

# Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

**Illinois Association of School Boards, Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**At the Hyatt Regency Hotel**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
**Saturday, February 22, 2014**

**Present:**

Karen Fisher.....President.....Marseilles  
Phil Pritzker .....Vice President ..... Wheeling  
Carolyn Brooks .....Immediate Past President..... Noble  
Dale Hansen .....Treasurer/Three Rivers ..... Grant Park  
Linda Eades.....Kaskaskia ..... Hettick  
Lisa Weitzel .....Abe Lincoln .....Springfield  
Mark Harms .....Corn Belt ..... Flanagan  
Sue McCance .....Western ..... Cuba  
Tom Neeley.....Central Illinois Valley.....Morton  
Joanne Osmond.....Lake.....Lake Villa  
Eric Leys .....North Cook.....Park Ridge  
John Metzger.....Egyptian ..... Nashville  
Rosemary Swanson.....DuPage..... Wheaton  
Jackie Mickley .....Blackhawk..... Geneseo  
Jesse Ruiz.....Chicago Board of Education..... Chicago  
Frank Mott .....West Cook..... Forest Park  
Val Densmore .....South Cook.....Country Club Hills  
Simon Kampwerth .....Starved Rock ..... Peru  
Roger Pfister .....Shawnee .....Murphysboro  
Mary Stith .....Kishwaukee..... Geneva  
Rob Luttrell.....Southwestern..... Troy  
Tim Blair.....Wabash Valley ..... Casey  
Michelle Skinlo.....Illini..... Mattoon  
Michael Vallosio.....Service Assoc. Representative ..... Peoria

**Absent**

David Barton.....Two Rivers..... Nebo  
Ben Andersen.....Northwest..... East Dubuque

*Recording Secretary..... Carrie Cloyd*

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## Introductions and Announcements

President Karen Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

## Additions to and Approval of Agenda

**Action:** Michelle Skinlo moved, seconded by Joanne Osmond and carried, that the meeting agenda be approved with the following changes:

- 1) Item 12 regarding the Audit Committee Report was changed to make it an “action item” instead of informational; and
- 2) A report by Jim Russell regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication was added to the Communications listed in item #20 of the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes

**Action:** Jesse Ruiz moved, seconded by Val Densmore and carried unanimously, that the minutes for the November 21, 2013 and November 24, 2013, Board of Directors' Meetings be approved as amended and placed on file.

## Consent Agenda

**Action:** Tom Neeley moved, seconded by Dale Hansen and carried unanimously, that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. NOTE: No items were removed from the consent agenda.

## Monitoring Governance Culture

**Action:** Michelle Skinlo moved, seconded by Jesse Ruiz, and carried unanimously, that the Monitoring Governance Culture Board/Executive Director Relations GC 5, 9 and 10 be returned to the Executive Committee for further revisions prior to Board review and possible approval at the May Board of Directors meeting.

**Action:** Carolyne Brooks moved, seconded by Rob Luttrell and carried unanimously, that the Monitoring Governance Culture Board/Executive Director Relations B/EDR 2 be approved as presented.

## Monitoring Operational Expectations Policies Evidence Indicators

**Action:** Sue McCance moved, seconded by Dale Hansen and carried unanimously, to approve the Monitoring and action regarding Operational Expectations Policies Evidence Indicators OE-3, 4, 7, 9 as fully compliant.

**Action:** Simon Kampwerth moved, seconded by Linda Eades and carried unanimously, to approve as amended the changes to OE 10-3 related to Services Associates.

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### Monitoring Governance Culture OE3 Amendment

**Action:** John Metzger moved, seconded by Jackie Mickley and carried unanimously, to approve the Monitoring Governance Culture Operational Expectation 3 amendment to add Division and Division Leadership Language as presented.

### Annual Work Calendar Proposed 2014-2015

**Action:** Jesse Ruiz moved, seconded by Tim Blair and carried unanimously, to approve the annual work calendar as presented.

### Committee Appointments and Reappointments

President Karen Fisher reviewed the committee assignments and informed the board of appointments to a new Ad Hoc Committee regarding Board Policies. The new Ad Hoc Committee members are: Jesse Ruiz, Joanne Osmond, Rosemary Swanson and Lisa Weitzel.

### Audit Committee Report

Treasurer Dale Hansen reviewed the Audit Committee selection process and stated that the process went well and very smoothly, especially considering this was the first time the process has been used. Jesse Ruiz asked how long the current audit firm has been performing the audit, noting that the standard is to change auditors at least every four years. Mr. Hansen commented that while the firm that was selected has been performing the audit slightly longer than four years, it was the recommendation of the Audit Committee that they continue for the FY14 audit based on the presentations by the three firms submitting proposals. Mr. Eddy noted that the lack of bids might make it more difficult to change every four years.

**Action:** Dale Hansen moved, seconded by John Metzger and carried unanimously, to employ the audit firm of Eck, Shafer and Punke to perform the IASB FY14 Audit.

