFAB, the EFAB adequacy methodology, district funding including an emphasis on General State Aid, per pupil analyses and past school funding reform. The presentation was conducted by Ms. Linda Mitchell, Ms. Toni Waggoner and Mr. Jason Hall. ISBE staff was asked to provide additional information at future meetings regarding the presentation at the next EFAB meeting:

1. What do other states do as far as the funding formulas in other states?

2. In particular, EFAB members asked about the models used to calculate a foundation level.
  3. Ms. Puentes requested that staff run a correlation on poverty level and mobility level from the School Report Card
  4. Draft timelines for the required report and work backwards.
  5. PTELL calculation example slide
  6. Map slides – send PDFs
  7. A list of districts in county order indicating PTELL, formula type, GSA \$, HH \$, EAV, poverty % and ADA (any other demographics?)
  8. # of school districts in each quadrant in the model last run that produced \$7,388
  9. Counts of districts between each category on spending and EAV per pupil slides.
  10. Put count of districts by formula type on the geographic rack up.
7. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA:** The Board established agenda items for the October, 2009 meeting. These were for the staff to present answers to above questions and to present funding practices used in other states. The Board also discussed a number of potential future agenda items. These included offering an opportunity for stakeholders to offer comments. Two specific stakeholders were identified as potential speaker the Board may choose to invite. They were Ralph Martire and Advance Illinois. The Board also discussed having staff present the ISBE Board's recommendations on American Diploma Project, Common Core Standards and International Bench marks should the ISBE Board acted specifically on these recommendations prior to the October EFAB meeting. They also discussed establishing success criteria and guiding principles, timeline and goals for each meeting to meet the January 1, 2011 statutorily-required delivery date. Depending upon the availability of the Board and staff, a schedule will be developed for future public hearings tentatively to be held in February and March of 2010.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.