



MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 2009
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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ILERT MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (DIANE RUTLEDGE)

ILERT CHAIR DIANE RUTLEDGE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:35 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LUDA	Diane Rutledge
ED-RED	Erika Lindley
HSDO	Paul Swanstrom
IAASE	Jimmy Gunnell
IAASPA	Barry Reilly & Joanne Schochat
IARSS	Mark Jontry
IASA	Diane Hendren
IASB	Cynthia Woods (phone)
IASBO	Mike Jacoby & Cal Jackson
IFT	Dave Pitchley (phone)
INSPRA	Mindy Ward
IPA	Brian Schwartz (phone)
LEND	Peg Agnos
LUDA	Diane Rutledge
SCOPE	Chris Slowik & Jimmy Steyskal
EDO	Bill Phillips
ISBE	Susie Morrison & Chris Koch

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

VOICE
IEA

2. FINANCIAL UPDATE (MARK JONTRY)

TREASURER MARK JONTRY PRESENTED THE TREASURER'S REPORT. ILERT EDNDED FY09 WITH A BALANCE OF \$18,509.80 .

LEGISLATIVE FORUM COST FOR 2009 = \$9467.24 OFFSET BY \$4,000 IN SPONSORSHIP FROM ADVANCE ILLINOIS, EDUCATIONCOUNSEL, GREAT LAKES WEST.

MOTION BY JONTRY, SECOND BY SWANSTROM. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES FROM THE MAY

4. ISBE INITIATIVES (CHRIS KOCH AND SUSIE MORRISON)

STATE SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS KOCH COMMENDED ILERT REGARDING OUR WORK TO ESTABLISH AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE LONGITUDINAL DATA BILL.

FY 2010 BUDGET UPDATE:

BILINGUAL CHANGE TO PER STUDENT VS CHICAGO BLOCK GRANT. MAY SEE SOME CHALLENGE, BUT GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE APPROPRIATION PROCESS, ISBE FEELS THEY HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THIS CHANGE NOW. ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS COMMENTED ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE CHANGE AND ENCOURAGED ISBE TO PURSUE SPECIFIC REIMBURSEMENT FILING PER STUDENT FOR CHICAGO TO RECEIVE FUNDS. THIS IS IN PROCESS ALREADY AT ISBE.

17 MORE DISTRICTS ADDED TO HOLD HARMLESS DUE TO LACK OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON ISBE RECOMMENDATIONS.

BOARD WILL BEGIN LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET DISCUSSIONS AND HEARINGS EARLIER THIS YEAR. WILL ADDRESS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AT THE RETREAT IN AUGUST 09.

MEMBER INITIATIVES STILL IN BUDGET. ~ \$7M FOR TWO PROJECTS.

WILL REALLOCATE SALARY INTO ROE SERVICES LINES. THIS IS A MATTER OF PROCESS REQUIRED.

FEDERAL UPDATE:

ARRA FUNDS USED IN 09 AND 10, THEREFORE NO ARRA RESOURCES FOR 2011 (NOTE: SOME STATES DID NOT ALLOCATE FOR 09, SO ILLINOIS IS SOMEWHAT UNIQUE). 3 PAYMENTS OF GSA WILL BE MADE WITH ARRA FUNDS. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WILL BE TARGETED TO CHICAGO TO ISOLATE DISTRICT REPORTING. SEE SUPERINTENDENT'S WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR DETAILS.

RACE TO THE TOP APPLICATION IS IN PROCESS.

INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT STANDARDS AND COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARKS ARE MOVING FORWARD. LIKELY TO SEE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT. MEMBER SWANSTROM ASKED ABOUT NAEP AS A NATIONAL ASSESSMENT. MORRISON INDICATED THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN CORRELATED WITH STANDARDS, YET.

GROWTH MODEL STUDY IS PROCEEDING WITH A CONSULTANT. WILL LOOK AT THE COLORADO MODEL.

POLLING DISTRICTS FOR CURRENT SOFTWARE PROVIDERS BEING USED IN REGARD TO ASSESSMENT AND DATA. MAY LOOK AT CONTRACTING WITH ONE OR MORE OR AT LEAST

INCLUDE IN THE RFP PROCESS.

STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT TO GO BEYOND AYP AND BRINGING ALL SYSTEMS TOGETHER. LOOKING AT AN RFSP IN JANUARY. ILERT MEMBERS RECOMMENDED THAT HIGHER ED BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF ANY STATEWIDE SYSTEM.

