

Board of Directors Minutes — February 12, 2005

Illinois Association of School Boards
2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois
February 12, 2005

Present:

Raymond Zimmerman	President	Flanagan
Marie Slater	Vice President	Wheaton
Christy M. Coleman	Immediate Past President	Geneseo
Joseph Alesandrini	Central Illinois Valley	Pekin
David Barton	Two Rivers	Nebo
Lowell Beggs	Northwest	Amboy
Fred Blue	Starved Rock	Utica
Donna Cech	West Cook	River Forest
Fred Clatfelter	Wabash Valley	West York
Roger Edgecombe	Abe Lincoln	Maroa
Carol Farnum	Kishwaukee	Aurora
Philip Fulton	Service Associates Representative	Chicago
Thomas Hannigan	Treasurer, Lake	Mundelein
Steve Hawk	Blackhawk	Erie
Cheryl Jackson	Corn Belt	Bloomington
Debora McCleary	Three Rivers	Coal City
Helen McClelland	South Cook	Country Club Hills
Mark Metzger	DuPage	Aurora
Roger Pfister	Shawnee	Murphysboro
Michelle Skinlo	Illini	Mattoon
Barbara Somogyi	North Cook	Elk Grove Village
Wesley G. Stellhorn	Southwestern	Baldwin
Gerald White	Western	Colchester

Absent:

Tariq Butt	Chicago Board of Education	Chicago
Kent Kistler	Kaskaskia	Brownstown
John Metzger	Egyptian	Benton
Mark Myers	Ill. Assn of School Trustees	Homewood
Flip Chart Recorder	Roger Edgecombe
Timekeeper	Fred Blue
Process Observer	Donna Cech
Recording Secretary	Patricia Culler

Call to Order

President Raymond Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m., Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Additions/Approval Meeting Agenda

Action: Wesley Stelhorn moved, seconded by Fred Blue and carried unanimously, that the meeting agenda be approved with the addition of 12.A Delegate Assembly report.

Approval, November 18 and November 21, 2004 Board of Directors' Minutes

Action: Joe Alesandrini moved, seconded by Cheryl Jackson and carried unanimously, that the minutes for the November 18 and November 21, 2004 Board of Directors' Meetings be approved as printed and distributed.

Consent Agenda Acceptance

Action: Fred Clatfelter moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that the consent agenda items be approved as printed and contained in the meeting packet.

Monitoring Reports

ENDS/Mission—pages 23-26

This policy is in compliance at this time.

The Executive Director commented on NSBA foundational undertaking to enhance the awareness of the public and local boards of education to the value of public education. The NSBA Center for Public Education's online service would allow individuals and board members to access what's happening in schools. Corporate contributions totaling \$2.5 million dollars have been received toward this effort and Brokers' Risk has contributed \$500,000. IASB has pledged \$30,000 per year for five years and four large state associations are now matching the IASB pledge. This service would help IASB address Item 3, of its mission policy on page 25.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition—pages 27-36

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Treasurer Thomas Hannigan noted that membership equity is increasing and that even though the fiscal year started with a little loss, this has improved.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Communication and Counsel to the Board—page 37

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Relationship with Suppliers—page 39

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Service Associate Representative Philip Fulton commented that the Service Associate organization is currently reviewing the membership evaluation and invitation procedure which assures that membership candidates are quality service providers to local school districts.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Treatment of Member Districts—page 41

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Commitment—page 43

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style—pages 44-45

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Board Job Description—page 46

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/President's Role—page 47

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Vice President's Role—page 48

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Treasurer's Role —page 49

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Annual Board Planning Cycle—page 50-51

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Board Members' Code of Conduct—pages 52-53

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Assumptions Preview

The Executive Director reviewed the 2006 budget assumptions information contained on page 55 of the meeting packet, emphasizing the goal continues to be a balanced budget focused on “What services shall be provided to school boards and at what costs?” Johnson highlighted the following areas:

- Additional Staff—may be needed depending upon membership service demands.
- Consulting Services—increased electronic service delivery may warrant additional equipment upgrades and consulting services.
- NCLB—will have to assess whether or not membership services will be needed beyond the 2 ½ year grant period.
- Online Training—anticipated the participation and activities would increase in the future.
- LeaderShop Program—additional course offerings are planned over the next two years.
- Pooling Programs and Program Endorsements—continues to grow and revenue from these sources is anticipated at \$1.4 million for the current fiscal year.
- Additional programs not included when the budget was formulated: NSBA Center for Public Education, additional Springfield fulltime policy position and a two-year, \$5,000 per year pledge for the Lighthouse Project.

2005 Annual Conference Registration Fees

Action: Roger Edgecombe moved, seconded by Lowell Beggs and carried unanimously, that in keeping with the 4 percent increase rounded to the nearest \$10 amount, as previously passed by the Board on May 16, 1998, the 2005 pre-registration fee be set at \$290 and the onsite registration fee at \$315.

Committee Appointments

President Zimmerman announced his appointment of Carol Farnum to the Nominating Committee replacing Donna Cech who is retiring from local board service.

