Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
April 30, 2009

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The April 30, 2009, meeting of the State Board of Education was held at the West Des Moines Marriott, 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa. The following State Board members were present: Rosie Hussey, Sister Jude Fitzpatrick, Valorie Kruse, LaMetta Wynn, Max Phillips, Charlie Edwards, and Wayne Kobberdahl. Director Judy Jeffrey and Iowa Department of Education staff members Gail Sullivan, Konni Cawiezell, Carol Greta, Colleen Hunt, Roger Utman, Julia Thorius, Elaine Watkins-Miller, Kent Farver, Denise Ragais, Helene Grossman, Matt Ludwig, Carole Richardson, Kevin Fangman, Jim Addy, Phyllis Hinton, Sara Peterson, Amy Vybiral, and Jody Crane were also present. Also in attendance were Ann Fielmann, Marshalltown Community School District; Andy Duffelmeyer, Iowa Politics.com; Rob Dillard, Iowa Public Radio; Staci Hupp, Des Moines Register; Raymond Storm, David Van Horn, Connie Maxson, Area Education Agency (AEA) 14; Glenn Grove, AEA 13; John Johnson, Amanda Kelly, Andrew Williams, Taylor Bunn, Elizabeth Lincoln, Nick Robinson, Tyler Wedemeier, West Central Maynard Community School District; and MJ Dolan, Iowa Association of Community College Trustees.

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

President Rosie Hussey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

It was moved by Max Phillips and seconded by Charlie Edwards that the April agenda be approved.

COMMUNICATION

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Director Report

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
  Judy Jeffrey announced that the ARRA was passed on February 13, 2009. She distributed and reviewed a Briefing/Talking Points document. She stated that there were certain principles that the state needs to abide by in order to pull down funds. Iowa will

receive $472 million in stabilization fund dollars - $386 million to support public elementary, secondary, and higher education, and $86 million for government services. She indicated that the state has released guidance to school districts on the use of these funds. She reported that even though the funds can be spent over a two-year period, the dollars are considered as this year's dollars (especially Individuals with Disabilities Act and Title I funds). The funds can be held over, but need to be obligated and spent by September 30, 2011.

Jeffrey announced that the Department has been hosting a series of Webinars regarding the ARRA. The Webinar topics include:

- Overview and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds Update
- IDEA Part B
- Title I Funding
- IDEA Part B/C Funding

She stated that there is an FAQ on the Department's website where districts can ask questions and Department staff will respond as quickly as possible.

❖ National Standards

Jeffrey reported that the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association has put together a collaborative to begin the development of national standards. She reminded the Board that the Iowa Core Curriculum was developed in a way that will allow alignment with national standards. For now, the national standards will only be built in reading/language arts and mathematics. She stated that it is important that we continually review what has been developed to make sure that we are as competitive as possible.

❖ Senior Year Plus Postsecondary Course Audit Committee

Jeffrey stated that the first meeting of the Postsecondary Course Audit Committee will be held on May 13, 2009, at the Des Moines Area Community College Ankeny Campus. The mandated committee is charged with annually auditing postsecondary courses offered to high school students in accordance with Senior Year Plus. The committee will consist of nine members: three from community colleges, three from the K-12 sector, and one from each of the three public universities. The committee will establish a review process and standards. For concurrent enrollment courses, if standards are not met, the course will not be eligible for future supplementary weighting unless satisfactory changes are made by the institution.

- EdInsight: Data Warehouse Grant
  Jeffrey announced that the United States Department of Education officially announced the awardees of the 2009 Institute for Education Sciences Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant. Iowa was one of 27 states to be awarded. The Department will receive an $8.8 million award over the next five years to help with continuation of the Statewide Longitudinal Data System and the data warehouse. This will enable the Department to connect to higher education and the workforce.

