

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Location: Office of the Capital Development Board
Room 14-612 (Video Conference Room)
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Chicago, Illinois

January 26-27, 2009

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MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

- 9:30 a.m. Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole**
Room 14-612 (CDB Video Conference Room)
- 12:00-12:30 Break for Lunch**
- 12:30 – 1:30 Return to Finance & Audit Committee discussion (*as needed*)**
- *1:30 p.m. Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole**
Room 14-612 (CDB Video Conference Room)
- *2:30 p .m. Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the Whole**
Room 14-612 (CDB Video Conference Room)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009

- 8:30 a.m. ISBE Plenary Session**
Room 14-612 (CDB Video Conference Room)

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PLENARY SESSION
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A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance *(Times are tentative for planning purposes only.)*
1. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

B. Resolutions & Recognition 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
1. Joanne Zendol, 2008 Thomas Lay Burroughs School Board President Award ***(Plenary p. 3)***
2. Army LTC Dan Swanson, AlWood School Board Member ***(Plenary p. 4)***
3. Parent Recognition
 a. Clifford Fields ***(Plenary p. 5)***
 b. Debra Hopkins ***(Plenary p. 6)***
 c. Trista Hogue-Bonds ***(Plenary p. 7)***

C. Public Participation 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
& Prairie Crossing Charter Renewal Hearing ***(Plenary pp. 8-74)***

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: 9:45 – 9:55 a.m.

- *1. Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2008 ***(Plenary pp. 75-82)***
- *2. Rules for Initial Review
 - a. Part 145 (Temporary Relocation Expenses) ***(Rules Packet pp. 4-6)***
 - b. Part 151 (School Construction Program) ***(Rules Packet pp. 7-12)***
 - c. Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services) ***(Rules Packet pp. 13-42)***
- *2. Rules for Adoption
 - a. Part 260 (Reading Improvement Block Grant) ***(Rules Packet pp. 43-52)***

End of consent agenda

- 4. Legislative Proposals 9:55 – 10:05 a.m. ***(Governmental Relations Packet pp. 4-45)***
- 5. Approval of State Board of Education FY10 Budget 10:05 – 10:20 a.m. ***(Finance & Audit Packet p. 5-23)***
- 6. Superintendent's Contract *(tentative)*

E. New Business 10:20 – 10:25 a.m.

F. Announcements and Reports 10:25 – 11:05 a.m.

- 1. IBHE Liaison Report *(Dr. Proshanta Nandi)* 10:25 – 10:35 a.m.
- 2. Superintendent's Announcements 10:35 – 10:45 a.m.
- 3. Chairman's Report 10:45 – 10:55 a.m.
- 4. Member Reports 10:55 – 11:05 a.m.

G. Information Items

- 1. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports ***(Plenary pp. 83-110)***

H. Adjourn

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<p>ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked Ms. Jean Ladage, Assistant to the Board, 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>RESOLUTIONS & RECOGNITIONS</p>	<p>Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolutions for the following recipients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Joanne Zendol - the recipient of the Illinois State Board of Education's 2008 Thomas Lay Burroughs Award; o Lieutenant Colonel Dan Swanson, who retained an active position as an AlWood School District 225 school board member while serving in Iraq; o Chicago Public School parents Clifford Fields, Debra Hopkins and Trista Hogue-Bonds, for their leadership and dedication at their children's schools. <p>Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & PRAIRIE CROSSING CHARTER RENEWAL HEARINOT N</p>	<p>Jack Wuest of the Alternative Schools Network thanked the Board for their support of the Re-Enrolling Students Program and he looks forward to their partnership with the State Board in the next year.</p> <p>Rod Wilson of the Grow Your Own Program (GYO) thanked the Board for the support they have given to program. GYO looks forward to achieving their goal of improving and training a thousand new highly qualified teachers.</p> <p>Mr. Wilson then introduced Ms. Ana Nava, a GYO candidate at Malcolm X College. Ms. Nava is the mother of two children, and works as a security officer at Little Village Lawndale Campus.</p> <p>Mr. Wilson followed up by indicating the GYO Program is requesting \$4.5 million dollars in FY 2010. These funds will cover forgivable loans and offer other forms of support for the 500 students already in college. The funds will bring 175 teacher candidates off the waiting list and into the GYO Program. It will also allow two new GYO programs to develop in low-income, high-need communities.</p>

Janet Milkovich thanked the Board for their support of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic. The program has helped 10,000 people around the state who cannot read because of low vision or a processing difficulty, such as dyslexia.

