

Board of Directors Minutes — November 16, 2006

Illinois Association of School Boards
2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois
November 16, 2006

Present:

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| Marie Slater | President | Wheaton |
| Mark C. Metzger..... | Vice President..... | Aurora |
| Raymond Zimmerman | Immediate Past President..... | Flanagan |
| Joseph Alesandrini | Treasurer, Central Illinois Valley | Pekin |
| David Barton..... | Two Rivers..... | Nebo |
| Fred Blue | Starved Rock..... | Utica |
| Lowell Beggs..... | Northwest..... | Amboy |
| Carolyne Brooks | Wabash Valley..... | Noble |
| Tariq Butt..... | Chicago Board of Education..... | Chicago |
| Cyndi Dahl..... | DuPage..... | Darien |
| Carol Farnum | Kishwaukee..... | Aurora |
| Philip Fulton | Service Associates Representative | Chicago |
| Dale Hansen..... | Three Rivers..... | Coal City |
| Steve Hawk..... | Blackhawk | Erie |
| Cheryl Jackson..... | Corn Belt..... | Bloomington |
| Felton Jose | Kaskaskia..... | Salem |
| 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 G. Stellhorn..... | Southwestern..... | Baldwin |
| Gerald White..... | Western | Colchester |
| Joanne Zendol..... | West Cook | Berwyn |

Absent:

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| Roger Edgecombe..... | Abe Lincoln | Maroa |
| Helen McClelland..... | South Cook | Country Club Hills |

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| Chart Recorder..... | Felton Jose |
| Timekeeper | Cyndi Dahl |
| Process Observer | Michelle Skinlo |
| Recording Secretary..... | Patricia Culler |

Agenda Additions

There were no additions to printed and distributed meeting agenda.

August 26, 2006, Board of Directors' Minutes Approval

Action: Roger Pfister moved, seconded by John Metzger that the minutes for the August 26, 2006, Board of Directors' Meeting be approved and placed on file.

Consent Agenda Approval

Action: Steve Hawk moved, seconded by Dale Hansen 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 19-22

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition, Pages 23-32

This policy is in compliance at this time.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Asset Protection, Pages 33-34

This policy is in compliance at this time.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style, Pages 35-36

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Springfield Office Expansion Update

At its May 2006, meeting, the Board of Directors approved the expansion of the Springfield office at its current location to include construction and reconfiguration of current space to provide more onsite warehouse space, a larger conference room, expanded typesetting space, and additional offices to accommodate anticipated new staff positions. The Executive Director reported that at the current time the warehouse is almost complete, the new conference room is done, the typesetting improvements are complete, the remodeling of the old conference room to accommodate six support staff is underway and costs are right at budget.

Board Training Curriculum Grant

IASB Senior Director of School Board Development Angie Peifer will undertake the writing of a new curriculum for board training as a part of a grant funded between the AASA and NSBA. Cyndi Dahl requested updates on some of the things staff are doing at future meetings.

Board of Directors' Mentoring Program

Immediate President Raymond Zimmerman discussed the guidelines of the newly-developed New Member Mentoring Program for serving as a mentor for a new member of the IASB Board of Directors distributed in the meeting packet. Zimmerman stated the mentoring program/guidelines were developed to orient new Directors to the operation of the IASB, including how service on the IASB Board differs from service at the local school board level, as well as helping new Directors be comfortable, develop self-confidence, understand the social aspects and expectations of the Board and enjoy the experience.

Action: Ray Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mark C. Metzger and carried unanimously, that the New Member Mentoring Program be adopted.

The procedural details for implementing the program will be discussed further and presented for action at the February 17, 2007, Board meeting.

Annual Conference Committee Report

Co-Conference Chairs Fred Blue and Cheryl Jackson reported on the incoming conference statistics and Sheraton Chicago and Hyatt pre-con meetings. Blue reported that the ten Friday paid workshops scheduled at the Sheraton Chicago were filled and that the pre-con meeting with the Sheraton department heads and General Manager found all resume events in good order, all logistical bases covered and the Sheraton staff extremely cordial and ready to assist in any way possible to insure the success of all events. Jackson noted the incoming pre-registration was 11,129, up approximately 400 over 2005 incoming registrations. A total of 758 districts registered attendees for the conference, eight more districts than 2005. School board member registrations were down a little from 2005, but onsite registrations should correct this. She reported on the Hyatt pre-con meeting with department heads and the General Manager and found them to be genuinely thrilled to welcoming school board members back for another conference year.

