Illinois State Board of Education Meeting  
June 24, 2010  
Illinois State Board of Education  
100 North First Street  
Springfield, Illinois

ROLL CALL
Jesse Ruiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Chairman Ruiz asked  
Ms. Jean Ladage to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present:  
Mr. Jesse Ruiz, Chairman  
Dr. Christopher Ward, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary  
Mr. James Baumann  
Dr. Andrea Brown  
Dr. David Fields  
Mr. Steven Gilford  
Ms. Lantia Koster  
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Members Absent:  
None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Tom Frazier, Director of Bloomington Area Career Center and the McLean-DeWitt  
Regional Vocation System was accompanied by Tim Morrell, Director of the Decatur Area  
Technical Academy and the Heartland Region Education for Employment System. Mr.  
Frazier and Mr. Morrell stated that they were representing the 24 career centers, the  
regional systems and the hundreds of thousands career and technical education students  
throughout the State of Illinois. They thanked the Board on behalf of the students, parents,  
career and technical educators and the communities for the recommendation that career  
and technical education maintain level funding for next fiscal year.

Diane Robertson, Superintendent of Community Unit School District #4 in Mendon and a  
representative of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) asked for the  
Board’s consideration for a modification of the State Board of Education rule on the  
definition of a general education classroom as it relates to a student’s IEP, more commonly  
referred to as the 70/30 rule. Ms. Robertson is concerned that as the budget crisis grows,  
it will be harder to be in compliance with the 70/30 rule. Ms. Robertson asked that  
students with an IEP for “speech only” be exempt from the rules, as well as students who  
have an IEP and are on “monitor only” status.

John Corrigan from the Association of American Publishers and Zach Wichman from the  
Catholic Conference urged the Board to restore funding for the textbook loan program. Mr.  
Wichman noted that if the budget that was presented yesterday is approved, taxpayers  
who send their children to private schools would be outside the state system of support for  
education. Every program that has benefitted these families will have been zeroed out.  
Mr. Wichman asked that anything that can be done to keep the line item in the budget  
would be appreciated.

Bill Schreck a volunteer member of the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural  
Education clarified misconceptions from yesterday’s discussion on the agricultural  
education line item. Mr. Schreck explained that the agricultural line item supports a variety  
of educational students, Pre-K through adult. The agriculture line item allows for  
generation of funds to support the state’s biggest industry, agriculture. Mr. Schreck stated  
that we would be hard pressed to identify other programs which match the efficiency and  
effectiveness in utilization of funds. Mr. Schreck thanked the Board and asked if they had  
any questions.
Chairman Ruiz welcomed the following representatives from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS): Matt Donkin from ROE #21, Franklin-Williamson Counties, Janet Ulrich from ROE #2, Alexander-Johnson-Massac-Pulaski and Union Counties and Jane Quinian from ROE #9, Champaign-Ford Counties.

**Student Advisory Council Special Report**

Co-Chairs Kojo Fletcher and Sarah Chapman thanked the Board on behalf of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) members for the opportunity to serve on the Council. Kojo Fletcher stated that this year’s report from the SAC focuses on the school dropout problem. Mr. Fletcher noted that nearly 46,000 students did not graduate from high school last year. These students deprived the government of nearly $12 billion dollars. The student dropout rate is not a small crisis; it is nationwide. A student gives up on school every 26 seconds which translates to 1 million dropouts this year.

Sarah Chapman stated that the SAC teamed up with State Farm and America’s Promise to plan and facilitate the Illinois Youth Dropout Prevention Summit which was held in October. The focus of the project centered on the need to establish mentoring programs in schools in order to provide the motivation and encouragement for students to stay in school. Sarah noted that through the research and information the SAC collected from their survey; they believe there is a strong foundation for schools to establish mentoring programs as a critical service to help students stay in school.

Kojo stated that individuals in mentoring programs are 53% less likely to skip school, and a Northern Virginia study indicated that students who participate in a mentoring program were 10.6% more likely to graduate from high school than students who did not participate. Kojo and Sarah listed the SAC recommendations for an effective mentoring program that would address the dropout crisis.