### Treasurer's Report /Current Financial

Treasurer Dale Hansen presented a review of the IASB financial statement for the month ending January 31, 2014. He reported that the cash balance at IASB continues to perform above budget projections as well as last years' tracking totals. In addition, the cash reserves are well above the minimum balance of \$2.6 Million as required by policy. Due to several key revenue sources performing above budgeted expectations along with continued decreases in expenses, the projected deficit for FY14 of \$138,367 will likely be erased and the budget could end up in the black by \$200,000 or more. After Mr. Hansen's report, Executive Director Roger Eddy detailed some of the revenue lines that have out-performed original budget projections as well as budget lines where expenses were reduced. Mr. Eddy then made a brief presentation of the early assumptions that are being built into the FY15 budget. The FY15 budget will be constructed, once again, using conservative revenue estimates due to the uncertainty of school funding for FY15. A more complete presentation of the FY15 budget, including additional specific budget assumptions will be presented at the May BOD meeting.

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### Service Associates Report

**Action:** Mike Vallosio moved, seconded by Mark Harms and carried unanimously, to approve Service Associate membership to DeFranco Plumbing, STR Partners, Inc., and World Architects and Engineers.

Mr. Vallosio reminded the Board that this is his first year as Service Associate Representative on the Board. He reviewed the recent meeting of the Service Associates and noted that the total number of IASB Service Associates is less than in the past. He has a goal of increasing those numbers from the low sixties to the mid to high seventies. He will work with IASB staff to survey Service Associate Members in the coming year. He reviewed the applicants that were presented to the most recent meeting of the Service Associates in February.

### IHSA Report

In his report, Mark Harms informed the Board that the IHSA is making a proposal to member schools to change the way that non-boundary schools are classified for state tournament purposes. He also reported that IHSA is continuing to look at contact issues related to high school football and that some changes to summer practices regarding contact are also being recommended by the IHSA. Finally, he reminded the Board that issues related to competition for disabled students still is a concern. Several recent lawsuits related to inclusion of disabled students in scholastic competition continue to be heard.

### Legislative Update

Deputy Executive Director Ben Schwarm, provided the Board with a detailed report of legislative issues that are being proposed in Springfield. Some of the highlights of the report were issues related to the FY15 Budget for Schools, including a review of recommendations made recently by the Senate Education Funding Committee. Due to the projected loss of state revenue based on the scheduled reduction in the state income tax, it appears that there could be further budget cuts for schools in FY15. In addition, he reviewed a proposal by ISBE regarding school board takeovers and noted that IASB was opposed to the revised House Bill introduced recently. He reported that there are dozens of Charter School Bills also introduced that the IASB legislative team is tracking. Other issues of concern legislatively are introduced Bills that could result in additional unfunded mandates, curricular mandates, legislation regarding student assessment, and student bullying. Finally, he noted that an IASB sponsored Bill has been introduced that would allow for local flexibility for using Show Choir as a P.E. Exemption.

### Staffing Update

Mr. Eddy reviewed the staffing update in the Board packet and noted that since the packet had been sent, Field Services Director Jeff Cohn has submitted his resignation. There are currently two Field Services positions posted internally for application.

### FRN Report and NSBA Leadership Update

Vice President Phil Pritzker and Immediate Past-PresidentCarolyn Brooks reported verbally to the Board regarding the NSBA Leadership and Advocacy Institute held in Washington, DC January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 4, 2014. They reported that meetings were held with Senator Mark Kirk, several Members of Congress, and education staff of members. While the visits were described as constructive, both officers reported that there was little hope given that reauthorization of ESEA was likely this year. Speakers were good for the event and both agreed the Advocacy Institute was an improvement over the prior FRN Conference held by NSBA. They further both agreed that the best speaker during the Conference was Pat Culler when she received the NSBA's Shannon Award.

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### Executive Session

**Action:** Michelle Skinlo moved, seconded by Sue McCance and carried unanimously, to enter into an Executive Session at 11:15 a.m.

**Action:** Dale Hansen moved, seconded by Jesse Ruiz and carried unanimously, to extend the Executive Director's contract through June 30, 2017 with a 3% annual increase in salary for each of the remaining years of the contract. The Executive Session ended at 11:45 a.m.

### Communications

IASB Director of Communications, Jim Russell, presented the Board information regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication that is being produced by the IASB Communications staff. The 100-page booklet will feature color and black and white pages and will chronicle the history of IASB over the past 100 years. Mr. Russell hopes the publication will be available for distribution sometime in April. All Board Members in the State will receive a complimentary copy. Mr. Eddy briefly provided a report to the Board regarding BuyBoard, Vision 20/20, Fall and Spring Division Meeting updates and commented on the award presentation to Pat Culler at the NSBA Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

### Review Issues Pending/Confirm Decisions Made

Carrie Cloyd reiterated all action items and obtained the information necessary to complete the Executive Session portion of the minutes; which included the approval of the Executive Director's contract.

### Confirm Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Both of the meeting dates below were reviewed; the location of the August meeting was announced.

May 2-3, 2014 meeting will be held in Springfield and  
August 22-23, 2014 meeting will be held in Bloomington-Normal

### Meeting Process Debrief

Mr. Dean Langdon led the meeting debriefing.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.