Josie Yanguas an Executive Board member of the Illinois Association for Multilingual Multicultural Education (IAMME) requested that the Board resubmit the letter they sent last year to the United States Department of Education asking for flexibility in the interpretation of the scores because of the drastic policy change in testing. Illinois now has ISAT performance data for ELL students. She stated that the chief stumbling block was the Reading/Language Arts component of the test. ISAT testing of this student population simply became a test of the English Language, rather than an assessment of what ELLs know in different content areas.

As more and more schools and districts do not meet AYP because of performance of ELLs, IAMME is very concerned about the debilitating effects that these policies will have on students and the educators that serve them as NCLB sanctions continue to be issued. These sanctions will lead some schools to redesign instructional programs that go against what research tells us regarding best instructional practices for ELLs as well as against key provisions in the Illinois School Code regarding ELLs.

Respicio Vazquez of Franczek, Radelet & Rose, Counsel for Prairie Crossing Charter School (PCCS), introduced **Geoff Deigan**, President of the Prairie Crossing Charter School, Myron Dagley, Director of the District Betsy Jung, Business Manager and Mark Dybas, Board Member and Chair of the Governance Committee.

Mr. Deigan on behalf of PCCS and the Board of Directors, staff and 300 students thanked the State Board of Education for considering their request for renewal of the charter. Mr. Deigan commented that PCCS appreciates the professionalism displayed by the State Board staff, and especially the outstanding support of Chairman Ruiz, Superintendent Chris Koch, Darren Reisberg and Jo Ann Price. The school continues to achieve some of the highest ISAT test scores in the State, having over 96% meeting and/or exceeding state standards last year. PCCS was voted one of the top 50 charter schools in the nation by Center for Education Reform and is the only environmental charter school in the state. Mr. Diegan thanked the Board for their time and attention they have given the recharter for PCCS.

Superintendent Koch stated that today's meeting is a public hearing as required by statute within 45 days of receiving the application and that there will be no decision or action taken today.

Dr. Koch asked Mr. Deigan if the governance of PCCS facilitates appropriate decision making. Mr. Deigan indicated there were a few problems in the beginning, but in the last 18 months they have made great strides. They have focused on re-establishing some of the committees they had, increased participation and really focused on governance of the school. PCCS has a strong staff with a lot of experience behind them. Mr. Deigan feels they are past their growing pains and will continue to see progress

Kim Vander Yacht, a parent of an 8th grade student at PCCS indicated her son has thrived at Prairie Crossing and has been afforded amazing

opportunities from fine teachers, administrators and board.

Michelle Helle, a parent of a 5th and 7th graders currently enrolled at PCCS spoke in support PCCS's re-charter. Ms. Helle talked about the opportunities and experiences her children have had by attending PCCS and encouraged the State Board to support the school's mission to provide outstanding public education by renewing its charter.

Ellen Ley, a parent of four children, one who has graduated from PCCS and two that are still attending, spoke on the advantage she has had to compare her oldest daughter's education in a public school to her other children's education at PCCS. She commented they have received a very good education and have shown a great joy for learning, and have been given an unbelievable opportunity that can never be taken away from them.

Laura Elizabeth Fay, a parent of two PCCS students and an active parent volunteer, as well as a former board member, voiced her concerns about PCCS. Ms. Fay is in support of the pending charter renewal, but has several concerns about the operation of the school. Her concerns include the complex implications of a ten-year charter renewal, outreach, transportation, delivery of special education services and how these factors, in combination, could effectively preclude many children in the Woodland and Fremont school districts from attending PCCS. (See Ms. Fay's written testimony for more details on her concerns.) Ms. Fay closed by saying that she hoped that PCCS could become a school of choice to anyone residing in Woodland or Fremont districts who feel their child would thrive in a small public school setting, with small classrooms, and a creative and innovative approach to learning without the shackles of traditional public school bureaucracy.

Chairman Ruiz informed Ms. Fay that the renewal, if approved, would be a 5-year renewal, as that is the maximum allowed in statute.

Ms. Holmes asked those in attendance to let others know that additional testimony can be sent to Jean Ladage.

Prairie Crossing Charter School Counsel Respicio Vasquez stated that he would be glad to address any questions or concerns that any board member, parent, or concerned citizen might have.

Ms. Karon asked if agency staff had been in contact with the other two schools involved, Woodland and Fremont. Jo Ann Price stated that they were notified of the hearing and informed of the location of the proposal on our website. They were not required to participate but they were made aware of the opportunity.