- Statewide Evaluation for School Counseling Programs
  Jeffrey stated that Department staff has begun work on a statewide research project to evaluate the progress school counselors are making toward full program implementation based on the new Iowa school counseling administrative rules. She reminded the Board that school counseling became mandated a couple of years ago. She indicated that many Iowa school districts are struggling with filling school counselor positions. The research will focus on the impact of the new legislation on student performance (academic, social, emotional, behavioral, and career) and on the impact of improved school counseling program delivery.

- Project Linking Iowa's Networks for Child/Youth Supports (LINCS)
  Jeffrey reported that the Department is working through a grant it received to facilitate schools' efforts to support students with mental health and challenging behaviors. The Department is working with pilot schools to look at wraparound services and the kinds of interventions that are needed to help staff working with students that have those challenging behaviors. The results will further statewide efforts to construct systems to support all students within schools.

- Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children
  Jeffrey stated that the applications have been read for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children. She indicated that the Department received $11.5 million out of the $15 million that was requested.

- Director Travels
  Director Jeffrey indicated that she had been traveling all over the state. Most recently she met with the Board of Regents' provosts to encourage coordination and cooperation in implementing an alternative licensure program for teacher interns. She indicated that they voted to move ahead with the collaborative program.

Jeffrey visited Rockwell Collins and went to their virtual reality lab. She also visited the East Marshall Community School District and had interesting conversations about what future schools could look like and what the students would want out of future teachers.

Jeffrey also visited the Grundy Center Community School District along with the United States Secretary of Education, Congressman Boswell, and other congressional staff.

Jeffrey stated that she visited the Postville Community School District as part of the community visits that are occurring. She had an opportunity to visit with the students who remain in Postville while, in some cases, neither of their parents are still in the community because they have been deported or are in jail. She stated that it is interesting how the community has pulled together and is supporting the students in order to have them finish their schooling.

- Novel Influenza A (H1N1)
  Jeffrey reported that the Department is working closely with the Iowa Department of Public Health. The Department has guidance on its website for Iowa's school districts.

Legislative Update

Konni Cawiezell, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Director, provided a recap of the 2009 legislative session. She stated that the Department had ten prefiled bills and three of those have been signed by the Governor. Those bills include:

- Senate File 81 – Disaster Recovery Bill
- Senate File 360 – Phase II
- House File 687 – Paperwork Reduction Act

Cawiezell reviewed major provisions of Senate File 470 (the Department's education budget). They include:

- An 8.33 percent cut to a majority of the Department's programs.
- Zeroing out programs that the Legislature didn't think impacted students across the state.
- Cost saving measures - submitting all reports electronically, and requiring state employees to submit paper receipts for meals.
- Home-school assistance program.
  - Schools are to spend that money for that purpose.
- Items community colleges need to report. (This language was also duplicated for the Regents.)
  - Specifically, community colleges have to report the revenue from high school student enrollment, the unduplicated enrollment head count of high school students, the total

credits being earned by high school students, and compensation of the Board – government affairs and contracted salaries.

- ❖ Provisions related to the Research and Development School at the University of Northern Iowa.

Judy Jeffrey provided additional information on the Research and Development School. She indicated that the school is meant to serve as a landmark in Iowa where research is done or identified and best teaching practices are demonstrated for all Iowa teachers to see. There was discussion about how the school will be funded. Jeffrey stated that students who go to the school will be counted by the resident district and generate state aid through the school finance formula. Those funds will follow the student to the Research and Development School through open enrollment and will be used to support educational costs at the school. The costs related to research and teacher preparation will come through the University of Northern Iowa's appropriation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sister Jude Fitzpatrick moved and Valorie Kruse seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Rules: Chapter 98 – Financial Management of Categorical Funding (Notice)

Carol Greta, Attorney, Office of the Director, reported that there is nothing substantively new in the rules. She indicated that the Board is being asked to give public notice of its intent to adopt the rules. The chapter provides guidance on financial management of funding and for auditors examining the financial condition and transactions of school districts and AEAs. This chapter will make it easier for business managers to find answers in one place. Greta reported that Division 1 contains general definitions, Division 2 contains appropriate use of budgetary allocations, Division 3 contains appropriate use of grants in aid, and Division 4 contains the appropriate use of special tax levies and funds.

