

Board of Directors Minutes — November 17, 2005

Illinois Association of School Boards
2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois
November 17, 2005

Present:

Raymond Zimmerman	President	Flanagan
Marie Slater	Presidential Candidate	Wheaton
Christy Coleman	Immediate Past President.....	Geneseo
Joseph Alesandrini	Treasurer, Central Illinois Valley	Pekin
David Barton.....	Two Rivers.....	Nebo
Lowell Beggs.....	Northwest.....	Amboy
Fred Blue	Starved Rock.....	Utica
Carolyn Brooks	Wabash Valley.....	Noble
Tariq Butt.....	Chicago Board of Education.....	Chicago
Cyndi Dahl.....	DuPage.....	Darien
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln	Maroa
Carol Farnum	Kishwaukee.....	Aurora
Philip Fulton	Service Associates Representative	Chicago
Steve Hawk.....	Blackhawk	Erie
Cheryl Jackson.....	Corn Belt.....	Bloomington
Felton Jose.....	Wabash Valley.....	Salem
Debra McCleary.....	Three Rivers.....	Coal City
Helen McClelland.....	South Cook	Country Club Hills
John Metzger	Egyptian	Benton
Mark C. Metzger.....	Vice President Candidate.....	Aurora
Joanne Osmond.....	Lake	Lake Villa
Roger Pfister	Shawnee	Murphysboro
Michelle Skinlo.....	Illini.....	Mattoon
Barbara Somogyi	North Cook	Elk Grove Village
Wesley G. Stellhorn.....	Southwestern.....	Baldwin
Gerald White.....	Western.....	Colchester
Joanne Zendol.....	West Cook	Berwyn
Chart Recorder.....		Gerald White
Timekeeper		David Barton
Process Observer		Christy Coleman
Recording Secretary.....		Patricia Culler

Call to Order

President Ray Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m., Crystal C Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Agenda Approval

Action: There being no additions to the meeting agenda, Wesley Stellhorn moved, seconded by Carolyne Brooks and carried unanimously, that the presented agenda be adopted for the meeting conduct.

August 27, 2005 Minutes Approval

Action: Fred Blue moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, that the minutes for the August 27, 2005 Board of Directors' Meeting be accepted as distributed and placed on file.

Consent Agenda Items

Action: Lowell Beggs moved, seconded by Carolyne Brooks and carried unanimously, that the items contained in the consent agenda be accepted as printed and distributed.

President's Report

A copy of President's Association-related activities for the period August through November, 2005 was included in the meeting packet.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Association itinerary was presented in the meeting packet, including an informational narrative:

- The NSBA Conference has been moved to Chicago from New Orleans, April 8-11, 2006. The Palmer House will serve as the headquarters hotel with meetings and general sessions being held in the McCormick Place Lakeside Pavilion. A block of rooms has been secured at the Hyatt Regency Chicago to accommodate staff and directors (at district expense). The Illinois Reception will be held 6-8 p.m., Sunday, April 9, East Tower Lobby, Hyatt Regency Chicago. IASB has made a proposal to operate the NSBA bookstore.
- Recent Communication with State Superintendent Randy Dunn indicates a continuance of the ISBE grand to provide \$250,000 a year for the Targeting Achievement through Governance grant program.
- Fourteen Bangladesh educators will be IASB Conference guests, including Chicago Schools Tour participants.
- Morton's Steakhouse in Chicago has offered IASB an opportunity to host a charity fundraiser at \$200 per person for hurricane relief for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

- IASA, Illinois ASBO and IPA have instituted Executive Director Searches with a targeted employment date of July 1, 2006.

Executive Committee Minutes October 14, 2005

Minutes of the October 14, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting were distributed in the meeting packet.

FY2006 Membership Report

A FY2006 Member Report was distributed in the meeting packet. Percent of Membership has increased from 96.5 in 1999 to 97.4 in 2006. During the reporting period five districts were lost through consolidation/annexation, one through non-renewal and four new members were added. Dues income exceeded the budgeted 2006 dues by \$28,942.

Nominating Committee Report

The 2006 Nominating Committee proposed the following officer slate for Delegate Assembly consideration for one-year terms: President—Marie Slater, Wheaton Warrenville SD 200 and Vice President—Mark C. Metzger, Indian Prairie SD 204.

Nominating Committee Membership:

Christy Coleman, Chair IASB Immediate Past President

Members

Lowell Beggs Director, Northwest Division
Debora McCleary Director, Three Rivers Division
John Metzger Director, Egyptian Division
Roger Pfister Director, Shawnee Division

Alternates

Tariq Butt Chicago SD 299 Representative
Carol Farnum Director, Kishwaukee Division

Monitoring Reports

ENDS/Mission—Pages 21-25

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition—Pages 27-36

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Asset Protection—Pages 37-38

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style—Pages 39-40

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Springfield Office Expansion

Two preliminary drafts relative to expansion of the Springfield Office facility, roughly estimated at \$350,000, were presented and discussed by the Executive Director. One draft would expand the current building on existing property and the second would entail the purchase of half of the lot immediately adjacent to the current property on the south at a cost of \$100,000 to \$137,000.