Mr. Clark commented stated that six years ago when the Board went through the original PCCS charter, there were the same concerns: special education services, outreach, transportation, etc. Mr. Clark requested some reassurance before the February meeting that these issues are being worked on and that school is open to every child who is eligible.

Dr. Fields requested that Superintendent Koch ask PCCS to provide information on the demographics, special education services, transportation, lunch, etc.

	<p>Ms. Holmes commented that the charter school was designed to have flexibility with the oversight of the State Board.</p> <p>Mr. Reisberg reviewed the process of the charter school renewal. He stated that although the Charter Schools Act does not specify any deadlines to respond to renewals, the Agency has always required school districts to follow the same timelines as those specified for initial proposals. Under the Act, schools districts are required, within forty-five (45) days of receipt of a charter proposal, to convene a public meeting to obtain information to assist the local board in its decision to grant or deny the charter school proposal. There is no similar provision that requires the State Board to convene such a hearing or to follow specific timelines. Yet, it made sense to utilize similar timelines given that the review the Agency is required to conduct is similar to the review school districts must conduct when considering renewals. The hearing notice was posted at least 5 days prior to the hearing, and gave individuals an opportunity to comment. Anyone who wishes to provide the Board with comments for consideration may do so prior to the Board's vote, which is expected in February. They may also attend the February Board meeting to provide comments.</p> <p>Mr. Reisberg stated that staff would be available for any questions the Board might have regarding concerns raised. He also indicated that the State Board has the ability to engage in negotiations with respect to the contract renewal. If members of the public feel there are particular issues in terms of outreach or transportation that they would recommend be added to the contract between ISBE and PCCS, please let staff know so those issues can be considered. Mr. Reisberg asked that those with concerns be specific as they know what the best outreach would be in the community. This would ensure the negotiation of the contract protects the civil rights of any individual in the district.</p> <p>Dr. Koch stated that he will be making his recommendation to the Board based on a review of information submitted in response to specific questions posed by the Board and his staff.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Hall moved that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. 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:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the December 18, 2008 Board meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Initial Review</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 145 (Temporary Relocation Expense) and Part 151 (School Construction Program)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for Temporary Relocation Expense (23 Illinois Administrative Code 145), and School Construction Program (23 Illinois Administrative Code 151), including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public</p>

	<p>comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Providers of Supplemental Educational Services (23 Illinois Administrative Code 675), including publication of the proposed amendments in the <u>Illinois Register</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rules for Adoption</u> Part 260 (Reading Improvement Block Grant)</p> <p>The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for: Reading Improvement Block Grant (23 Illinois Administrative Code 260). 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.</p> <p>END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS</p>	<p>Ms. Holmes moved that the State Board of Education hereby directs the following legislative proposals move forward as Agency-initiated proposals for the spring 2009 legislative session:</p> <p><u>Priority #1</u> (# 1) Repeal of Obsolete and Duplicative Statues (# 11) Longitudinal Data Systems</p> <p><u>Priority #2</u> (# 17) PSAE Changes</p> <p>The State Board of Education further authorizes the State Superintendent and Agency staff to work with education stakeholders to continue developing Proposal # 12 (Certification-One Certificate) for potential introduction in 2010.</p> <p>Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FY10 BUDGET</p>	<p>Superintendent Koch noted that there are two budgets, the first one showing the federal with the state budget; and the second one with the changes that were discussed in yesterday's Finance and Audit Committee meeting. Dr. Koch indicated the revisions included the Tax Increment impacting one district, the Autism line, Re-Enrolling Task Force is changed to Alternative School Network, and On-line Databases has been added for \$2.5 million.</p> <p>Mr. Clark moved that the FY10 Budget be approved as amended in the January 26, 2009, Finance & Audit Committee of the Whole.</p> <p>Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>Dr. Ward recognized and thanked Finance & Audit Committee Chair Dean Clark, fellow board members, Superintendent Koch and agency staff for the work on the budget. Mr. Clark stated that he feels good about the budget and the information that has been provided to the legislature to make them aware of the needs for education. Chairman Ruiz, Dr. Fields, Ms. Holmes also expressed their thanks.</p>
<p>SUPERINTEDENT'S CONTRACT</p>	<p>This agenda item was deferred until after closed session.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Chairman Ruiz stated that he has asked Joyce Karon and Dean Clark to serve as the Nominating Committee for the 2009 Election of Officers.</p> <p>In advance of the February meeting, the nominating committee will send a</p>