Motion: Max Phillips moved and Charlie Edwards seconded approval to give public notice of its intent to amend Chapter 98.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Rules: Chapters 12 (Accreditation) and 58 (School Breakfast and Lunch Program) (Adopt)

Carol Greta, Attorney, Office of the Director, indicated that these are the Healthy Kids Act Rules. She stated that the Board noticed these rules and they are now being presented for adoption. The Healthy Kids Act rules are divided into three parts: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), physical activity, and nutrition.

Greta stated that the CPR rules have not changed and that they will go into effect with the graduation class of 2012. Prior to graduation, every student must have taken a course that could lead to CPR certification. It does not mean that all students need to be certified.

Greta reported that the physical activity rules will go into effect the 2009-10 school year. The only change from the noticed rules in this area relates to the contract that a school is to enter into with students who cannot fulfill their obligation of 120 minutes of physical activity per week at school (in school functions) or in physical education class. The contract is good for a full year. The rules originally said "one semester" when they were first noticed, but have been revised based on public comment that was received. Greta indicated that a sample contract has been drafted for schools to use.

Greta stated that the Department received several public comments on the nutrition section and that changes were made. The rules will be more flexible in response to comments. The general intent is to make sure that Iowa kids are physically active and consume healthy foods and beverages and that schools help carry that message forward. Greta also indicated that through the rulemaking process there has been a great opportunity to remind schools that one of the components of their health classes has always been to teach kids proper nutrition.

Other areas addressed as a result of public comment included a definition of "fundraising," revisions to the "Foods Tables," and a change in the implementation timeline. The implementation of the nutrition content standards has been delayed until after the 2010-2011 school year because schools reported that they needed more time to work with vendors.

Greta stated that the Department believes this is more palatable to schools. By giving them another year to get ready to implement it, the Department believes it has gone as far as it can go and still honor the legislation.

LaMetta Wynn asked if health care people were involved in the decision making. Greta responded that health care workers were represented on the panel that made the initial recommendations. However, the panel was not involved in helping the Department make final changes after public comment was received.

Max Phillips asked if there is any accountability to measure if children become less obese as a result of these rules. Phillips stated that nutritional rules have been around since the 1970s and measures indicate that they are not effective. Phillips stated that the right way to do this is to increase the requirement around instruction about healthy choices.

There was a question about students bringing cold lunch. Greta indicated that the goal is to make rules that don't entice all children to bring cold lunch to school because that could be even less nutritious than the hot lunch. She stated that you want to strike a balance between encouraging kids to eat what's provided at school and not having them bring something bad in from home.

> **Motion:** LaMetta Wynn moved and Brian Gentry seconded approval to adopt the proposed amendments to Chapters 12 and 58.
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> **Vote:** A vote was taken. Aye: Hussey, Edwards, Fitzpatrick, and Kobberdahl. Nay: Phillips and Kruse. The motion carried.

Rules: Chapter 79 – Standards for Practitioner and Administrator Preparation Programs (Notice)

Carol Greta, Attorney, Office of the Director, reported that the Board is being asked to notice changes to the chapter on standards for approval of teacher preparation programs, administrator preparation programs, and a new division that includes programs that educate people who work in the schools, but are not teachers. Greta stated that the Board will be asked to adopt these rules at the July State Board meeting.

Carole Richardson, Educational Consultant for Practitioner Preparation, Bureau of Accreditation and Improvement Services, provided background on the rules. Four years ago, revision work on Chapter 79 began in order to streamline, clarify, strengthen, and update standards for practitioner preparation programs. Two years ago, the first of these revisions, dealing specifically with teacher preparation programs, were adopted by the State Board. The revisions being presented today complete this revision process.