- During the school year, the mentee will meet with his or her mentor for one hour per week.
- There will be one-on-one sessions as well as group sessions.
- Group sessions will consist of mentor-mentee pairs.
- A successful mentoring program would include parental support and involvement.
- Mentees: middle school students; the program is targeted toward but not limited to at-risk students (At-risk defined by the school’s discretion)
- Mentors: high school students
- Supervisors: school or district faculty members
- Community Involvement: community leaders and speakers will lead activities
- One-on-one Sessions: Every week is geared towards developing a different set of skills decided upon by the supervisor; academic help would also be provided every session.
- During group sessions mentees will:
  - Learn how to incorporate America’s Promise’s Five Promises into their daily lives
  - Hear from community members
  - Experience community service opportunities

The Co-Chairs closed by recommending that the Illinois State Board of Education encourage schools to implement a tailored mentoring program for the purposes of increasing student achievement and graduation rates. The Power Point presentation can be found on the Student Advisory Council’s website: [http://isbe.net/SAC/default.htm](http://isbe.net/SAC/default.htm)

**Recognition of Student Advisory Council Members**

Chairman Ruiz presented the following graduating Student Advisory Council members with
Certificates of Appreciation: Sarah Chapman, Kojo Fletcher, Linda Ly, Jordon Ping. These seniors each shared their plans for the future. Seniors who were absent, but will receive certificates include: Chinelo Agnuncha, Alexis Maxwell, Courtney McGill, Christopher Parks, Hannah Rhoades and Shelby Wills.

**Recognition of Calumet Park Oversight Board Members**
Dr. Ward moved that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution recognizing Dr. Gary Lieder and the Calumet Oversight Board Members: Rob Grossi, Yvonne Williams, John Byrne, Poly Swoops, Ron Denson, Deborah Beasley, and Alfrida Jamison for the hard work and dedication that they have given to the children of Calumet Park and to the entire community. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent Koch and Darren Reisberg, General Counsel, noted that the Southland College Prep Charter High School Agreement has been modified to address the concerns that were proposed during Wednesday’s Education Policy Planning Committee Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Consent Agenda Motion:**
Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda items, including the revisions to the Southland College Prep Charter High School Agreement. Mr. Gifford seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote.

The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion.

**Approval of Minutes**
The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the May 21, 2010, Board Meeting.

**Rules for Initial Review**

**Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)**
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1).

**Part 22 (new) (Codes of Ethics for Illinois Educators)**
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators (23 Illinois Administrative Code 22) including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Part 226 (Special Education)**
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for: Special Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 226) including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

**Rules for Adoption**

**Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) (Emergency)**
The State Board of Education hereby adopts the emergency rulemaking for: Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1).

**Part 24 (Standards for All Illinois Teachers)**
The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for: Standards for All Illinois Teachers (23 Illinois Administrative Code 24). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.
Part 210 (Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education Programs)
The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education Programs (23 Illinois Administrative Code 210). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Part 228 (Transitional Bilingual Education) and Part 235 (Early Childhood Education Block Grant)
The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for Transitional Bilingual Education (23 Illinois Administrative Code 228), and Early Childhood Block Grant (23 Illinois Administrative Code 235). Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Grants over $1 Million

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IDEA Part B, 619 Pre-K Discretionary Grant
The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into continuing grant agreements with the entities identified in the Financial Information section of the memo for the receipt of IDEA, Part B-619 federal grants in the amounts identified above for FY2011 for the provision of continued services.

Illinois Service Resource Center
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a continuing grant agreement with the Illinois Service Resource Center for the receipt of an IDEA, Part B discretionary grant in the amount of $507,000 for Fiscal Year 2011 for the purpose of providing technical assistance and resources for parents and educators of students who have hearing loss and behavioral/emotional challenges.

ISTAC – Training & Technical Assistance
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a continuing grant agreement with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) for receipt of an IDEA, Part B discretionary grant in an amount not to exceed $6,164,500 for FY 2011 for the purpose of providing a fully coordinated statewide approach to technical assistance and support for the implementation of research based practices.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a continuation grant agreement with Illinois Assistive Technology Program for receipt of an IDEA, Part B discretionary grant in amounts not to exceed $400,000 in FY 2011 and $1,100,000 cumulatively over the term of the grant.

UCP of Greater Chicago – Infinitec and the Assistive Technology Exchange Network
The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to enter into a continuation grant agreement with United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago for receipt of an IDEA, Part B discretionary grant in amounts not to exceed $480,000 in FY 2011 and $2,435,000 cumulatively over the term of the grant.

Contracts over $1 Million

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Contract Renewal: Hupp Information Technologies
The State Board hereby authorizes the renewal of the Hupp Information Technologies
contract through June 30, 2011 with an increase of the contract's maximum amount not to exceed $1,378,143.