	<p>Dr. Brown said that she presented at an IASA division meeting, attended the Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development conference and worked with IEA on a grant.</p> <p>Dr. Hall reported that she served on the NASBE Power of Partnerships Study Group in Arlington, VA, on January 23-24, 2009.</p>
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT	<p>Chairman Ruiz announced that following closed session, the Board will reconvene and may take action on agenda item D-6.</p>
CLOSED SESSION	<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 c1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; and</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 may invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>The open meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and the Board went into closed session at 11:15 a.m. The open meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.</p>
SUPERINTEDEDENT'S CONTRACT	<p>On behalf of the Board, Mr. Clark thanked Dr. Koch for his excellent work on behalf of Illinois students in 2008. Dr. Koch's contract is performance-based, and part of his compensation comes in the form of a year-end adjustment based on meeting certain criteria set forth by the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Clark moved that due to the economic crisis Illinois is facing at this time, and despite Dr. Koch having more than met the Board's expectations, the Board chooses not to make a salary adjustment at this time.</p> <p>The Board nevertheless shall take into consideration its lack of payment to Dr. Koch for 2008 at such time that it makes its compensation decision for January 2010.</p> <p>Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voice vote.</p>
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT	<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 12:30 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall
Board Secretary

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
Chairman

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1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.
4. Minutes of the December Finance & Audit Committee Meeting **(FAC Packet pp. 2-4)**
- *5. State Board of Education FY10 Budget 9:50 – Noon **(pp. 5-23)**
12:00-12:30 Break for Lunch
12:30 – 1:30 Return to Finance & Audit Committee discussion (as needed)
6. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
7. Committee Wrap-up *(Superintendent Koch)*
8. Adjourn

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FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Illinois State Board of Education
100 W. Randolph
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January 26, 2009

<p>ROLL CALL</p>	<p>Chairman Clark called the meeting to order.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Members Present</u></td> <td><u>Members Absent</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Dean Clark, Chairman</td> <td>None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Andrea Brown</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. David Fields</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Vinni Hall</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Brenda Holmes</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Joyce Karon</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Lanita Koster</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Jesse Ruiz</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Chris Ward</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	Mr. Dean Clark, Chairman	None	Dr. Andrea Brown		Dr. David Fields		Dr. Vinni Hall		Ms. Brenda Holmes		Ms. Joyce Karon		Ms. Lanita Koster		Mr. Jesse Ruiz		Dr. Chris Ward	
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<p>BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS</p>	<p>None</p>																				
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p><i>Jack Wuest from Alternative Schools Network</i> spoke in support of the Re-enrolling Students program.</p> <p><i>Jane Sharka, LouAnn Jacobs, Stephanie Stieglitz and Frances Roehm from IL School Library Media Association</i> voiced their support for funding for on-line data bases.</p> <p><i>Jim Dower and Don Isherwood from Urban Initiatives</i> informed the Board about their youth sports and health education program.</p> <p><i>Brian Daly & Don Storino from Fidelity Consulting</i> requested support for Teach for America.</p> <p><i>TaHesha Orji and Steven Perkins from Target Area Development Corporation</i> voiced support of the Grow Your Own Teachers program.</p> <p><i>Erika Lindley from ED-RED and John Moss from Glenbard 87</i> spoke about funding for Special Education.</p>																				
<p>MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. David Fields moved that the minutes of the December Finance and Audit Committee be accepted. Ms. Lanita Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.</p>																				
<p>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FY10 BUDGET</p>	<p>Superintendent Chris Koch provided the Committee a summary of his recommended budget and proposed two amendments to the recommendations. The first was to reinsert \$222.6K for the Tax Equivalent Grant Program line item. District 88 is the only district that qualifies for this program with an anticipated tax revenue loss of \$350,000.</p>																				

