

Board of Directors Minutes — May 14, 2005

Illinois Association of School Boards
2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois
May 14, 2005

Present:

Raymond Zimmerman	President	Flanagan
Marie Slater	Vice President	Wheaton
Christy M. Coleman	Immediate Past President	Geneseo
Joseph Alesandrini	Treasurer / Central Illinois Valley	Pekin
Lowell Beggs	Northwest	Amboy
Fred Blue	Starved Rock	Utica
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 (Sat. only)	Three Rivers	Coal City
Helen McClelland	South Cook	Country Club Hills
John Metzger	Egyptian	Benton
Mark Metzger	DuPage	Aurora
Joanne Osmond	Lake	Lake Villa
Roger Pfister	Shawnee	Murphysboro
Barbara Somogyi	North Cook	Elk Grove Village
Wesley G. Stellhorn	Southwestern	Baldwin
Gerald White	Western	Colchester

Absent:

David Barton	Two Rivers	Nebo
Tariq Butt	Chicago Board of Education	Chicago
Mark Myers	Ill. Assn of School Trustees	Homewood
Michelle Skinlo	Illini	Mattoon
Flip Chart Recorder		Cheryl Jackson
Timekeeper		Joseph Alesandrini
Process Observer		Mark Metzger
Recording Secretary		Patricia Culler

Call to Order

President Raymond Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., Friday evening, May 13, 2005 in the Plaza B Room, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois. The Friday evening portion of the meeting was spent in a review of the Association's accountability and progress, ENDS under the Carver System, and the amended NCLB Act by the Executive Director. The discussion was concluded at 9 a.m.

The 8:30 –10:30 a.m., Saturday morning session was devoted to a presentation/discussion on the Health Insurance Privacy Act and the Open Meetings Act by IASB Chief Legal Counsel Melinda Selbee.

President Raymond Zimmerman called the business portion of the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. by welcoming two new directors: Joanne Osmond, Lake Division and Felton Jose, Kaskaskia Division. Zimmerman then requested that each person present introduce himself/herself and give his/her spouse's name and names and ages of his/her children.

Additions/Approval of Meeting Agenda

Action: Mark Metzger moved, seconded by Cheryl Jackson and carried unanimously, that the School Board Member PAC be added under the Board Learning section of the Agenda.

Action: Wesley Stellhorn moved, seconded by Lowell Beggs and carried unanimously, that the amended agenda be adopted.

Approval of February 12, 2005, Board of Directors' Minutes

Action: Joe Alesandrini moved, seconded by Steve Hawk and carried unanimously, that the minutes for the February 12, 2005, Board of Directors' Minutes be approved as distributed and placed on file.

Consent Agenda Acceptance

Action: Lowell Beggs moved, seconded by Roger Pfister and carried unanimously, that the consent agenda items be approved as printed and contained in the meeting packet.

Monitoring Reports

ENDS/Mission—pages 16-18

This policy is in compliance at this time.

The only change is the adjustment of the 2005 Conference fee for inflationary reasons.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Financial Condition—page 21-29

This policy is in compliance at this time.

The March 2005 financial statements were included in the meeting packet and the Association's financial position remains strong.

Mark Metzger raised a question regarding the Association's income expectations. The Executive Director responded it is predicted the current fiscal year will end with \$230,000 in the black and there is some cash on hand that has not been booked. Policy is one of the unknown cash areas. If districts sign for the policy service prior to the end of the year, the revenue will be booked. If not, the revenue will carry over to the next fiscal year.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/Emergency Executive Succession—page 31

This policy is in compliance at this time.

Administrative Team meeting notes are distributed to the staff following monthly meeting and the number of staff traveling together is limited—normally no more than two on the same plane.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Governing Style—pages 33-34

This policy is in compliance at this time.

The Board continues to make modifications in the ENDS policy to enhance the Board's ability to monitor its mission. Orientation for new Board members needs to be continued and the Board conducted a board self-evaluation and recommended changes in the monitoring checklist and policy changes to match policy with its practices. It was suggested that this session be repeated whenever new directors come onto the Board.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/Annual Board Planning Cycle—Pages 35-36

This policy is in compliance at this time. It was recommended that this policy be updated to reflect current procedure.

Action: Roger Edgecombe moved, seconded by Fred Blue and carried unanimously, that this policy be updated to have the Executive Committee share a summary of their work with the Board of Directors quarterly.

Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Assumptions—page 37

The Executive Director discussed the assumptions upon which the 2006 budget for promulgated:

Staffing—Additional staff on part-time and consulting services may be required depending upon the membership services demand. Sandy Gundlach will be transferring to the Policy Services area from Field Services, and current interviews for someone to fill the Field Services position should be concluded quite soon. It was noted that the Association is doing more superintendent and principal searches than in the past.

