

# Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

## Illinois Association of School Boards, Board of Directors' Meeting At the Hyatt Regency Hotel Chicago, Illinois

*Thursday, November 21, 2013*

### Present:

Carolyn Brooks .....President.....Noble  
Karen Fisher.....Vice President.....Marseilles  
Joseph Alesandrini.....Immediate Past President..... Pekin  
Ben Andersen.....Northwest..... East Dubuque  
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  
Phil Pritzker.....North Cook.....Wheeling  
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  
Rob Luttrell.....Southwestern.....Troy  
Simon Kampwerth.....Starved Rock.....Peru  
Roger Pfister.....Shawnee.....Murphysboro  
Mary Stith.....Kishwaukee.....Geneva  
David Barton.....Two Rivers.....Nebo  
Tim Blair.....Wabash Valley.....Casey  
Michelle Skinlo.....Illini.....Mattoon  
Steve Larson.....Service Assoc. Representative.....Lisle

### Absent

Dale Hansen.....Treasurer/Three Rivers.....Grant Park

*Recording Secretary..... Carrie Cloyd*

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Introductions and Announcements - PresidentCarolyn Brooks called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2013. She welcomed all board members to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary JAC. President Brooks mentioned the fact that due to the tragedy in Washington, Illinois and the surrounding area, all those districts that had signed up and are now not attending would be receiving a full refund from the IASB for the registration fee and that all hotels in Chicago would be forgiving cancellations. President Brooks offered thanks to all IASB employees for their prompt attention to this important issue as well thanking the hotels for their response.

Additions to and Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes –**Action:** PresidentCarolyn Brooks requested that the Minutes of the August 24, 2013 Board of Directors' meeting be approved. Mr. Ben Andersen moved, seconded by Ms. Sue McCance and carried unanimously, that the minutes of the August 24, 2013 Board of Directors' meeting be approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items - **Action:** PresidentCarolyn Brooks requested that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Tom Neeley moved, seconded by Ms. Linda Eades and carried unanimously, that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented.

President's Report - PresidentCarolyn Brooks presented her last official report as President. She reflected on the past two years and realized it would be her 8<sup>th</sup> and final meeting as President of IASB. She wished IASB President nominee, Karen Fisher and IASB Vice President nominee, Phil Pritzker the very best as they continue leading the organization on behalf of all of the children in Illinois. She specifically mentioned what a tremendous responsibility it is to help prepare board members for the task at hand and how the employees of the Association continue to communicate effectively and perform at their best 110% of the time. She also mentioned that this is Pat Culler's 50th year of dedicated service to IASB and thanked her for her service. President Brooks ended her report wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Roger Eddy referred to his written report and asked for any questions and did not add any additional comments.

Membership Report – There was no discussion on the membership document provided in the packet. Membership remains at over 99%.

Nominating Committee Report – PresidentCarolyn Brooks thanked all members for their hard work and dedication and reminded everyone we would be electing a new Executive Committee and Treasurer at the Sunday morning meeting. The Nominating Committee report, presented by Immediate Past President Joe Alesandrini, recommended Karen Fisher as President nominee and Phil Pritzker as Vice-President nominee. President Brooks reminded all members that 2014 Conference Committee Co-chairs would be appointed by the new President on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. The new Nominating Committee members will be appointed by the new President at a later date.

Meeting Process Debrief – Dr. Dean Langdon reviewed the results of the previous meeting debriefing. There were no comments

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Monitoring Governance Culture Board/Exec Director Relations and Required Legal Supplemental Policies GC4, GC7 and GC8, B/EDR1, RLS 1, 2, 3, 4 (990) – Dr. Dean Langdon indicated that IASB Attorney, Melinda Selbee, reviews all policies and she recommends adoption as written and recommended by the Executive Committee. After a lengthy discussion with the full board, the Board of Directors' voted to approve the above policies as presented.

**Action:** PresidentCarolyn Brooks requested that the Monitoring Governance Culture Board/Exec Director Relations and Required Legal Supplemental Policies be approved as presented. Mr. Simon Kampwerth moved, seconded by Ms. Joanne Osmond and carried unanimously, that the policies be approved as presented.