	<p>The second recommendation was to increase the line item for Autism to eliminate the waiting list for this program.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the strategy of focusing dollars into GSA and mandated categoricals and asked a number of questions of staff regarding specific program budget lines.</p> <p>The Committee debated the inclusion of a line item for Re-enrolling Students. Jack Wuest was present to answer questions. The Committee agreed to insert a line item for “Re-enrolling Students—Alternative Schools Network” in the amount of \$4M. The Committee nevertheless made clear that it would be the last year for this line-item unless underlying legislation was enacted, and asked that Mr. Wuest work with Agency staff on such legislation.</p> <p>The Board agreed to insert a line item for \$2.5M for online databases.</p> <p>Ms. Mitchell stated that the Agency budget recommendation for Federal funds was \$2.298B. She further noted that there was a proposal in the U.S. House for a federal stimulus package. If and when a Federal package is passed, she stated, there will be a need to make additional adjustments to the ISBE FY10 budget, as approval is needed from the General Assembly and the Governor for the appropriation authorization to spend the Federal funds.</p>
COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS	Next month’s agenda will include Contracts and Grants over \$1M, FY10 Budget Update, Review of Proviso’s Financial Plan and Updates on FY07 Financial Compliance Audit and the FY07 A133 Statewide Single Audit.
ADJOURNMENT	<u>Motion:</u> Dr. Chris Ward moved for adjournment of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole. Dr. David Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.
4. Minutes of the December Governmental Relations Committee Meeting *(pp. 2-3)*
- *5. Legislative Proposals (Nicole Wills, Shawn Rotherham) 1:45 – 2:15 p.m. *(pp. 4-45)*
6. Legislative Update (Nicole Wills, Shawn Rotherham) 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. *(pp. 46-56)*
7. Committee Wrap-up *(Superintendent Koch)*
8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
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GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 26, 2009

Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Present

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

Staff Present

Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Nicole Wills
Jean Ladage
Marsha Moffett
Connie Wise
Linda Tomlinson
Don Evans
Beth Hanselman
Matt Vanover
Mary Fergus
Susie Morrison

1. ROLL CALL

See above.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sue Walter from the Illinois Federation of Teachers testified regarding the agency's Longitudinal Data Systems legislative proposal. She stated that IFT is in support of the concept and looks forward to working with the agency to further develop the proposal, though IFT wishes to make sure that the teacher indicator system and higher education data will be used appropriately.

3. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

Board member David Fields made a motion to approve the December Committee minutes and the motion was seconded by Dean Clark. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

4. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee heard testimony from Governmental Relations staff on three additional legislative proposals that were recommended by the State Superintendent. The Superintendent recommended the Board approve legislative proposals (#1) Repeal of Obsolete and Duplicative Statutes, (#11) Longitudinal Data Systems and (#17) PSAE Changes.

- (#1) This proposal will a) combine statutory suggestions from all divisions within the agency for programs and functions that are no longer necessary and need to be repealed, b) revise and update current statutory provisions, and c) streamline current processes and procedures. All specific statutes and language to be included are still being determined.
- (#11) This proposal will provide for the Illinois Longitudinal Data System (ILDS) Project, which will a) allow for critical integration of ISBE student-level data collection systems with student-level data from other parts of the agency (e.g., staff data, special education, and school district finance) and b) establish the technical and management systems necessary for

ISBE and its education partners to manage, link and analyze P-20 education data.

- (#17) This proposal eliminates the requirement that the State pay for those students who wish to retake the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) in grade 12.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Governmental Relations staff provided an update on the few education and ISBE related bills that have been introduced by the General Assembly as of January 20th. In particular, staff highlighted three bills:

- HB 6 (Franks) – This legislation creates the State Agency Director Legislative Accountability Act, which will require that the director of every agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor’s Executive Inspector General, as well as any assistant directors, be in Springfield during each legislative session day. In addition, only directors or assistant directors can testify before a legislative committee on behalf of the State agency unless it is provided for by the committee or other law.
- HB 80 (Lang) – This bill was first introduced last spring as HB 4232. The bill seeks to terminate the current board member terms, change the appointment terms for future board members, change the appointment provisions for the State Superintendent, create a State Board of Education Advisory Board and provide limitations governing ex parte communication received from the Governor or his or her official representative.
- HB 233 (Reitz) – This legislation requires that beginning FY 2010, the State Board reimburse school districts, other than the Chicago school district, for all costs incurred for educating students with disabilities.

In addition, board members asked about HB 176, which makes changes to contractual continued service in school districts outside of Chicago. Under the legislation, an individual who has taught four years in a district and gained tenure in that district would only have to teach two years (as opposed to four) in another district before having the right to be considered for tenure at the other district. This legislative change would also apply to special education joint agreements.

6. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

At its February meeting, the Governmental Relations Committee will discuss the spring waiver report and receive information and updates on ISBE legislative proposals and other education-related legislation.

