

Board of Directors Minutes — May 17, 2008

Illinois Association of School Boards
2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois
May 17, 2008

Present:

Mark C. Metzger.....	President	Aurora
Joseph Alesandrini.....	Vice President	Pekin
Marie Slater	Immediate Past President	Wheaton
Carolyn Brooks	Treasurer/Wabash Valley	Noble
Ben Andersen.....	Northwest Division	East Dubuque
Robert Bergland.....	Service Associates Representative	Chicago
Cyndi Dahl.....	DuPage	Darien
Roger Edgecombe.....	Abe Lincoln.....	Maroa
Carol Farnum	Kishwaukee	Aurora
Karen Fisher.....	Starved Rock	Marseilles
Mark Harms	Corn Belt	Flanagan
Felton Jose	Kaskaskia	Salem
Sue McCance	Western	Cuba
Helen McClelland.....	South Cook.....	Country Club Hills
John Metzger	Egyptian	Benton
Jackie Mickley.....	Blackhawk.....	Erie
Tom Neeley	Central Illinois Valley	Morton
Joanne Osmond.....	Lake	Lake Villa
Michelle Skinlo.....	Illini	Mattoon
Barbara Somogyi	North Cook	Elk Grove Village
Joanne Zendol.....	West Cook.....	Berwyn

Absent:

David Barton.....	Two Rivers	Nebo
Tariq Butt.....	Chicago Board of Education	Chicago
Dale Hansen.....	Three Rivers	Grant Park
Roger Pfister	Shawnee	Murphysboro
Dane Tippett	Southwestern	Troy

Time Keeper	Sue McCance
Recording Secretary.....	Patricia Culler
Process Observer	Cyndi Dahl

May 17 Agenda Approval

Action: John Metzger moved, seconded byCarolyn Brooks and carried unanimously that a Teachers' Retirement System update be added to the agenda under "Other" and two communications be added under agenda item 20, Communications.

Action: Ben Andersen moved, seconded by Cyndi Dahl and carried unanimously that the amended agenda be adopted for the meeting conduct.

Approval, March 1, 2008 Minutes

Action: Ben Andersen moved, seconded by Cyndi Dahl and carried unanimously that the minutes for the March 1, 2008 meeting be accepted with the attendance correction to reflect Sue McCance as not present.

Consent Agenda Approval

Action: Sue McCance moved, seconded by Karen Fisher and carried unanimously that the Consent Agenda items be accepted as presented in the meeting packet.

Monitoring Reports

ENDS/MISSION, pages 17-21

This policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS—Budgeting/Forecasting, page 23

This policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS—Financial Condition, Page 25-34

This policy is in compliance.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS—Emergency Executive Succession, Page 35

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Governance Style, Pages 37-38

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Immediate Past Presidents Role, Page 39

Action: Ben Andersen moved, seconded by Michelle Skinlo and carried unanimously that policy be updated to reflect current procedure: *The Immediate Past President shall be primarily responsible for the*

orientation of new members of the Board of Directors including formal orientation and the assignment of mentors. The Immediate Past President shall have such other duties as the President of the Board of Directors shall assign. The Immediate Past President shall chair the Nominating Committee.

This policy is in compliance.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS—Annual Board Planning Cycle, pages 41-42

This policy is in compliance.

Budget Assumptions—Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Executive Director Johnson highlighted the final budget assumptions, listed on page 43, upon which the 2008-2009 budget is predicated. Johnson concluded his remarks by noting the 2008 fiscal year will have an approximate \$800,000 deficit and \$700,000 for fiscal year 2009, due mostly to salaries for newly-developed programs which have unknown revenue at this time. However, the Association still has healthy reserves and prefers to retain these rather than putting these back into services at this time. Fiscal year 2010 will see the return to a balanced budget.

Action: Michelle Skinlo moved, seconded by Felton Jose and carried unanimously, that that 2009 budget assumptions be approved.

IASB Signatories

Action: Tom Neeley moved, seconded by Ben Andersen and carried unanimously that the following signatories shall be used for IASB accounts for the period May 17, 2008, through November 23, 2008, or until successors are reported to the Board:

Carolyne Brooks	IASB Treasurer
Michael D. Johnson	Executive Director
Robert Morenz	Associate Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Feld	Associate Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer
Michael Bartlett	Deputy Executive Director
Ben Schwarm	Associate Executive Director
John Lyday	Associate Executive Director

NSBA Delegate Report

2008 NSBA Delegate Assembly delegates Mark C, Metzger, Joe Alesandrini and Marie Slater commented on March 29-April 1, 2008, Orlando, Florida, events:

- The NSBA Delegate Assembly utilized electronic voting.
- The Delegate Assembly took the stance for full access for all students regardless of immigration status.
- Illinois was well represented in panel discussions by its staff and there was an office secretaries' presentation based on the Illinois Secretarial Workshop.

- Illinois had the largest state attendance and number of state presentations.
- The Illinois reception had an attendance of 600 plus.