**Contract Renewal: Peoria ROE – Illinois Virtual School**

The Illinois State Board of Education hereby authorizes agency staff to extend the contract for the purposes of refining and maintaining the Illinois Virtual School with the Peoria Regional Office of Education through June 30, 2011, and to increase the contract's maximum amount not to exceed $3,444,822.00.

**Teacher Certification Board Recommendations**

**Motion 1**

In accordance with Section 25.145 (d) (1) of the State Board's administrative rules on review of new programs, the State Board of Education provisionally approves Judson University's Early Childhood Special Education program, Type 04, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

**Motion 2**

In accordance with Section 25.145 (d) (1) of the State Board's administrative rules on review of new programs, the State Board of Education provisionally approves Rockford College's Early Childhood program, Type 04, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

**Motion 3**

In accordance with Section 25.145 (d) (1) of the State Board’s administrative rules on review of new programs, the State Board of Education provisionally approves Bradley University's Early Childhood/Elementary program, Type 04 and Type 03, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

**Motion 4**

In accordance with Section 25.145 (d) (1) of the State Board's administrative rules on review of new programs, the State Board of Education provisionally approves Lewis University's Early Childhood Special Education program, Type 04, thereby authorizing the university to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next accreditation review.

**Motion 5**

In accordance with Section 25.125 (j) (1) of the State Board's administrative rules on accreditation of educational units, the State Board of Education assigns Millikin University continuing accreditation.

The State Board of Education recommends that the specific professional education preparation programs listed above for Millikin University be awarded continuing approval as they meet the applicable Illinois content area standards. This action is in accordance with Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A) of the State Board’s administrative rules on review of individual programs.

**International Teacher Exchange Efforts**

The State Board of Education authorizes the State Superintendent to finalize the MOU with the Ministry of Education, Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and develop a visiting international teachers program.
Approval of Draft Strategic Plan Progress

The State Board of Education hereby approves the Draft 2010 Strategic Plan Report as revised per discussion in the Education Policy Planning Committee meeting.

Southland College Prep Charter High School

The State Board of Education approves the charter contract between the Southland College Prep Charter High School and the State Board of Education and authorizes the State Superintendent to execute such contract on behalf of the State Board.

NASBE Dues Renewal

The State Board of Education authorizes renewal of NASBE membership for 2011, including the middle-range professional development account for use by Illinois members.

2011 Board Calendar

The State Board of Education hereby approves the 2011 Calendar of Board Meetings.

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End of the Consent Agenda

Chairman Ruiz commented that the Board is planning to move forward on the draft budget that the staff has prepared for them. However, they wish to acknowledge there are not the resources to complete the job and we would like to make the General Assembly and the Governor’s Office aware of this. The Board will provide them with a list of programs and line items that we would like to see funded if there is a way to find additional resources. (Below is a list of those line items.)

(The following programs were those identified in the list forwarded to the Governor and General Assembly.)

- Advance Placement Programs,
- After School Matters,
- Agricultural Education,
- Arts and Foreign Language,
- National Board Certification,
- Teach For America,
- Re-Enrolling Students - Alternative Schools Network, and
- Textbook Loans.
Motion
Mr. James Baumann moved that the State Board of Education assign the lump sums appropriated by the State Board by the General Assembly for the FY 2011 Budget as recommended by the State Superintendent. In addition, based on input presented during the June 24 plenary meeting, the State Superintendent shall develop a recommendation for additional funding requests to be forwarded to the Governor and General Assembly. The complete FY 2011 Budget, as approved by the State Board, shall be posted on the ISBE website. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Action to be taken after closed session.

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS
Chairman Ruiz stated that Dr. Proshanta Nandi from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) was not present today and that Dr. Hall would be reporting on the IBHE meeting. Dr. Hall stated that the IBHE held its last meeting on June 21, 2010 at Roosevelt University in Chicago. Highlights of the IBHE meeting included the following:

Dr. Hightman’s update included the dire budget conditions exemplified by low to no cash flow, some borrowing possibilities but not preferred, and Illinois bond rating exacerbating problems.

IBHE's next goal is to work on implementing the Public Agenda which has been adopted.

The IBHE is the new home for Grow Your Own, as well as the professional and business schools. Grow Your Own formerly resided at the Illinois State Board of Education.

The P-20 Council has been up and running and Joyce Karon will update you further on their meetings.