Richardson reported that there are six reasons for the proposed amendments. They are:

- to update administrator preparation requirements to reflect current state and national standards;
- to include requirements that address changing forms of delivery systems;
- to include specific rules for approval of professional educational programs that lead to state licensure in areas other than teacher or administrator preparation;
- to change the schedule for site visits;
- to include requirements that better prepare new educators to implement the required Iowa Core Curriculum; and
- to provide further clarification of rules.

Matt Ludwig, Leadership Consultant, Bureau of Accreditation and Improvement Services, indicated that the intent for administrator preparation programs is to align the work of the institutes of higher education around the Iowa Standards for School Leaders. Ludwig provided background, described the process that was used and the groups that provided input for the rules. He indicated there was a major change in the clinical standard as well as the knowledge, skills, and dispositions standard for administrator preparation programs.

Richardson indicated that another significant change to the chapter is the addition of division 5. This section was added to address programs that prepare educators, but that don't fall under the category of administrator or teacher (e.g., school psychologists, guidance counselors, audiologists, school social workers, speech language pathologists, and supervisors of certain special education providers).

Richardson reported that another significant change is moving from a five-year cycle to a seven-year approval cycle. This move is being proposed in an effort to conserve state resources. A longer cycle will allow the Department to continue to provide an in-depth approval process. She also indicated that this change is in line with what is happening nationally. Richardson stated that the Department always has the option to review more frequently. She noted that the Department collects data annually on institutions and an institute can be reviewed more frequently if there is an apparent need.

Brian Gentry asked if the change in cycle would change how deeply evaluations are done.

Richardson responded that the intent is to continue to provide a thorough review. However, the limitations on resources at the Department and

increasing responsibilities for review of administrator and other educator preparation programs, make a longer review cycle necessary.

Director Jeffrey further explained that the Department is now reviewing more programs. In addition to teacher education programs, we are reviewing administrator preparation programs and other endorsements. By extending the timeframe, we can continue to conduct thorough reviews. This change is in alignment with the national accreditation programs.

There was discussion about the evaluation of the programs, increasing classroom time for administrators, and the need to teach candidates how to implement an assessment system and evaluate student performance.

Richardson indicated that another significant change to the rules is an explicit connection to the Iowa Core Curriculum so that all candidates, teachers, and administrators can implement the Iowa Core Curriculum.

> **Motion:** Max Phillips moved and Valorie Kruse seconded approval to give public notice of its intent to amend Chapter 79.
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

AEA 13 and AEA 14 Reorganization Plan Approval

Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education, introduced Connie Maxson, Chief Administrator, Green Valley AEA 14, and Glenn Grove, Chief Administrator, Loess Hills AEA 13. Fangman indicated that they have been working with boards, staff members, and the Department on the reorganization of AEA 13 and AEA 14.

Maxson reported that they began working on the project in the spring of 2008. However, they have been sharing staff and services for longer since they are both in southwest Iowa. Maxson provided background on the reorganization process. She indicated that they had joint board meetings, developed guiding principles, created a document comparing services each agency offered, had joint superintendent meetings, and joint legislative retreats with superintendents.

Glenn Grove indicated that they learned from AEAs who have already been through the merger process. He stated that the goals of merging are to make services more efficient and make more funds available for direct services to children. Grove pointed out that they will be the second largest geographic AEA (just under AEA 267).

There was discussion about resources, the landscape of public schools, efficiencies, staff assignments, challenges, technology, services, athletics, funding, and the delivery mechanism.

Motion: Max Phillips moved and Sister Jude Fitzpatrick seconded approval of the reorganization plan for AEA 13 and AEA 14.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Director Jeffrey recognized Glenn Grove and Connie Maxson for their hard work. She also recognized a board member. She stated that employees and board members have an investment in mergers such as this. Connie Maxson indicated that Mark Draper and David Van Horn have worked very hard on the merger as well.