7. ADJOURN

Board member Vinni Hall made the motion to adjourn the Committee at 2:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dean Clark.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

AD HOC RULES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Location: Office of the Capital Development Board
Room 14-621 (Video Conference Room)
100 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois**

**January 26, 2009
2:30 p.m.**

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

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AGENDA *(timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)*

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Public Participation 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.
4. Minutes of the December Ad Hoc Rules Committee Meeting **(pp. 2-3)**
- *5. Rules for Initial Review 2:45 – 3:10 p.m.
 - a. Part 145 (Temporary Relocation Expenses) (Deb Vespa) **(pp. 4-6)**
 - b. Part 151 (School Construction Program) (Deb Vespa) **(pp. 7-12)**
 - c. Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services) (Gina Hopper) **(pp. 13-42)**
- *6. Rules for Adoption 3:10 – 3:15 p.m.
 - a. Part 260 (Reading Improvement Block Grant) (Marica Cullen) **(pp. 43-52)**
7. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items
8. Committee Wrap-up *(Superintendent Koch)*
9. 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

Monday, January 26, 2009

2:30 p.m.

Office of the Capital Development Board
100 West Randolph Street, Room 14-612
Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Present

Jesse Ruiz
Andrea Brown

David Fields
Vinni Hall
Brenda Holmes

Lanita Koster
Chris Ward

Absent

Dean Clark

Joyce Karon

Others

Chris Koch
Darren Reisberg
Deb Vespa
Marica Cullen
Marci Johnson
Shelley Helton
Sally Vogl

Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m. After the roll call, he announced that Mr. Clark and Ms. Karon had had to leave the meeting and that no members would be participating by other means. No one had signed up for public participation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vinni Hall moved approval of the minutes of the Committee's meeting of December 18, 2008, and David Fields seconded the motion. It was adopted unanimously, and the minutes were approved as presented.

5. RULES FOR INITIAL REVIEW

Chairman Ruiz turned the meeting over to General Counsel Darren Reisberg, who stated that three sets of rules were being presented for initial review. He characterized the amendments to Part 145 (Temporary Relocation Expenses) and Part 151 (School Construction Program) as largely ministerial, in that they consisted of technical updates. Division Administrator Deb Vespa was available in Springfield to address any questions the Board members might have; there were none. Ms. Vespa noted that the revisions related to replacing outdated references to the Program Accounting Manual and the Fall Enrollment and Housing Report.

Mr. Reisberg went on to introduce proposed amendments to Part 675 of the rules (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services). He indicated that these were more substantive than the other items, including updates to the code of ethics and refinements in the system of evaluating the providers. Dr. Gary Greene was present to address Board members' questions. Discussion ensued regarding the change that would result in designation of a provider's status on a statewide basis, as opposed to district by district. Andrea Brown noted that providers might not use the same programs in all districts. In addition, she pointed to the averaging effect that combining information across districts would have and noted that parents might not be fully informed by this method, although the same could also be true under the current rule. Board members were reminded that the district-by-district information would still be available to agency staff so that future refinements might be made. Darren Reisberg highlighted the challenge of balancing detailed information for use by ISBE with less complex information that would be useful to parents in making their choices among providers. David Fields pointed out ISBE's responsibility for ensuring the quality of the program, given the agency's role in approving the providers.

Vinni Hall complimented the work of staff on this program and reiterated her general concern for the required diversion of funds from use by districts in order to pay the providers. It was acknowledged that this is an issue on the national level.

6. RULES FOR ADOPTION

Mr. Reisberg noted that one set of amendments was being presented for adoption, i.e., changes to Part 260, Reading Improvement Block Grant. These had undergone initial review by the Board in October of 2008, and no comments had been received during the comment period. The version being presented for adoption was therefore identical to that originally proposed. Division Administrator Marica Cullen and Shelley Helton of the Rules and Waivers Division were available in Springfield to answer any questions on this rulemaking. However, there were none.

7. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Darren Reisberg identified two sets of rules that would be ready for initial review in February, including amendments to Part 140 (Calculation of Excess Cost Under Section 18-3 of the School Code) and a new Part 405 (Payments to Certain Facilities Under Section 14-7.05 of the School Code). In addition, two sets would be presented for adoption: Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) and Part 25 (Certification).

8. COMMITTEE WRAP-UP

Superintendent Koch summarized the items considered by the Committee, including the three sets that had been presented for initial review (Parts 145, 151, and 675) and the one set that had been presented for adoption (Part 260). He noted that Dr. Brown had raised some good points in connection with supplemental educational services and that there had been no public comment on the amendments to Part 260.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vinni Hall moved that all the sets of rules discussed be recommended for action by the Board during the plenary session and that the meeting be adjourned. David Fields seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.