OVER 20 APPLICATIONS FOR LONGITUDINAL DATA DIRECTOR POSITION. WILL MAKE SELECTION SOON.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE QUALITY REGARDING "GROW YOUR OWN." MANY STUDENTS REQUIRING EXTENSIVE REMEDIAL COURSES AND ARE NOT PASSING BASIC SKILLS TESTS. PROGRAM NEEDS RECALIBRATION.

ESEA REAUTHORIZATION: COMMENTS REQUESTED. FOCUS WILL BE ON MEANINGFUL ACCOUNTABILITY WITH GROWTH ASSESSMENTS FOR SUB-GROUPS.

PSAE DATES: NOT CHANGING THIS YEAR. CORRECTION WINDOW PERIOD WILL BE SHORTENED, WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE MORE TIMELY RESULTS. HIGH INTEREST IN DEVELOPING AN ONLINE VERSION.

EFAB: MEETING AUGUST 13.

ILERT INVOLVEMENT: UPON DETERMINATION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA – ILERT CAN BE AN IMPORTANT ADVISOR AND ADVOCATE. \$1B SHORTFALL LOOMING FOR 2010.

ACTION ITEM: ILERT MEMBERS WERE URGED BY ILERT CHAIR RUTLEDGE TO SUBMIT ANY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO MIKE JACOBY FOR INCLUSION IN THE NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA AND PACKET.

5. **IASA/IASBO LEGISLATOR SUMMARIES:** BASED ON AN IASA BOARD GOAL AND AN IASBO DELEGATE ASSEMBLY PRIORITY, A DATA SUMMARY TEMPLATE IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEVELOPED FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATORS. DATA WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH ISBE AND TRAINING OF SUPERINTENDENTS TO ENGAGE WITH LEGISLATORS WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP.

ACTION ITEM: ILERT MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ANY CURRENT TEMPLATES TO MIKE JACOBY FOR COMPARISON AND DEVELOPMENT OF A STANDARD FORM.

6. LEGISLATIVE FORUM (PEG AGNOS, ERIKA LINDLEY, DIANE RUTLEDGE)

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2009 (MATCH-UP WITH STATE BOARD MTG?)

LOCATION: INN AT 835

TOPIC IDEAS:

ISBE STRATEGIC PLAN/LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA?

TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR PREP?

SPONSORSHIP:

ACTIONA SOLICITATION LETTER WILL BE DEVELOPED BY DIANE.

7. OUTSTANDING POLICY ISSUES (MIKE JACOBY AND DIANE RUTLEDGE)

ADVANCE ILLINOIS
BURNHAM PLAN 2.0

A PRESS RELEASE OF THE POLICY OBJECTIVES OF BURNHAM 2.0 WILL OCCUR ON SEPTEMBER 15TH.

ACTION ITEM: ANY ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD LIKE TO SIGN-ON IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC RELEASE, NOTIFY MIKE JACOBY BY AUGUST 25TH.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING, BUT THE PUBLIC RELEASE IS PENDING.

BILL PHILLIPS VOLUNTEERED TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE POLICY PLANS TO DO A "CROSS-WALK" WITH A MASTERS LEVEL GRADUATE STUDENT. DOCUMENTS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO HIM WITH A 5-6 MONTH TIME-LINE EXPECTED FOR A REPORT. THIS WILL OCCUR UPON THE ADOPTION OF STATE BOARD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2010.

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DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF BURNHAM 2.0 ABOVE.

ISBE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES
CONNECTION WITH EDUCATION CAUCUS

ILERT WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH THE EDUCATION CAUCUS. CURRENT DIALOG WITH REPRESENTATIVE PRICHARD COULD PROVIDE FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

CONTINUING TO LIST AND COLLECT THE NUMBER OF CURRENT MANDATES IS A PRIORITY. STRATEGIES FOR APPROACHING LEGISLATORS WERE DISCUSSED. TYING NEW MANDATES TO STANDARDS WAS DISCUSSED AS A STRATEGY. WOULD LEGISLATION BE REQUIRED TO ALLOW LEGISLATORS TO CALL FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE STANDARDS LIKE OTHER FISCAL NOTES.

8. PRESS AND LEGISLATOR RELEASES (MIKE JACOBY)

ACTION ITEM: UPDATE NEW LEADERSHIP AND POLICY BRIEFS.

ACTION ITEM: MIKE JACOBY WILL SEND UPDATED POLICY BRIEFS TO ALL ILERT MEMBERS.

CHECK FOR REPRESENTATIVE BASSEY TO MAKE SURE SHE IS ON OUR LIST.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

ILERT JOINT CONFERENCE PRESENTATION – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2009. 1:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 2009

FUTURE MEETINGS: FEBRUARY 8, MAY 10 (10:00 A.M.)