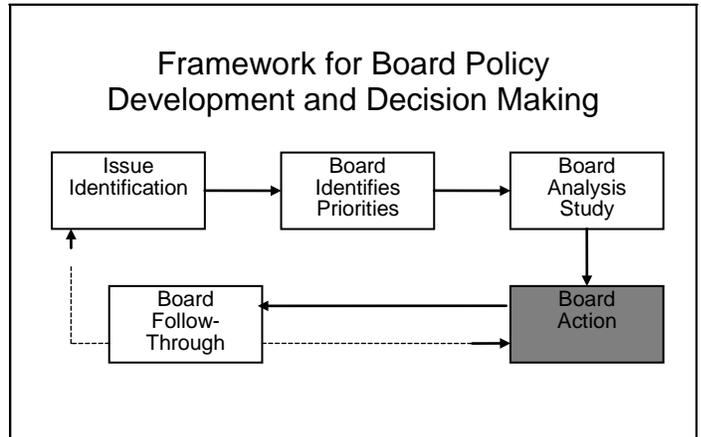


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

May 15, 2014



Agenda Item: Iowa School Business Management Academy (ISBMA) Training

Iowa Goal: All

State Board Role Authority: Iowa Code section 256.7(30) gives the State Board oversight and the ability to administer training programs for school business officials and school administration managers.

Presenter: Jeff Berger, Deputy Director

Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education grant full approval for the ISBMA program beginning July 1, 2014, for a period of seven years.

Background: In 2011, the Legislature enacted provisions to establish a school business official authorization through the Board of Educational Examiners. That legislation required the Department of Education to create a process by which interested parties could apply to be a provider of this training to new school business officials.

The ISBMA was approved for an initial two-year cycle for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014. Over that period, the Department of Education (Department) worked closely with ISBMA to ensure quality of content and integrity of implementation. Feedback from participants has been very good and the Department is seeing an improvement in the overall quality of performance of all school business officials statewide. We support the efforts of the program and want it to continue.