



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

SHEILA SIMON – LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

P-20 Joint Education Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 6th at 1:30pm

Lt. Governor's Capitol Office
Springfield, IL

Lt. Governor's Chicago Office
James R. Thompson Center
Chicago, IL

A- Roll Call

Chicago

Lt. Governor Sheila Simon
Miguel del Valle, P-20 Council Chairman
Executive Director Harry Berman, IL Board of Higher Education
Executive Eric Zarnikow, IL Student Assistance Commission
Amber Kirchhoff, Governor's Office
Adam Weiner, Governor's Office
Maria Capoccia, Lt. Governor's Office
Kendall Maxwell, Lt. Governor's Office

Springfield

Executive Director Janet Holt, IL Education Research Council
Susie Morrison, IL State Board of Education
Deb Meisner-Bertauski, IL Board of Higher Education
Dan Cullen, IL Board of Higher Education
Allen Phillips, IL Board of Higher Education
Theresa Hawley, IL Early Learning Council
Lizanne DeStefano, P-20 Council
Lynne Haeffele, Lt. Governor's Office
Crystal Saint, Lt. Governor's Office

Guests

Roxanne Filson, Illinois State Board of Education

Absent

State Superintendent Chris Koch, IL State Board of Education
Acting Director Adam Pollett, IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Max McGee, P-20 Data Assessment and Accountability Committee

B- Approval of May 2013 Meeting Minutes

Lt. Governor Simon asked for any corrections on the May meeting minutes. Maria Capoccia stated that she wasn't there and should not be on the roll call. Lt. Governor Simon requested a motion for approval of the amended minutes. A motion was made by del Valle and seconded by Berman. The motion was passed unanimously.

C- State Agency Legislation, Budget, and Other Updates (20 minutes)

Lt. Governor's Office (Lt. Governor Simon)

Lt. Governor Simon informed the committee that the budget for the Lt. Governor's Office has been cut by 25% for FY14. Due to the cuts and scheduling issues, Lt. Governor Simon recommended holding JELC meetings every other month, instead of monthly, in order to be able to staff it properly and ensure attendance. The committee agreed.

IL Board of Higher Education (Berman)

Berman said that higher education was essentially flat funded, which is good news. But, the inaction on pension costs was not good news. Under a plan backed by the universities, institutions would pick up the employer's share of the pension contribution in order to help solve the pension crisis. The payment to SURS this year was \$1.5 billion, a \$100 million increase from FY13.

IL Student Assistance Commission (Zarnikow)

Zarnikow stated that from ISAC's perspective, this was a good budget. Essentially all of the programs they asked to have funded were funded. The largest line in the ISAC budget is for MAP Grants, which received a .5% (a little less than two million dollars) increase for FY14. Since 2005, all funds for running ISAC have been generated through the student loans they service. Because more Direct Loans are being offered through the federal government, they have a shrinking loan portfolio to manage. Because of this shrinking portfolio, ISAC asked, and was granted the ability, to be able to use up to 2% of MAP Grant money for administrative costs. There were multiple proposals to change MAP, but there were no major changes made. A House resolution that was passed requests that a group to look at advising in relation to MAP recipients.

IL Early Learning Council (Hawley)

Hawley indicated that early learning was essentially flat funded, which was a happy outcome.

IL State Board of Education (Morrison)

Morrison said that ISBE experienced a slight decrease in their operating budget, but was able to maintain last year's school district funding levels—a relief to many districts. There are some concerns with the ISBE budget reductions. The \$2 million budget line for Learning Standards and Assessments—

used previously to fund resources and support for the implementation of the Math and English Language Arts Common Core Standards—was cut. . They had been hoping to use continued funding to support implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards, but now have no money to support a rollout if they are adopted. A new 11th grade writing assessment is being implemented this year, but it was not funded, so ISBE is looking to see how they can pay for it. None of ISBE's other legislative proposals moved forward.

IL Education Research Council (Holt)

Holt indicated that the IERC Symposium is next week. The IERC also have several grant initiatives moving forward.