Executive Director Johnson stated that the incoming State Superintendent and most of the State Board of Education members would be in attendance, as well as state school board association staff from several states and NSBA President Jane Gallucci. Johnson also noted that the Secretarial Workshop, initiated two years ago, has been expanded to a full-day program covering training in all areas in which school district office staff need to be knowledgeable, including how to properly respond to Freedom Information Act requests. Violations generally stem from the fact that school district personnel simply do not know what they need to do when receiving such requests.

IHSA Representative's Report

Joseph Alesandrini, IASB Representative to the Illinois High School Association reported that the IHSA Boards does not meet in November due to the state final competitions. IHSA is holding "town hall" meetings with principals and athletic directors and information is being provided on how the new three and four class system will be implemented for the 2007-2008 school year.

IASB Service Associates' Report

IASB Service Associate Representative Philip Fulton expressed his appreciation of IASB staff member

Diane Cape's assistance with several new Service Associate initiatives at this year's conference; such as the Bingo Game, with twenty-nine Service Associate participants, pre-conference mailers and balloon bouquets designating Service Associate member booths.

Resolutions Committee Report

Vice President and Resolutions Committee Chair Mark C. Metzger noted that appeals for resolutions carrying a *do not adopt* recommendation for reconsideration discussion had to be filed by Friday, November 10. Three districts filed such appeals and a majority vote of the registered delegates will be required to lift the *do not adopt* recommendation and allow assembly discussion. A record attendance is anticipated at the 2006 Delegate Assembly. The Executive Director noted that he has received numerous calls from individuals who are not attending the conference, but want to participate in the Delegate Assembly voting on the constitutional amendment. Director Roger Pfister will speak to the constitutional amendment at the beginning of the Delegate Assembly.

Legislative Update

Associate Executive Director, Governmental Relations Ben Schwarm updated the board on current legislative matters affecting local school districts:

SB1275—Would increase the minimum wage to \$7.50 per hour and each year thereafter it would be indexed to the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers beginning January 1, 2008. Approved by the Senate and will be sent to the House.

HB607—Would continue the electric rate freeze. Approved by the House Electric Utility Oversight Committee and will go to the full House of Representatives.

HB380—Would increase the debt limit for Oswego CUSD 308 and Ford Heights SD 169. Testimony received by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and no vote taken.

SB858—Would require non-public schools to abide by the same criminal background checks for employees as public schools. Approved by the Senate Education Committee and will go to the full Senate for consideration.

SB862—Would allow a student teaching candidate for an early childhood teaching certificate to be under the active supervision of a teacher who is qualified in "self-contained, general elementary education." Approved by the Senate Education Committee and will go to full Senate.

SB863—Would increase the debt limit for Lincoln-Way CHSD 210. Approved by the Senate Education Committee and will go to full Senate.

SB1453—Would provide that the initial evaluation procedures must be qualifications-based for local governments looking to hire architectural, engineering or land surveying services. Approved by the House Executive Committee and will go to the Full House for consideration.

SB1856—Would make non-substantive “clean-up” changes to the *School Code*. Approved by the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and to be sent to the full House.

SB2477—Would allow Peoria Public Schools to use the Public Building Commission. Senate voted to override the Governor’s veto and will go to House of Representatives.

SB2762—Would allow some special education pupils, grades 3-12, to be excused from physical education course with parent or guardian agreement. Approved by the Senate and concurring House amendments and will go to Governor for consideration.

SB2796—Would make changes concerning the identification, evaluation and placement of children; the impartial due process hearing procedure; the expedited hearing procedure; the selection, training, evaluation and retention of hearing officers and other matters concerning hearing officers; and the evaluation of the impartial due process hearing system. Approved by the Senate and concurring House amendments and will go to the Governor for consideration.

HB5830—Would allow the municipality of Forsyth to increase its sales tax by ½ percent with receipts used to help pay for a new elementary school building for the Maroa-Forsyth School District. Approved by the House Local Government Committee and will be sent to the full House of Representatives for consideration.

SJR94—Will be amended to call for the denial of certain mandate waiver requests. It is expected the resolution contents will embody the recommendations of the ISBE

Adjournment

Action: Cyndi Dahl moved seconded by Wesley Stellhorn and carried unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The November 19 breakfast meeting of the Board will convene a 7:30 a.m., Columbus C/D.