Jeffrey indicated that AEA 13 and AEA 14 were the last of the agencies that were listed in the 2001 AEA Reorganization Plan to move toward reorganization.

Rosie Hussey asked if it would be appropriate to have the Department do a follow-up report now that the original plan is complete to talk about what the system looks like now and describe any savings that have occurred. Jeffrey indicated that the dollars still flow exactly as they have always flowed to the AEAs – on a per student formula. As the AEAs reorganize, savings from the management structure flow back into services for students. There's a misconception that there will be financial savings as a result. The change is in how the dollars flow to services.

Max Phillips stated that we could encourage administrators to think about how services get delivered in the future.

Jeffrey suggested that AEAs come as a group and talk about what has occurred as a result of the reorganizations.

Hussey stated that might be the time to talk about transforming the future.

Jeffrey suggested this be a retreat item for the 2010 State Board Retreat.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Budget Approval for AEAs

Jim Addy, Administrator, Division of School Support and Information, introduced Denise Ragais, Consultant, School Finance Team. Addy indicated that Ragais is part of the finance team and works with the AEA budgets. Addy also introduced Glenn Grove, Chief Administrator, Loess Hills AEA 13. Grove was elected to represent all of the AEA chiefs this year.

Ragais reviewed the materials that were submitted to the Board for their review and approval. She indicated that a $7.5 million dollar reduction was to be considered in preparing the budgets. There was discussion about the stimulus funds. The budgets will need to be amended because when they were developed the amount of stimulus money was unknown.

Glenn Grove mentioned that the AEAs are working hard to become a statewide system so schools across Iowa get equitable services. He indicated that AEAs are trying to figure out how to make the biggest impact with the dollars they have. Grove stated that Director Jeffrey and her staff meet with the AEA administrators at their monthly meetings.

Motion: Charlie Edwards moved and Valorie Kruse seconded to approve the AEA budgets for fiscal year 2009-10.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Iowa Community Colleges Fiscal Year 2010 Certified Budget Report

Roger Utman, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, introduced Kent Farver, CPA and Education Program Consultant, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, and Debra Derr, President, North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC).

Farver provided an overview and requirements of the certified budget process. He indicated that the State Board has statutory responsibility for approval of the community college budgets. The budget report provides the Board with information necessary to review and approve the proposed budgets prior to June 1 each year.

Farver described the process community colleges use in preparing their annual budgets. He indicated that revenues and expenditures are projected to be down for 2010 due to the economy. The narrative section of the report gives the individual perspectives of the colleges based on what's happening (e.g., reduction in funding, projected reduction in funding, and the economy).

Debra Derr talked about her experience and the process NIACC used in preparing their budget this year. She stated that the stimulus dollars will help with very strategic projects and programs.

There was board discussion on what the enrollment picture looks like for this year.

Motion: Wayne Kobberdahl moved and Valorie Kruse seconded approval of the community college budgets as provided.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

North Iowa Area Community College Accreditation Report

Roger Utman, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, introduced Colleen Hunt, Chief, Bureau of Community Colleges. Utman indicated that he and Hunt co-chaired the NIACC accreditation visit. Utman also stated that Debra Derr, President, NIACC, was present to answer questions.

Hunt indicated that NIACC is participating in the Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality (PEAQ) process with the Higher Learning Commission. She described the PEAQ process and indicated that this is one of the methods that the Higher Learning Commission utilizes for accreditation of community colleges. Hunt stated that the Department conducts its visit the same year that the Higher Learning Commission conducts its visit. She also indicated that there is also an interim visit and that this visit was the interim visit.

Hunt provided details of the review process. She stated that there were eight items that needed to be addressed at the interim visit. Of those eight items, it was felt that seven were met and did not need follow-up. Hunt reviewed the institutional strengths cited and also outlined the opportunities for improvement suggested during the visit.

One of the improvement areas on faculty load prompted discussion. Hunt indicated that this has been a common theme for community college accreditation visits.