Consulting Services—Consulting services will continue to be utilized for the search service and technical service areas.

NCLB—Continuation of the two full-time staff, two part-time contract trainees and two temporary support positions will be based on the grant and need for services as NCLB penalties increase for districts not making AYP. The original grant was for a 2 ½ year period to assist 180 school districts in this area.

Online Training—started on January 18 with four course offerings. It is anticipated this will increase.

LeaderShop—is in full scale use and is expected to increase with the April school board elections.

Iowa Lighthouse Project—IASB has committed \$5,000 per year for two years to this multi-state work group involved in connecting board governance with student achievement.

NSBA Center for Public Education—IASB as committed \$30,000 per year for the next five years.

Pooling Programs and Program Endorsements—Cost savings and benefits to districts remain the prime considerations as revenue opportunities and new program viability are explored. The Liquid Asset Fund added procurement cards, an additional source of royalty fees, as well as the addition of short-term borrowing program. The WSCIT and ISDA programs have grown and record participation is anticipated for the next year. The IEC program continues to grow in both the electric and natural gas pools. The program is supplying about forty percent of gas and fifty percent of electricity at a 2-3 percent savings for individual districts and is producing total savings of approximately \$3 million for participants.

Treasurer Election

Action: It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously, that Joe Alesandrini serve IASB Treasurer from the date of this meeting until the November 20, 2005 organizational meeting of the Board.

Individuals wishing to be considered for election as Treasurer for the 2006 fiscal year by the Board of Directors shall submit a one page resume to the President prior to the August Board meeting and make any statements they might choose to the Board in August. The Board will then vote for its selection on November 20.

Executive Director Evaluation Process

President Zimmerman announced that the Executive Director Evaluation packets were distributed to the Board and they are to be returned to him in the self-addressed envelope by June 15. He requested that directors put their name somewhere on them or the envelope so he would know if he had received their copy. The results will be discussed with the Executive Director at a closed session of the Board in August.

School Board PAC

Mark Metzger distributed a membership brochure for the newly-formed School Board Member Pac and urged directors to complete and return it with the \$5 per person or \$25 per board fee for membership enrollment. The PAC was formed following the school administrators' decision to form their own PAC and, more importantly, as a means, of influencing legislators by generating a large list of individual school board member names. Membership fees will be rolled back into the Alliance. Metzger urged directors to sign up and share their remarks and suggestions.

NSBA Delegates' Report

IASB delegates/alternates to the 2005 NSBA Annual Conference, April 16-19, San Diego shared their thoughts regarding the speakers and the many workshops and sessions. NCLB has been the major topic for the past two years. Illinois had more staff presenting and participating in workshops and discussion groups than any other state. General Session speakers were: Mikhail Gorbachev, Dr. Benjamin Solomon Carson, Sr., Doris Kearns Goodwin and the Capital Gang—Mark Shields, Robert Novak, and Al Hunt. IASB was recognized as one of two and the first state school board association to contribute to the NSBA Center for Education.

Illinois High School Association Report

IASB Representative to the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors Joe Alesandrini reported: Despite threats of lawsuits from Catholic schools and threatening letters from legislators, the IHSA Board is standing strong on the staff recommendation to put a multiplier on private schools. The state basketball tournament will stay in Peoria for another five years. There is speculation the basketball classes will be expanded.

Legislative Report

Assistant Executive Director for Governmental Affairs Ben Schwarm updated the Board on current legislative issues affecting schools. (Copies of the report were distributed to the Board and are filed with these minutes.)

IASB Services Report

IASB Services Associates Representative Philip Fulton reported that the Service Associates' Executive Committee met Friday, May 13, and among other business, reviewed membership applications and references and voted to recommend a membership invitation be extended to William F. Gurrie and Company, Ltd, Oak Brook. This company is a certified public accounting firm that specializes in school district audits. The firm has been doing business with Illinois school districts for seventy-one years.

Action: Barbara Somogyi moved, seconded by John Metzger and carried unanimously, that an IASB Service Associate membership invitation be extended to William F. Gurrie and Company, Ltd, of Oak Brook, Illinois.

Fulton further reported the group is surveying their membership to see what activities in which there is interest, as well as those which are felt no longer necessary. After deliberating the returns, their Executive Committee will come up with suggestions directed at making the organization more dynamic.

IASB Staffing Update

The Executive Director reported that Laurel DiPrima had been employed as a part-time Policy Consultant, Lombard office, as of April 25, 2005.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next meeting of the IASB Board of Directors will be held August 26-28, Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, Illinois.