Delegate Assembly Update

Responding to a November Board meeting request that the timing of the Delegate Assembly be reviewed to determine if this might increase membership participation, the Executive Director reported that after discussing timing and participation with other state associations and looking at the meeting logistics it did not appear that changing the timing would increase participation. In fact, Illinois has a representation of 35-40% of its membership, while most states experience 25% or less. Two positive approaches which will be instituted in an attempt to increase participation is recognizing those who participated in the form of a participation certificate to be sent to the superintendent for presentation at their local board meeting, and requesting that each member board appoint an alternate delegate in addition to their regular delegate.

Leadership Conference Discussion

President Zimmerman thanked the staff for the time and effort they had put into departmental presentations that afforded attendees a deeper insight into program offerings and the day-to-day staff operations/activities in meeting the membership's needs. Barbara Somogyi commended staff for their conference presentations, but felt programming should include a larger block of time for attendee networking. She further felt divisions should be apprised of a revised format including networking, as well as some definite questions to be addressed during this time. Joe Alesandrini brought up the issue of including spouses in the Friday evening dinner. Tom Hanningan echoed Alesandrini's comment stating he felt uncomfortable in not including the wives even if it meant their dinner cost need to be paid by the Board member spouse. Roger Pfister also felt that if spouses so chose, they should be included and cost for their meal could be deducted from the Board member's meeting reimbursement. President Zimmerman felt spouses should be included in the meal service, including dessert, and the present late evening dessert reception be eliminated. Gerald White felt if spouses were included, the pre-dinner reception could be scaled back. Roger Edgecombe stated that in the past some spouses opted out when they were included in the evening dinner due to the programming. He felt the upgraded programming now being experienced might be of interest to spouses.

NSBA Federal Relations Network Conference, January 31-February 1, 2005

President Zimmerman reported on the 2005 NSBA Federal Relations Network Conference in which 800 nationwide school board members participated in a three-day program culminating in a lobby of congressional members on the No Child Left Behind Act. While on Capitol Hill, members of the Illinois delegation met personally with Representatives Lane Evans and Judy Biggert. They also met with staff representing Senators Richard Durbin and Barack Obama, and Representatives Dennis Hastert, Melissa Bean, Ray LaHood, and John Shimkus. (A written report was distributed in the meeting packet.)

Legislative Update

Ben Schwarm, Associate Executive Director, Governmental Relations, informed the Board that it is still too early to go into any issues. Presently, 1,056 House bills and 298 Senate bills have been introduced and the deadline for filing is still two weeks away. He estimates that only about 10-15% of the introduced bills will move. The Senate has not met in any committees as yet; both the House and Senate committees will begin to meet the week of February 14. Last year most issues were based on the Governor's agenda, however, this year's State of the State message did not mention education. Schwarm stated the budget will be driving this year's legislation and with an approximate \$2 billion deficit, no one know how this can be dealt with in view of the Governor's statement that he will not raise general taxes. He feels that unless significant new revenues become available there will be very small or no new monies for education. Commenting on the pension systems, Schwarm stated major changes are to be expected in the pension system. \$650 million will be required to fund the pension system and the bill to pay for medical calls for \$150 million in new monies. Twenty-five brand new mandates have already been proposed and Schwarm feels ERO's as they have been known are gone. If there is one, it will be paid by the employees and employers. It is estimated that 22,000 teachers will be retiring this year.

Service Associates Report

Newly seated Service Associate Representative Philip Fulton expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. Fulton stated that at its February 4 meeting the Service Associates Executive Committee had begun the process of looking at what this group's functions should be and what it should be doing for the Association and to link up with its membership. The group also voted to recommend to the IASB Board of Directors that a Service Associate membership invitation be extended to Energy Systems Group of Itasca, Illinois. This firm provides a wide range of energy services, including strategy and design, development, implementation, engineering, financing and performance contracting. The firm has been doing business with Illinois school districts for the past seven years and receives very high ratings from its client school districts.

Action: Debora McCleary moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that a Service Associate membership invitation be extended to Energy System Group, Itasca, Illinois.

Illinois High School Association Report

IASB Representative to the Illinois High School Association Joe Alesandrini reported that IHSA had eliminated participation fees resulting in a \$585,000 budget reduction, the regional ticket price is going up \$1, statewide regional basketball tickets will be \$8, and the football game gate receipts changed from 25% to 15% of the gate receipts. The IHSA Board will be meeting on February 14 and final recommendations of the Public and Private Task Forces will be presented. There may be some action at the meeting or at the March meeting; however, no pre-meeting information as to what those recommendations may be.

Retiring Director Recognition

Two Directors who will not seek re-election to their local boards of education were recognized and presented with plaques recognizing their IASB Board of Directors' service: Donna Cech, Director, West Cook Division, who has served on the Board since 2000; and Fred Clatfelter, Director, Wabash Valley Division, who commenced his Board service in 2001.

Adjournment:

Action: Fred Clatfelter moved, seconded by Fred Blue and carried unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, May 13-14, 2005.