Note: As of May 2009, all committees will officially be held as “Committees-of-the-Whole”, with a chair appointed for each committee.

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

Craig Lindvahl, Chair

The Education Policy Planning Committee shall be responsible for developing recommendations for strategic actions by the State Board of Education on issues of short- and long-term relevance to Illinois education. The Committee shall provide a forum for Board discussion about the direction of educational policy and its implications for the State of Illinois educational system. The committee will be responsible for identifying issues of future interest to the Board and studying the implications for education and the State Board of Education. The committee will develop policy topics for Board meeting agendas and a long-term policy development calendar. The unique responsibility of this Committee is to ensure that the Board deals with long-range issues and needs as well as current concerns.

This Committee’s Chairperson shall be authorized (a) to establish, on an ad hoc basis and with the concurrence of the Board Chairperson, such subcommittees as he or she determines are necessary for appropriately fulfilling the Committee’s responsibilities; and (b) expand, with the concurrence of the Board Chairperson and with the same notice required pursuant to Section VI.D.2 herein, his or her Committee to a Committee of the Whole for a particular meeting, at which all Board members legally present would have the right to vote and have such vote counted towards the Committee’s recommendation.

Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole

James W. Baumann, Chair

The Finance and Audit Committee shall develop the State Board of Education’s annual budget and monitor its progress in the General Assembly; work to improve the financing of local school districts and other institutions within the purview of the State Board of Education; at least annually, review Board member travel policy and related matters; review agency administrative and operational policies and procedures, including the implementation of policies and procedures relating to contracts; review and approve Requests for Sealed Proposals per policy; provide oversight for the Internal Audit Function; review all external audits of the State Board of Education and the agency response; develop a process for a quarterly review of the State Superintendent’s expenses and time allocations and for sharing the results of the review with the entire Board; and perform such other responsibilities as are designated by the Board or the Board Chairperson.

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