Debra Derr came to Iowa from Wisconsin so there was discussion on how Iowa's system compares to Wisconsin.

Colleen Hunt recommended continued accreditation for NIACC.

> **Motion:** Charlie Edwards moved and Sister Jude Fitzpatrick seconded continued accreditation for NIACC through 2013.
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

Renewal of Charter Status – West Central Community School District

Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education, introduced John Johnson, Superintendent, West Central Community School District. John Johnson indicated that he is also the high school principal at West Central Schools in Maynard and the manager of the Northeast Iowa Charter School. Johnson introduced Amanda Kelly, Nick Robinson, and Andrew Williams, students at West Central Community School District.

Johnson reviewed some of the accomplishments that the students have had with the charter. He indicated that he brought a diverse group of students so they could share their experiences with the Board.

Johnson distributed a handout to the Board. He reviewed the goals and gave examples of meeting their goals. He also reviewed some of the graphs that were included in the handout. He indicated that the information being shared supports the fact that their students are thriving in the charter setting.

There was discussion as to what a charter school can do that a public school can't, the rigor and relevance of the courses, how much money they received for the program and how the money was spent, graduation rate, oversight, and charter structure.

The students talked about the classes, instructors, opportunities, money savings, and plans for the future.

Rosie indicated that the Board is very interested in learning more about the charter issue and that this will be a continuous conversation.

> **Motion:** Sister Jude Fitzpatrick moved and Charlie Edwards seconded approval of the charter school renewal for West Central Community School District. (The charter school is called Northeast Iowa Charter High School.)
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> **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

National Association of State Boards of Education and Centers for Disease Control HIV Conference

Brian Gentry, State Board Member, attended a National Association of State Boards of Education sponsored conference the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) held to look at HIV and AIDS among minority groups, particularly African-Americans.

Gentry stated that the CDC initiated this effort because there had been a spike in new cases in the black community, in general, and a dramatic spike in black men. Gentry shared information on transmission, trends, and statistics of HIV and AIDS cases. Gentry stated that many theories were discussed and that access to health care was a significant factor. Other theories include: detection and treatment, poverty, and stress.

Gentry reported that the CDC hosted several conferences to get information from the public and determined some of the traditional approaches were not working. The CDC was very interested in speaking to State Boards so they got the National Association of State Boards of

Education (NASBE) involved. NASBE funded the trip as an opportunity for discussions on teaching sex education and health related issues.

Gentry stated that Sara Peterson, the Department's HIV/AIDS Prevention Consultant, and a stakeholders workgroup developed an *Iowa HIV Strategic Plan*. Gentry shared the highlights from the strategic plan for the Board's consideration:

1. Increase the awareness and understanding of effective and consistent HIV/AIDS policies. Provide districts with current model policies through the Iowa Association of School Boards and to offer technical assistance.
2. Increase the ability and capacity of school administrators, teachers, and AEAs to deliver effective sustainable HIV prevention programs and communicate the availability of statewide services.
3. Increase the implementation of HIV prevention curriculum by schools and agencies working with schools.
4. Increase and maintain collaborative relationships.
5. Identify and obtain additional funding to support outreach efforts.

Sara Peterson mentioned that *Iowa's HIV Strategic Plan* was submitted and approved by the CDC. She indicated that funding is a problem, but is hopeful that prevention will receive more money with the new Obama administration. Peterson described what is being done to meet the goals that are included in *Iowa's HIV Strategic Plan.*

Gentry commended Sara Peterson for the work that she has done and indicated he would be interested in feedback from districts. Gentry stated that most people think abstinence is a great message, but it can't be the only message. There were 56,000 new HIV cases last year in the United States and those numbers continue to increase.

Iowa Community Colleges Adult Literacy Annual Report

Roger Utman, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, introduced Helene Grossman, State Director for Adult Literacy, Phyllis Hinton, Adult Literacy Consultant, and Amy Vybiral, Federal/Data Grant Management Consultant, Division of Community Colleges.