Operational Expectation 5 and Operational Expectation 10 Evidence Indicators - After careful examination and discussion of the details of Operational Evidence Indicator 5 and Operational Evidence 10, the Board of Directors voted to approve as presented by Executive Director Roger Eddy.

**Action:** Ms. Sue McCance moved, seconded by Ms. Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously, to approve Operational Expectation Evidence Indicator 5 as fully compliant as recommended by the Executive Committee and presented by Executive Director Roger Eddy.

**Action:** Mr. Jesse Ruiz moved, seconded by Mr. Phil Pritzker and carried unanimously, to approve Operational Expectation Evidence Indicator 10 as fully compliant as recommended by the Executive Committee and presented by Executive Director Roger Eddy.

2014 JAC Registration Fee – The Board received the information regarding the 2014 JAC Registration fee.

Audit Committee Report – Roger Eddy reviewed the Audit Committee report with the BOD and CFO Jennifer Feld added a few comments regarding the Audit Committee Meeting to be held in Springfield, December 17, 2013. It was noted that the cash position is strong and revenue has exceeded expectations thus far in FY14.

Budget Update October Financials – Executive Director Eddy reviewed the October 31<sup>st</sup> IASB Financial Statement with the Board. There were no questions. It was noted that the cash position is strong and revenue has exceeded expectations thus far in FY14.

Conference Committee Report – President Brooks thanked Mr. Phil Pritzker and Ms. Linda Eades for agreeing to serve as conference co-chairs. The co-chairs added a thank you to Ms. Patricia Culler for doing an excellent job this year as it was our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. They reported that registration numbers exceeded last year.

Illinois High School Association Report – Mr. Mark Harms noted that the IHSA is currently in the midst of their Town Hall meeting process and any major changes to IHSA By-Laws and Rules will be reported to all member schools. He distributed an IHSA Annual Report pamphlet to Board Members.

Resolutions Committee Report – Vice President Karen Fisher, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, thanks Committee Members for their hard work and professional contributions to the Resolutions Committee. She reminded everyone that a final Resolutions Committee meeting related to the process

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would be held Saturday morning to hear any appeals. She thanked Ben Schwarm and IASB staff for their assistance in handling the preparation and process details.

Legislative Update – Deputy Executive Director Ben Schwarm led a brief discussion on current legislative issues. He stated that the Pension Reform Conference Committee appointed by the Leaders has met several times to discuss pension reform. The Conference Committee has now sent the issue back to the Leaders to finalize a proposal that will likely be heard in early December in a special session. He also reported on the latest school funding committee or task force that has been meeting around the State.

Staffing Update – Executive Director Roger Eddy reported two upcoming retirements, one is Ms. Judy Niezgodna of our Lombard office in December of 2013 and the other is Ms. Pat Culler of our Springfield office at the end of July 2014. He mentioned our new hires, Kara Kienzler in Communications who came from Illinois Association of Realtors. Another hire, is Linda Zulaski who was working as a temporary employee in the Lombard office until recently when she was hired as a full-time IASB employee.

Service Associates – Steve Larson indicated there were no new Service Associates memberships to report for November 2013.

Community Engagement Project – Ms. Cathy Talbert, Associate Executive Director, Field Services and Policy Services for the IASB, made a brief presentation regarding the Community Engagement project and provided written communication for all members of the Board of Directors.

Communications– Executive Director Eddy read a thank you letter from Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon thanking IASB for assisting in the survey of Regional Superintendents. He also read a letter from former Intern Kelsey Brokaw about her experience at IASB and informed the Board that IASB employee Patrick Rice has authored a book entitled *Vanishing School Boards*. Mr. Eddy reminded the Board that they would be receiving a complimentary, Commemorative 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary publication, as will all Board Members in the State. Finally, he informed the Board that IASA Executive Director, Dr. Brent Clark, has invited IASB to be part of the *Vision 20/20* project that IASA has started. He informed the Board that IASB officers and some staff will join in the *Vision 20/20* meetings starting in January of 2014.

Ms. Carrie Cloyd, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director, reviewed issues pending.

PresidentCarolyn Brooks confirmed the next meeting dates as Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, February 21-22, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago and May 2-3, 2014 in the Springfield Office. The August 2014 meeting time and location TBA.

Michelle Skinlo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Harms and the motion carried unanimously.

President Brooks adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.