Haeffele added that during this session the Lt. Governor's College Scorecard resolution was adopted, and legislation coming out of the Classrooms First Commission which makes it easier for smaller districts to consolidate also passed.

D- Legislative Review with Julie Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Quinn (20 minutes)

Smith indicated that many bills which passed the General Assembly are now under review. This session, the General Assembly established of a number of new task forces in relation to education. These included task forces on teacher recruiting and pensions, charter school funding, truancy at CPS, and school security issues. In addition, Senate Joint Resolution 32 established an education funding advisory committee which will examine the major issues in K-12 public school funding. The P-20 Council will be engaged in this discussion.

Questions

Del Valle asked if the bill concerning the Basic Skills Test was amended. Smith said it was amended but that it retained the same intent and was written for more flexibility. She indicated she would check the current wording to ensure that the summary the council has is correct.

Smith stated that one bill that did not pass was the pension cost share for the public universities and community colleges. This bill may come up again in the special summer sessions.

E- Math Curriculum Models Review with Susie Morrison, Governor's Office (30 minutes)

Morrison thanked the Lt. Governor and her staff for their advocacy for the development of a model Common Core Math Curriculum. As a result of Public Act 97-104, ISBE was charged to create Common Core aligned model math curriculums for Grades 6-12. They have now developed 24 middle school unit outlines and 28 high school unit outlines with the help of educators throughout the state.

Within the group that developed the curriculum, there was a lot of debate about to promote the use a traditional or integrated model at the high school level. Ultimately, they decided to promote the integrated path, which is a big change. Most high schools are have used traditional math pathways exclusively. While high schools may choose to use a traditional or integrated path in coming years, all math curriculum must change to meet the new state's standards.

Data indicate that students perform better in post secondary education when they are enrolled in a math course their fourth year of high school. So the group also came up with a list of options for a fourth year of math.

The development of this curriculum was very important because it was state's opportunity to focus on the content that we are teaching our students. The curriculum models for all levels have been posted on the ISBE website and are available for voluntary use at schools.

Educators are providing very good feedback on the models and are now requesting that ISBE develop lesson plans and assessments that align with these new frameworks. ISBE is proceeding with that work. Some educators have also asked ISBE to develop K-5 curriculum models. This summer the ISBE will go through the same process to develop model curriculum for K-5 as they did for 6-12. As this K-5 plan is developed there will be webinars to help better understand what the Board is releasing.

The ISBE is currently looking for early adopters districts to pilot the integrated curriculum models. They will publically release all from these pilot districts.

F- Mid-Point Review of the 10-year Public Agenda with Harry Berman, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (20 minutes)

Berman is excited to reach the halfway milestone of the in the IBHE's strategic plan. IBHE hopes to complete a midpoint review to update the data, see where they are in relation to their goals, and decide how to move forward. They will be looking for external financial support for the activity.

G- Other Business

IL Board of Higher Education (Berman)

Berman indicated that the IBHE recently chose a new board chair. He also mentioned that it is very important for P-20 Council to think about early childhood education and how it aligns with higher education. The Council needs to think about all the ways it can work through higher education to enhance pre-K learning.

Lt. Governor's Office (Haeffele)

Haeffele said the plans for the fall 2013 Scaling Up Effective Practices in Higher Education Conference are moving forward nicely. The conference will draw upon the findings from the Lt. Governor's higher education tours and feature some of the best affordability and completion practices in the state. Microsoft will be sponsoring the keynote speaker, Dr. Christopher Dede from Harvard Graduate School of Education.

IL Student Assistance Commission (Zarnikow)

Zarnikow stated that the annual College Changes Everything Conference will be July 11th in Tinley Park. The Lt. Governor will be making the opening remarks. A senior advisor to the Secretary of Education will speak on college access initiatives as the keynote.

H- Next meeting will take place Thursday, July 25th

Capoccia indicated that the next JELC meeting will be in August.

1- Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.