All current office space is filled to capacity with the addition of seven TAG consultants and additional policy staff this past year. IASB is receiving increased requests for services in all areas. Local districts are increasingly requesting IASB team-led workshops at the local district level, tailored for their particular board and their particular situations. This individualized local district workshop service was not anticipated. As districts face desperate times, they turn more and more to Association for one-on-one services and meeting these will require additional staffing, which, in turn, means additional space to accommodate the staff and attendant in-house workload. IASB currently has one of the highest percentages of board members attending workshops in the country and if mandatory training is legislated, this will require increased staff/facility to meet this requirement, as well as new programs that will have to be developed to meet increasing membership needs. IASB has applied to be a provider for the Administrative Recertification Program. This also will entail additional staff and facility. It was further noted that during the past four years the staff has increased by fifty percent.

A second issue deals with cash flow. IASB had more money coming in early this year. Members wanting to bring down their cash balances paid their membership dues and conference fees early. All member districts had paid by September 2. The energy programs made more money for member districts this year than the districts paid in dues to the Association and with the December, 2006 complete deregulation, it is anticipated the energy consortium will double in size and could bring in at least one-quarter of a million dollars. IASB is an educational tax-exempt entity and as such, needs to carefully monitor its cash reserve levels.

An active discussion included comments related to: The timing of the proposed expansion in relation to the newness of the current building. Purchasing the land whether or not the facility is presently expanded as this is the only land available regardless of the expansion timing. Building up rather than out, pending stress accommodation of the present structure.

Action: Roger Pfister moved, seconded by Joseph Alesandrini and carried, that the Association purchase half of the adjacent lot, should it become available, at a cost not to exceed \$137,500.

President Zimmerman stated more definitive building plans, costs will be presented at the March 11, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting.

Roger Pfister requested that Directors get their suggestions, ideas relative to the issue to the Executive Director for consideration prior to the March Board meeting and not take up meeting time micromanaging.

NSBA Central Region Director Endorsement

Action: Joseph Alesandrini moved, seconded by Roger Edgecombe and carried unanimously, that the IASB Board of Directors endorse Christy Coleman to run for the NSBA Central Region Director's position.

NSBA Constitutional & Bylaws Amendment

The IASB Executive Committee proposed an amendment to Article II—Purposes, of the NSBA Constitution and Bylaws to read: *The purposes of the Association shall be to partner with its Federation members.*"

Action: Roger Pfister moved, seconded by Joseph Alesandrini and carried unanimously that the IASB Board of Directors approves the recommended amendment to the NSBA Constitution and Bylaws proposed by the IASB Executive Committee.

Board Self-Assessment Recommendations

The Executive Committee reviewed the Board Self-Assessment needs survey and identified two areas for work this year: Leading by example through IASB functions attendance, and investing more time in future-focused activities through connecting with the membership as to the benefits the Association should provide and conducting a facilitated discussion around Association goals.

School Board Development Senior Director Angie Peifer discussed the proposed plan for involving the membership in a survey dialog to identify the Ends, benefits, the membership believe the Association should provide. Peifer outlined a four-step plan to accomplish this plan and stressed the importance of everyone being committed to this task: A survey, with a cover letter from the IASB Division Director, would be mailed to each board within a division asking each board to take a look at each of the four main ends statements and how they feel about them. The survey would ask if each Ends should be maintained, altered or dropped. The survey results would be available in time to be reviewed at the Winter Governing meetings. Following the Governing meetings a facilitated discussion would take place at the March 2006 Leadership Conference and recommendations arising from this discussion would be presented to the Board of Directors at its May 2006 meeting.

Action: Wesley Stellhorn moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously that the process be approved and the initial survey and Division Director cover letter to the superintendent, with a copy to the board president, be sent to each member district.

2005 Conference Committee Report

Helen McClelland and Roger Edgecombe, 2006 Conference Committee Co-Chairs reported registration in all areas was up over the 2004 conference. Total pre-registration was 11,507 compared to 10,688 in 2004 and 750 member districts had registered as compared to 730 the previous year. Friday workshop attendance reached 700 and 141 registered for the Chicago Schools Tour compared to 88 in 2004.

Illinois High School Association Report

Joseph Alesandrini, IASB's Representative to the Illinois High School Association, noted the group will not meet again until December and the chief issue will be the multiplier and their reactions.

Legislative Update

Associate Executive Director of Governmental Relations Ben Schwarm reviewed the legislative issues covered Alliance Legislative Review distributed in the meeting packet.

Gender Equity Meetings

IASB Representative to the Gender Equity Meetings Barbara Somogyi noted that written reports at the meeting for interested individuals and updates will be emailed to Directors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held immediately following the JAC Third General Session, Sunday, November 20, 2005, Crystal C Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Chicago.