Illinois High School Association Report

IASB's IHSA Representative Mark Harms distributed and commented on a chart of the IHSA Classification Systems. Harms noted the results of the changes to the class systems have been positive and there will be some adjustments to the three class system next year. Other areas reported:

- A joint Illinois High School Association-Illinois Press Association statement was released regarding the ongoing photo dispute between the two organizations. Under the binding settlement agreement, the IHSA and the IPA agree to four key points: (1) the unrestricted use and sale of images by newspapers. (2) The IHSA retains the right to hire an official photographer that will not have preferential access to events except for training, promotional and educational purposes. (3) The IHSA may continue to credential newspaper representatives and establish shooting zones for safety purposes. (4) The press credentialing process will not be used to limit floor, field or site access for newspaper photographers.
- In the next two weeks, there will be a video presentation on IHSA.org explaining the Performance Enhancing Drug Testing program. This presentation can be used for meetings with staff, students, parents or school boards.
- Next spring will be the inaugural bass fishing tournament, funded outside IHSA by vendors, the first of its kind in the country. The IHSA will be using bassmadness.org to promote the event.
- As gas prices continue to rise, the IHSA is concerned about the tournament structures and how it relates to travel. Even though volleyball will adjust their regionals and sectionals so semi-finals and finals are not on the same night, there is an option to continue if the schools agree. Another related area is looking at the Rules Interpretation meetings. If the sport has minimal changes, they are looking at web-based presentations for the coaches to complete instead of driving to a meeting.
- The decision as to whether or not a teacher striking school district can participate in tournaments, meets will be left to local school district.

Legislative Report

Associate Executive Director for Governmental Relations Ben Schwarm distributed an Alliance legislative update and note five particular Senate bills which the Alliance opposes and is working against five IMRF-related issues:

1. SB1958 (Clayborne, D-E. St. Louis) increases the amount of the separation benefits for members of IMRF. The bill will increase the school district's payment to IMRF by .05% of payroll—costing approximately \$3 million statewide in the first year.
2. SB1959 (Clayborne) changes how a supplemental benefit payment is calculated for members of IMRF. It increases the amount of the annual 13th payment paid to IMRF annuitants and requires IMRF employers to consider the cost of the increased supplemental payment as part of their required annual employer contribution to the pension fund. The bill will increase the school district's payment to IMRF by .86% of payroll—costing approximately \$48.4 million statewide in the first year.

3. SB1960 (Clayborne) changes the minimum number of years of service an IMRF employee must work to be eligible for a retirement annuity from 8 to 5. The bill will increase the school district's payment to IMRF by .29% of payroll—costing approximately \$16.3 million statewide in the first year.
4. SB2686 (Demuzio, D-Carlinville) would require that a school district grant tenure after a two-year probationary period for any teacher that had served in another school district and been granted tenure there after four consecutive school terms.
5. SB2689 (Noland, D-Elgin) would require school districts to allow educational support personnel (ES) to accumulate up to 240 days of sick leave at full pay, including the leave of the current year. The bill also would require that the school keep a record of ESP sick leave accrual so that upon reduction in force and recall either the district must pay the employee the cash value for all accumulated sick leave at the daily rate of pay at the time of the lay off for those recalled the district must re-credit the employee for any accumulated sick leave at the time of recall.

Schwarm remarked that at this point in time neither the House nor the Senate has passed a budget proposal. Both income tax and sales tax receipts are down. Schwarm feels one of two things will happen with the budget. The House will pass a maintenance budget to get through until November and go home. The Senate will do the same and then there will be no budget and they will have to come back in July. Or, they will decide what they can do to get through until November and the Governor will likely veto it.

Due to dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Governor has been running things, House Speaker Madigan has inserted a statement into every bill which says, "The Governor does not have any authority to make any rules for this bill," and the House President states he will not pass any bill that contains this statement.

The Illinois Association of School Boards is currently the only organization supporting a November ballot initiative calling for the convening of a constitutional convention. Such a question must be brought to the voters at least once every twenty years. If such a group would convene, all components of the current Illinois State Constitution would be up for review and possible change or deletion.

IASB Service Associates Report

Robert Bergland, newly-seated IASB Service Associates Chair, recommended the following action on behalf of the Service Associates' Executive Committee:

Action: The IASB Services Associates Executive Committee recommended and the IASB Board of Directors issue IASB Service Associate membership invitations to TAC Energy Solutions of Chicago, CM Engineering, Inc. of Columbia, Missouri and Hoelscher Engineering of Fairview Heights. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bergland is affiliated with Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley and Company, a Chicago financial services firm.

Staffing Update

Executive Director Johnson commented on the staffing update contained in the meeting packet:

- Gail Morales, a Governmental Relations/Advocacy Department intern working in the Lombard office through May on the grassroots effort.
- Doug Blair and Dawn Miller will be transferring full time to Executive Searches and Miller is moving from a full to part-time position.
- Barbara Toney will transfer from her current TAG Consultation position to fill the Field Services position vacated by Miller.
- Steve Clark Joined IASB'S TAG Staff on Monday, May 12 to fill the position vacated by Toney.
- Bob Morenz will continue to work with the new CFO, Jennifer Feld to ensure a smooth transition. Jennifer was the CFO for Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield. Bob will move to a part-time status around the first of the year and continue to work as needed.
- Karen Teague, Mailroom Supervisor is retiring June 30, 2008, but will continue to work on a part-time, as needed, basis.

NSBA Delegate Certificates

2008 NSBA Delegate certificates were distributed to the following IASB delegates/alternates: Mark C. Metzger, Joe Alesandrini, Marie Slater, Tariq Butt, Carol Farnum, Michelle Skinlo and Barbara Somogyi.

Adjournment

Action: Sue McCance moved, seconded by Roger Edgecombe and carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the IASB Board of Directors will be held August 22-23, 2008, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois. All resort guestrooms will be entered for a Friday, August 22 arrival and Saturday, August 23 departure. Directors wishing to arrive earlier or stay over at their own expense should contact Pat Culler—217/528-9688 Ext. 1102 or pculler@iasb.com.



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