



# LEND Council Meeting

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September 23, 2022

# Agenda

- Call to Order – Dr. Jeff Schuler
- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2022
- Directors Update
- LEND Committee Updates
- Save the Date – LEND Breakfast
- Member Concerns
- Adjourn



# DIRECTORS UPDATE



# Governor Acts

## On Executive Order

- Governor Pritzker on September 16th extended the EO for an additional 30 days. Sighting the new Omicron variant expected this fall it allows for emergency management response to be available if needed.
- The COVID-19 administrative leave provision remains in effect.

# ISBE

## ISBE Appoints New Chair

- Former teacher Dr. Steven Isoye was appointed Chair of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced Monday.
- Isoye is a retired teacher and former superintendent of Niles Township High School. He holds degrees in biology, educational administration, and educational leadership from Northern Illinois University and a degree in curriculum from Concordia University.

# ISBE - 9/20 - 9/21/22

## ISBE Board Retreat - 9/20

### **Elevating Educators**

- A report was provided on the statewide effort to establish a school/district leadership department that will support the recruitment of a diverse leadership pipeline with a focus on race and culturally responsive leadership. It began with the 2020-21 school year and it is a 3-year program.

### **Equity Project Portfolio**

- Was presented to the Board and will be the intentionally tracking of equity work to operationalize and embed diversity, equity, inclusion and access (DEIA) work at ISBE.

## Board Meeting Action 9/21

### **Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning Standards for All Illinois Educators - Part 24**

- Beginning a multi-phased process in 2019 ISBE authorized Dr. Ayala to submit the proposed rulemaking for Part 24 rules to JCAR for 2nd notice.

# On-going Work

## Assessments

- August Meeting with the Governor's Office
- Recommendations from the Center for Assessment Report:
  - Improve assessment reporting
  - Shorten the end-of-year test
  - Consider an adaptive design
- State Assessment Review Committee
  - Met yesterday to review the report from the Center for Assessment presented to ISBE.

## Calendar Working Group

- The Calendar Working Group was established by ISBE to address calendar issues that arose in the last session. Dr. Emily Tammaru served on behalf of LEND.

## TIF Reform

- At the end of last session Senator Gillespie attempted to move TIF legislation that was ultimately killed by the Illinois Municipal League (IML). The Senator may move a bill during Veto Session.

# On-going Work

## Professional Development (PD) Trainings

LEND along with a other stakeholders continues work to streamline PD trainings.

Discussions include:

- Consolidated subjects. i.e.: “Health Conditions”.
- Remove duplicative trainings.
- Tying training requirements to licensure (5-year cycle).
- Ease of reporting through a statewide system that communicates with ELIS.

Conversations will continue and legislation is slated to move in the Spring if possible.

## Right To Read Act

- Meetings continued over the summer.
- Next steps:
  - Statewide Literacy Summit, Tuesday, October 25, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Illinois State University Alumni Center.
  - LEND will have 5 school districts represented.

# On-going Work

## **Engagement With Other Groups/Individuals**

- Professional Review Panel (PRP) - monitored and participated in conversations with members of the PRP resulting in the Chair of the Recalibrate Committee meeting with the LEND Finance Committee.
- ISBE meetings.
- PEAC meetings
- Teacher shortage task force
- Legislator negotiations on bills from the Spring session.



# Veto Session

## What might happen during Veto?

- HB1167 (COVID Administrative Leave) - possible amendment to resolve a concern with 3rd party contractors.
- A bill has been introduced by Representative Bennett to expand the 120 paid days for retirees to substitute to **June 30, 2023** from 2022.
- The House Work Groups have been meeting all summer. The SafeT Act and gun safety seem to be emerging as issues to be addressed during Veto Session.

## **Veto session is scheduled for:**

November 15-17, 2022

November 29-30 and December 1, 2022

## **General Election:**

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

## **Amendment 1 to the Illinois Constitution**

- Would create a State Constitutional Right for Employees to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their choosing to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work.

# LEND Policy and Mandates Committee

## MEMBERS

Chair: Hank Thiele CHSD99

Co-Chair: Jen Figurelli LEND

Tammy Prentiss Hinsdale 86, Bob Langman  
Darien 61, Nichole Howard IPSD 204, Mike  
Purcell IPSD 204, Gina Zaccadi CHSD99, Jeff  
Schuler CUSD 200, Dave Larson Glenbard 87,  
Patrick McGill District 87, Kristin Fitzgerald  
Naperville 203

## Topics

- Training Mandates
- Calculation of Graduation Rates
- E-learning days for Election Days
- Curricular Bus Requirements
- Dual Credit
- Accelerated Placement

# LEND Finance Committee

## Members

Chair: Tim Keeley Addison 4

Co-Chair: Jen Figurelli LEND

Brian O'Keefe CUSD 200, Dan Oberg CHSD 94,  
Ed Hoster DuPage 88, Matt Shipley IPSD 204,  
Mike Frances Naperville 203, Mark Staehlin  
CHSD 99, Reiley Straub Keeneyville 20, Seth  
Chapman Glenbard 87, Curt Saindon Woodridge  
68, Jeff Eagan Villa Park 45.

## Committee Roles

- Standing committee
- Serve as support for the upcoming session
- Review legislation requiring financial analysis.
- Complete the 5-year review of the LEND dues structure

# LEND Finance Committee

## Professional Review Panel – Recalibrate Committee

Ralph Martire, Chair of the Recalibrate Committee, met with our finance committee to discuss the following charge from SR900 (Lightford):

- Rigorous analysis of the value, impact and financial implication of students exposed to trauma, living in concentrated poverty, and closing racial equity gaps.
- Changing the definition of poverty.

On September 12 the full PRP convened and heard the committee report which included:

- Additional dollars be allocated to low-income black students through a grant or Mandated Categorical (MCAT).
- Dr. Ayala, the Chair of PRP, invited ISBE's General Counsel -concerning constitutionality.
- The full PRP decided to postpone a decision..
- There will be additional conversations about cost factors for trauma and concentrated poverty.
- LEND will continue to monitor these meetings.

# LEND Finance Committee

## Professional Review Panel – Reporting Committee

### EBF Spending Plan Redesign

- EBF spending plan will be integrated into the annual budget by FY 24.
- Timeline:
  - Oct-Dec 22 - Development and pilot of new plan.
  - Jan-FEB 23 - Revision to plan based on pilot feedback.
  - Mar 23 - Plan finalization, development of webinars, collateral, etc.
  - May 23 - Full implementation of FY 24 plan with release of budget template.

- The spending plan is currently due September 30.
- Proposed Amendment:
  - All Organizational Units in this state must submit annual spending plans as part of the budget submission process, and **no later than October 31**, to the State Board.
- ISBE will be providing additional information around the redesign at the Bilingual Directors Conference and the IASBO Regional Conferences.

# FY 23 Meeting Planning

**Through December 2022**

- **LEND Council:**
  - **October 28, 2022**
  - 8:00 a.m.
  - Virtual
  - LEND Legislators
- **LEND Breakfast – Triple I**
  - **November 19, 2022**
  - 7:30 a.m.
  - Swissotel Chicago
- **LEND Council:**
  - **No meeting in December**

# SAVE THE DATE

- Annual LEND Breakfast
- November 19, 2022
- 7:30 a.m.
- Eleve Ballroom, Swissotel Chicago
- \$20/person
- Formal invitation will follow



# Thank you

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