Dewayne Matthews from the Lumina Foundation spoke to IBHE about Structural Deficits in Education. Lumina’s goal is to increase the number of college graduates by 60% by 2025. Mr. Matthews believes we are currently in a knowledge industry and that technology may be at its apex.

Compared to other countries we have the most graduates, but not all have the competitive skill sets needed to function in the 21st Century or in an international arena. European countries do not require as many general education courses as the United States. He added that wage data should not determine a college’s course of action in determining what a student’s career should be.

Mr. Matthews’ proposed solution is to recommend that colleges move learners quickly into their skill set faster. Our students spend two years completing general education courses while students in other countries move right into the skill set that is needed.

Dr. Hall stated that the next IBHE Meeting will be held on August 8, 2010 and will be attended by ISBE board member Lanita Koster.

P-20 COUNCIL REPORT
Ms. Joyce Karon, a member of the Governor’s P-20 Council, stated that the P-20 Council will meet every other month and held its last meeting on May 26, 2010, at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago. Highlights of the P-20 Council Meeting included the following:

The P-20 Council has received funding from the Chicago Community Trust.
The P-20 Council has received updates from Linda Tomlinson on Teacher Certification, Susie Morrison on Common Core Standards and has had updates from the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Community College Board, Illinois Student Assistance Commission and various other education entities.

Ms. Karon stated that, as a P-20 Liaison, she has been attending the Data Advisory Committee which is being facilitated by Dr. Connie Wise. The Committee is discussing the process of sharing K-12 information with public and private universities. This is a great undertaking and a giant step for following students throughout their education from P-20.

Ms. Karon asked that we share the ISBE Strategic Plan Progress Report with all of the P-20 Council members. (Jean Ladage forwarded this information to P-20 Council Members.)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Koch commented that in his role as State Superintendent he is continually inspired when he sees superintendents and communities working together during a crisis, no matter what that crisis might be. Superintendent Koch acknowledged and introduced several local superintendents in the audience: Les Stevens, Superintendent of North Greene Unit District #03 in White Hall; Diane Robertson, Superintendent of Community Unit School District #4 in Mendon; Debra Rust, Superintendent of Waverly School District; and Adam Ehrman, Franklin School District. Dr. Koch thanked them for their efforts in such difficult times.

Superintendent Koch thanked ISBE Senior Staff, Division Administrators and many other employees who have been involved in working on FY11 budget issues. He acknowledged the time that has gone in to listening to many constituencies throughout the year and the effort which put those thoughts and the Board’s priorities into a recommendation that has been brought forth today.

Dr. Koch pointed out that although it was not mentioned yesterday there has been a recommendation for a reduction in ISBE administration in the amount of 8% overall and 10% on personal services and benefits. If we are asking local districts to tighten their belts we need to demonstrate that we are doing the same. Dr. Koch noted that he knows how difficult this can be when we are already understaffed.

Superintendent Koch stated that we are receiving more questions as we get closer to our federal review of the Race to the Top application. He shared a brief review of this process; 525 Illinois districts signed on to participate. We will soon find out if we are a finalist and, if so, the week of August 9th will be the time in which the 5-member team would travel to Washington to be interviewed. Dr. Koch emphasized that the money for this grant competition cannot be used to stabilize or to plug holes in the state budget. We cannot use it to fund a general state aid or mandated categorical holes. Its purpose is for reforms, such as the common core standards, which the Board adopted today.

Dr. Koch wanted the Board to know that he has engaged in a more rigorous process to appoint the various members of a number of advisory councils. Last year Superintendent Koch and Linda Tomlinson interviewed all candidates for the Teacher Certification Board and he will continue to do the same with all his advisory council appointments. Dr. Koch pointed out how important these groups are; they advise the State Board and many other groups and he feels we need to know that they are qualified to make these very important policy recommendations.

**SENIOR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Linda Mitchell announced that Toni Waggoner of the budget staff will be retiring at the end of the month. Ms. Mitchell thanked Toni for her help with all the elements of the budget
over the years, and her assistance in responding to questions from districts and legislators.

Ms. Mitchell also shared that yesterday (June 23) the Comptroller's Office released $124 million dollars of payments; we are no longer at nearly $1.5 billion; it's about $1.3 billion. Ms. Mitchell said they intend to track the lapse payments and will get a copy of the summary to the Board. She added that payments were released today for the special education personnel line item and regular transportation, and the Comptroller's Office still intends to work toward the other 4th quarter payments in the next week, or so. Dr. Koch stated that there are not enough funds to release the mandated categoricals, as the laws states, so they are parceling off components.

