

EMAILS FROM ILLINOIS BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFIRMING IASB AS SINGLE SOURCE TRAINER UNDER SB7

From: SIMHAUSER AMANDA [<mailto:asimhaus@isbe.net>]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 4:27 PM
To: 'Kirk Allen'
Subject: RE: FOIA Online

Dear Mr. Allen,

It is our agency's interpretation that this language in the statute is referring to IASB, which was established in Article 23 of the School Code.

Thanks,

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From: Kirk Allen [<mailto:KAllen@1ststriketech.com>]
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To: SIMHAUSER AMANDA
Subject: RE: FOIA Online

You state that 10-16a established IASB's ability to offer training. Please highlight that fact in the statute as what you highlighted **does not** establish IASB's ability to offer training nor does it mention any association by name.

Thanks
Kirk Allen

From: SIMHAUSER AMANDA [<mailto:asimhaus@isbe.net>]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 1:42 PM
To: 'Kirk Allen'
Subject: RE: FOIA Online

Hi Mr. Allen,

Please see below:

10-16a established IASB's ability to offer training:

(105 ILCS 5/10-16a)
Sec. 10-16a. School board member's leadership training.

(a) This Section applies to all school board members serving pursuant to Section 10-10 of this Code who have been elected after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly or appointed to fill a vacancy of at least one year's duration after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.

(b) Every voting member of a school board of a school district elected or appointed for a term beginning after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, within a year after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly or the first year of his or her first term, shall complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training covering topics in education and labor law, financial oversight and accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities of a school board member. The school district shall maintain on its Internet website, if any, the names of all voting members of the school board who have successfully completed the training.

(c) The training on financial oversight, accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities may be provided by an association established under this Code for the purpose of training school board members or by other qualified providers approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with an association so established.

(Source: P.A. 97-8, eff. 6-13-11.)

Article 23 of the School Code establishes the School Board Association:

(105 ILCS 5/23-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 23-1)

Sec. 23-1. Purpose of article.

This Article has for its purpose the education of school board members as to their duties and responsibilities so as to improve the management of the public schools, through associations of school boards. The activities of any association which complies with this Article are hereby declared to constitute a public purpose.

(Source: Laws 1961, p. 31.)

Sec. 23-2. Boards may form or join associations.

School boards are authorized to form, join and provide for the expenses of associations of Illinois school boards formed for the purpose of conducting county or regional school board institutes and otherwise disseminating and interchanging information regarding school board problems, duties and responsibilities, provided such associations comply with the requirements of this Article.

(Source: Laws 1961, p. 31.)

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From the State Board of Education web site:

PA 97-03578 effective June 13, 2011 added Section 10-16a to the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-16a) which establishes training requirements for school board members. The **law requires that the training be conducted by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) or other entities that the State Board approves in consultation with IASB**

The Law does not mention IASB?
(105 ILCS 5/10-16a)

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What I need is the specific language that requires us to use the IASB for the training. As you can see from the above underlined portion of the statute referenced on the Board of Education's web site, there is no mention of IASB as the ones required by law.

Thanks
Kirk Allen

From: SIMHAUSER AMANDA [<mailto:asimhaus@isbe.net>]
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Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on April 11.

You have requested information regarding required school board member leadership training, including the list of associations established under the code as well as a list of other qualified providers approved by ISBE.

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) is approved by statute to conduct this training. For other associations, ISBE has just opened up the process to allow them to submit their application for approval to provide the training.

The application process is open until May 1. After this date, ISBE will review the applications with assistance from the IASB and determine their approval status.

At this time, no other association has been approved. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to your request.

More information about the school board member training provider application is available at www.isbe.net/finance/htmls/sb-training.htm.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

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