

Board of Directors Minutes — May 19, 2007

Illinois Association of School Boards
 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois
 May 18-19, 2007

Present:

Marie Slater	President	Wheaton
Mark C. Metzger.....	Vice President.....	Aurora
Raymond Zimmerman.....	Immediate Past President.....	Flanagan
Joseph Alesandrini	Treasurer / Central Illinois Valley	Pekin
Ben Andersen.....	Northwest Division.....	East Dubuque
David Barton (Sat. only).....	Two Rivers.....	Nebo
Fred Blue	Retiring Starved Rock Director	Utica
Carolynne Brooks	Wabash Valley.....	Noble
Cyndi Dahl (Sat. only).....	DuPage.....	Darien
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln	Maroa
Carol Farnum.....	Kishwaukee.....	Aurora
Karen Fisher.....	Starved Rock.....	Marseilles
Dale Hansen.....	Three Rivers.....	Grant Park
Mark Harms	Corn Belt.....	Flanagan
Steve Hawk.....	Blackhawk	Erie
Felton Jose	Wabash Valley.....	Salem
Sue McCance	Western Division	Cuba
Helen McClelland.....	South Cook	Country Club Hills
John Metzger	Egyptian	Benton
Joanne Osmond.....	Lake	Lake Villa
Roger Pfister	Shawnee.....	Murphysboro
Michelle Skinlo.....	Illini.....	Mattoon
Barbara Somogyi	North Cook	Elk Grove Village
Wesley Stellhorn.....	Southwestern.....	Baldwin
Gerald White (Sat. only).....	Retiring Western Director.....	Colchester
Joanne Zendol.....	West Cook	Berwyn

Absent:

Tariq Butt.....	Chicago Board of Education.....	Chicago
Philip Fulton	Service Associates Representative	Chicago

Chart Recorder.....	Wesley Stellhorn
Timekeeper	John Metzger
Process Observer	Dale Hansen
Recording Secretary.....	Patricia Culler

The Friday evening session of the Board meeting was devoted to a review of the forthcoming Board of Directors' self-evaluation process by Senior Director of School Board Development Angie Peifer and a review of Association services and programming by the Executive Director.

The Saturday morning session was opened with a presentation and discussion of the newly-developed Board Member Bill of Rights led by Angie Peifer and Melinda Selbee, General Counsel.

Agenda Additions

There were two additions to the printed/distributed agenda:

1. 13.1 IASB Signatory Update
2. 13.2 Public Awareness of IASB Discussion

Agenda Acceptance

Action: Carlyne Brooks moved, seconded by Joe Alesandrini and carried unanimously, that agenda for the May 18-19 meeting be accepted with the signatory update and public awareness discussion addition.

February 17, 2007, Board of Directors' Minutes Approval

Action: Wesley Stellhorn moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that the minutes for the February 17, 2007, Board of Directors, be accepted as printed/distributed and placed on file.

Consent Agenda Approval

Action: Dale Hansen moved, seconded by Carlyne Brooks and carried unanimously, that the consent agenda items be received and placed on file as printed and distributed in the meeting packet.

Monitoring Reports

ENDS/Mission—Pages 17-20

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/ Budgeting/Forecasting—Page 21

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition—Page 23-32

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Emergency Executive Succession—Page 33

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style—Pages 35-36

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Annual Board Planning Cycle—Pages 37-38

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Fiscal Year Budget Assumptions/2007-2008—Page 39

The Executive Director elaborated on the 2007-2008 budget assumptions, page 39, and indicated that, worse case scenario, about \$700,000 reserve funds would be accessed to balance the budget, with \$400,000 of this allocated for health care insurance. Due to the younger age of new staff, it was not anticipated that the full \$400,000 allocation would be needed. With no prior experience base, no revenue was factored into the proposed budget for the newly-instituted Superintendent Search Department. The proposed budget totaled \$8,582,121 in revenue and expenses of \$9,271,692. The focal point of the budget remains: “What services shall be provided to school boards and at what costs?”

Executive Director/Teacher Retirement System Requirements

Executive Director Michael Johnson will be retiring under the Teachers’ Retirement System and surrendering his teaching certificates as of June 1 and under the System’s requirements, must be retired from his current position for a thirty-day period. Therefore, he will be officially unemployed by the Illinois Association of School Boards beginning June 1, and assuming a new, previously-negotiated, five-year contract beginning July 9, 2007. Under the conditions of the new contract, either Johnson or the Board can terminate the contract at any point upon a thirty-day notice to the other party.

For the period June 1 – July 8, 2007, Michael Bartlett will serve as the Acting Executive Director and Ben Schwarm will fill Bartlett’s present position serving as Acting Deputy Executive Director.