Matt Vanover announced that Becky Gideon of the Public Information staff will be retiring at the end of July. Mr. Vanover thanked Becky for her 36 years of service.

Darren Reisberg announced that Carol Markko of the Chicago ISBE Office will also be retiring at the end of June, with 30 years of service. Darren wished Carol well and she will be missed.

Susie Morrison thanked the Student Advisory Council for their input and the touch of reality they bring to the Board. She also thanked ISBE staff that provide support to the Student Advisory Council, Gil Downey, Sarah McCusker and Sally Veach.

Chairman Ruiz stated that Dr. Andrea Brown and Ms. Lanita Koster will be attending the ECS National Policy Forum in Portland, Oregon on August 18-20, 2010. (Ms. Koster will be attending on behalf of Superintendent Koch and ECS is providing travel assistance for both members.)

Chairman Ruiz reported that he participated in the following events since the last Board meeting:

- Attended the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Task Force Meeting with US Senate Staff in Washington, D.C. (Flight was paid for by NALEO)
- Attended that NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee in Arlington, Virginia on June 11-12, 2010.
- Was Graduation Keynote Speaker at three commencement ceremonies: Carson Elementary School, Richard Edwards Elementary School and Walter Christopher Elementary School.

Chairman Ruiz asked Joyce Karon if she had any comments she would like to add. Ms. Karon said she has spoke to several groups and it seems that most people are interested in hearing about Common Core Standards.

Dr. Fields and Ms. LaBarre thanked the Student Advisory Council members for their service. Dr. Fields would be interested in contacting some former members and follow up on their careers.

Dr. Fields indicated he has spoken to Jane Angelis and he agreed to serve on the NGA Illinois Policy Academy. He is looking forward to seeing what the group can do to share their experiences with young people in the schools.

Ms. LaBarre said she is looking forward to attending the NASBE Conference for new board members at the end of July.
Ms. Koster noted that the Commission on the Elimination of Extreme Poverty will have their final draft report available in September. Ms. Koster thanked her fellow board members and staff for all their work on the budget, and said she has high regard for the integrity of all of them. It has not been an easy job.

Dr. Ward stated that he and Chairman Ruiz were in Washington, D.C. for two days and that he will share the documents from the NASBE Study Group that he attended with the rest of the Board when they are available.

Dr. Hall attended the Illinois Board of Higher Education Meeting and the Early Learning Council Meeting, as well as the NASBE Structure of Schools Study Group. Dr. Hall said she was a judge for the Metra Safety Poster Contest and Graduation Speaker for the Illinois Center for Education and Rehabilitation. Dr. Hall introduced her daughter, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, Dr. Grace Hall, Ph.D. She is proud to say that her daughter was educated in the Chicago Public Schools. Dr. Hall also commented that Robert Eugene Abbott passed away on June 13, 2010. Mr. Abbott was a good friend and strong advocate for Special Education.

Dr. Brown thanked the Student Advisory Council for the very informative report and thanked Susie Morrison for speaking to the P-20 Council of Southern Illinois.

The Members of the Student Advisory Council each commented on their appreciation for the opportunity to serve and to serve as the voice for all students in Illinois.

Chairman Ruiz asked that the Board members read the Financial and Administrative Monthly Reports printed in the Board meeting materials.

Chairman Ruiz announced that following lunch and closed session, the Board will reconvene to take action on the closed session minutes and to adjourn the meeting. We will disconnect the phone immediately following the next motion.

Dr. Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

Section c 1 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee; and

Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board, and

Section c 21 for the purpose of discussing minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meeting Act.

Dr. Hall further moved that the Board may invite anyone they wish to have included in this closed session. Mr. Gilford seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote. The Board entered into closed session at 11:40 a.m.

The Board reconvened from closed session at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Hall moved that whereas pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act, the State Board of Education has reviewed the minutes of its closed sessions for December, 2009, January, March and May of 2010; and

Whereas no closed session was held in February 2010.

Therefore, the State Board of Education hereby releases the minutes of December 2009 and January 2010 for public inspection. I further move that the State Board of Education
certifies that the need for confidentiality still exists for the remainder of the closed session minutes for the time period reviewed. Further, the State Board of Education approves the destruction of all closed session verbatim recordings prior to December 19, 2008.

Mr. Gilford seconded that motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Koster moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned a 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Yinni Hall
Board Secretary

Chairman

Ms. Jesse Ruiz