Grossman shared a PowerPoint and reviewed some highlights of the year. The highlights included development or revision of the monitoring process, assessment policy, and distance education policy; involvement in the Center for Adult English Acquisition, the creation of Iowans Supporting Adult Literacy Today, collaboration with the Iowa Association for Lifelong Learning, and participation with Iowa Workforce Development and I-Best.

Grossman also reported that the federal funding allocation was cut by $397,000 (or 10 percent) and that there is a possible cut again next year. She also indicated that this is the final year of family literacy funding.

A video was shown on Orlando Sisk, a participant in an adult and family literacy program who was also a student at Hawkeye Community College. Grossman mentioned a calendar that has been developed that contains student success stories from each community college.

Phyllis Hinton reviewed a PowerPoint that talked about professional development for practitioners working with adults learning English. She indicated that Iowa was one of 12 states awarded funding from the National Center for Adult English Language Acquisition to increase capacity to provide high quality professional development for practitioners working with adults learning English. She indicated that it can be a very challenging population to serve.

Amy Vybiral reviewed a PowerPoint that contained several statistics. She stated that Iowa met all five of the state benchmarks. She also indicated that the General Educational Development (GED) pass rate is 99 percent and is still the highest pass rate in the United States and Canada. Iowa increased federally mandated educational funding level benchmarks by 18 percent, from 55 percent attainment in 2007 to 73 percent in 2008. Vybiral indicated that data collected for the four-year Workforce Investment Act incentive grant that funded community college Family Literacy Programs will be used to track postsecondary education and training program enrollees into community colleges and four-year institutions through 2014.

Board Reports

Charlie Edwards indicated he had nothing to report.

Sister Jude Fitzpatrick attended meetings of the Coordinating Council for Post High School Education and the Coordinating Council for Hearing Services in Iowa. She heard from field practitioners about both the successes and challenges that they face.

Valorie Kruse attended a Wallace Foundation two-day special planning workshop.

Wayne Kobberdahl indicated he had nothing to report.

LaMetta Wynn thanked Director Jeffrey for attending a Rotary Club meeting in Clinton. She reported that she went to the University of Northern Iowa to hear the Secretary of Education speak.

Wynn also commented on the presentation heard earlier today on the HIV Conference. She stated that when educators enter a classroom to educate students on HIV, they need to be sensitive to African-American students without embarrassing them.

Max Phillips reported that the Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce (ITW) is getting ready to release a report in July. He also announced that the ITW lost its funding. Phillips indicated that there has been a lot of discussion about the need for a business education roundtable in the state. Phillips has also agreed to be on the Technology Task Force.

Rosie Hussey reported that she's working on the State Board Retreat agenda with the help of Valorie Kruse. She reminded the Board that the retreat will be at held at the Des Moines Area Community College on June 18-19.

Welcome Teachers from Taiwan

Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education, indicated that this is the second year that the Department has had a group of teachers from Taiwan visit Iowa. Last year, there were 16 visiting teachers and this year there are 18. He reported that the Department has a partnership with the Taipei Ministry Office of Economic Development in Chicago.

Fangman indicated that while in Iowa, the teachers will attend the AEA Board of Directors conference, visit Drake University, Heartland AEA, Iowa Public Television, the Downtown School, and the Department of Education. They will also visit the host schools and stay with host families in the following school districts: West Des Moines, Des Moines, and Southeast Polk.

Hu Chun-hao (Howard), the principal, addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation for allowing them to come to Iowa. Cheng Shu-mei (Margot), the director, said she is in charge of executing the projects and coordinating the group of teachers in order to promote English education in Taipei County.

Rosie Hussey presented each teacher with a gift and a photo was taken with each teacher, Hussey and Director Jeffrey.

President Hussey adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Rosie Hussey
President

Judy A. Jeffrey, Director and
Executive Officer