Treasurer Election Procedure

Any member of the Board of Directors interested in being considered for the Treasurer’s position is to submit a one page paper to the President by September 15, indicating their interest, their qualifications and reasons they wish to be considered. Additional candidates could run from the floor at the Sunday, November 18, Board of Directors’ organizational meeting and, at that time, each candidate will be given four minutes to speak to why they should be chosen. Following candidate presentations, a paper ballot will be taken.

Executive Committee Successor Election

Lowell Beggs, Northwest Division Director, and a member of the IASB Executive Committee, did not seek re-election to his local board of education, thus creating a vacancy on the Executive Committee. The following Directors indicated their willingness to fill the vacancy: David Barton, Carolyne Brooks, Carol Farnum, Helen McClelland, John Metzger, Michelle Skinlo and Wesley Stellhorn.

Action: Following a paper ballot, Michelle Skinlo was elected to fill the Executive Committee vacancy until the November 18, reorganization meeting of the Board.

IASB Signatories

Action: John Metzger moved, seconded by Steven Hawk and carried unanimously, that the following signatory authorizations shall be used for IASB accounts for the period May 21, 2007, through November 18, 2007, or until successor are reported to the Board:

IASB Treasurer Joseph Alesandrini, Executive Director Michael D. Johnson, Associate Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer Robert Morenz, Deputy Executive Director Michael Bartlett, Associate Executive Director Ben Schwarm and Deputy Executive Director John Lyday.

Public Awareness of IASB

West Cook Director Joanne Zendol discussed her observation that IASB is not known throughout her constituency and felt that the low attendance at her last division meeting indicated a lack of awareness of IASB and its structure. Zendol questioned whether the information was falling on the wrong ears, superintendents were failing to get the information to their board members and how, as a Director, she could have email access to the division membership to raise the level of awareness and encourage better participation in Association meetings and services. She also inquired as to the possibility of space for directors to meet with their division constituencies in the Comiskey Room at the conference. Comments generated in response to Zendol's concern included:

- The Executive Director indicated that thought would be given to how to schedule and provide Comiskey Room access for division contacts/discussion and information for director signup would be available at the August Board of Directors' meeting. Presently a power point presentation with director photos is shown at each general session of the conference and director pictures are displayed in the Comiskey Room. The general session presentation could be enlarged to include the times when conference attendees could meet with their division director during the conference.
- It was noted that email access to division membership could be accomplished by activating a Schoolboardnet venue and staff could set this up for requesting division directors.
- Associate Executive Director John Lyday is reviewing the current website with the intent to make it more visible, accessible and useable.
- John Metzger expressed the opinion that non-attendance at division meetings does not mean boards do not use IASB services.
- Since becoming a director, Cyndi Dahl noted that she discusses one IASB service at each meeting within her division.

NSBA Comments/Presentation

President Slater reported that Diane S. Brunworth, Missouri School Boards Association, was elected to the NSBA Board of Directors from the Central Region. Vice President Mark C. Metzger noted that electronic voting was utilized for Delegate Assembly voting for the first time at this year's meeting.

The Executive Director presented 2007 NSBA Delegate Assembly participation certificates to President Marie Slater, Vice President Mark C. Metzger, Immediate Past President Ray Zimmerman, Chicago Board Representative Tariq Butt and Directors Joe Alesandrini, Michelle Skinlo and Barbara Somogyi.

Illinois High School Association Report

IASB Representative to the Illinois High School Association reported that organization has changed the football calculations to be based on actual enrollment figures and are currently looking at how to work the present two track boys and girl's track competition into a three class system.

Legislative Report

Associate Executive Director Ben Schwarm distributed an Alliance Legislative Update discussing tax reform bills currently being debated and other pending issues, such as: school district accountability, third party contracting, diabetes care for students, drivers education changes, ESP's guaranteed jobs in consolidations, defibrillators at athletic fields and competitive bidding changes. Schwarm commented on the tax reform bills being debated, noting the House of Representatives derailed Governor Rod Blagojevich's gross receipts tax plan by voting down a resolution that asked for its support—107 no votes and 7 present votes. Although a House committee approved HB750, that would raise over \$9 billion in new income and sales taxes with approximately \$3 billion directed to education, the Governor has reiterated he will not sign any bill that increases either the State income tax or State sales tax and the Senate President has said his chamber will not consider HB750 as long as the Governor is pushing his GRT proposal. Schwarm stated if a tax increase is wanted, a decision will have to be made as to what tax will be supported to produce the revenue.

Retiring Director Recognition

Gerald White, retiring Western Division Director, and Fred Blue, retiring Starved Rock Division Director, were presented with plaques recognizing their contributions and service to the IASB Board of Directors. Retiring Director Lowell Beggs, Northwest Division, was not present and his plaque will be forwarded to him.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m. The next IASB Board of Directors' Meeting will be held at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois, August 24-25, 2007.