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The meeting of the Indiana State Board of Education convened at 9:02 a.m. Board members Dr. Tony Bennett, Jo Blacketor, Mike Pettibone, Steve Gabet, James D. Edwards, Daniel Elsener, Vicki Snyder, Neil Pickett, and David Shane were present. Sarah O'Brien was not present.

I. **Call to Order**

Dr. Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

Mrs. Blacketor moved for approval of the minutes. Mr. Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. **Statement of the Chair**

Dr. Bennett discussed action taken by Board members on August 29 regarding the assignment of Turnaround School Operators (TSO) and Lead Partners. Community engagement meetings are ongoing with department staff. The meetings have been very informative. The TSOs and Lead Partners will be scheduling and conducting community meetings as well.

IV. Spotlight on Learning – Spotlight on Learning was deferred.

V. Board Member Comments

Mr. Pettibone gave Board members a copy of an article about school consolidation, written by Jamie Steiner, graduate from Adams Central, now attending Purdue University. Mr. Pettibone reported that Adams Central is in its second year as a New Tech school for 9th and 10th grade students. It's going well; support from CELL and Fort Wayne has been exceptional and has been key to getting the program up and running. Mr. Pettibone also reported on a 10 million dollar project, recently finished, which came through the qualified school construction bond with a zero percent interest rate. This will save the corporation eight million dollars in interest payments over a period of 15 years.

Mr. Pickett asked about negotiations with TSOs and when the Department expects the Lead Partners to be in the schools. James Larson, Director School Turnaround advised the TSO contracts are going through a final review with Department staff, the Attorney General, and the Indiana Department of Administration and will soon be finalized. DOE staff is setting up meetings with school staff and Lead Partners to discuss integrating Lead Partners into the existing work. Those meetings will be held within the next two weeks and the Lead Partner contracts are being finalized as well. Mr. Larson said the plan is to have Lead Partners in the schools by October 1.

VI. Adjudications and Hearings

VII. Public Comments

Dr. Vic Smith provided public comment.

VIII. Discussion

Mr. Bruce, Chief Assessment Officer, provided Board members with the testing window dates for ISTEP+, End of Course Assessments (ECA) and IREAD-3. Staff is making sure all high schools have registered for the ECAs. IREAD-3 has been added to the calendar, and this will be a 75 minute test, divided into three sections. It can be given in one day, but schools will be given three days to give the complete test. A number of school corporations are on vacation the week of March 19-21, and most of those will be giving the IREAD-3 test the second week of the ISTEP window which is the week prior to the scheduled IREAD-3 test window.

IREAD K, 1, and 2 will be available for schools at the end of the current school year. These summative assessments provide a systemic approach to identifying students who may not be on track prior to the administration of IREAD-3. Mr. Pickett indicated that a briefing on IREAD-3 would be helpful. Mr. Bruce agreed to provide some additional information including some of the released items at a future board meeting.

Mr. Larson and Jackie Cissell, Assistant Director/Community Engagement discussed accountability issues. Ms. Cissell said they have had very successful meetings at the community forums the past week. The community forums have provided the opportunity to answer questions, correct misinformation, and assist in finding common ground – specifically, the students in the affected schools. Ms. Cissell provided dates for community forums scheduled soon for Arlington Community High School, Broad Ripple Magnet High School, George Washington Community High School, T.C. Howe Community High School, Emmerich Manual High School, Theodore Roosevelt Career and Technical Academy, and Emma Donnan Middle School.

Mr. Pickett raised concerns regarding the teachers involved in these schools, particularly the Turnaround Schools. The TSOs will be making decisions, and some kind of an assurance is needed that metrics will be used and a process will be implemented to inform teachers while going forward. Mr. Larson assured the Board that meetings with teachers will be conducted as soon as some logistical issues are worked out. Dr. Bennett said he wants the TSOs to promptly talk with the teaching staff at those buildings, the administrators, and the central office staff of those districts, so this part of the process is addressed.

Mr. Larson said another thing being done is the development on the web site of “frequently asked questions” about the process, the TSOs, Lead Partners, and specifics to each school, ensuring that everyone gets the same information.

Dr. Daniel Clark, Executive Director of the Indiana Education Roundtable, provided information on the recent Roundtable meeting topic of how to connect education to the workforce of the future, during which the Roundtable formally resolved that State Board adopt college and career readiness standards. Dr. Clark also advised that, by 2018, it is anticipated that more than 60% of jobs will require postsecondary education. The college and career readiness assessments will assist schools and students in determining if a student is ready for postsecondary education.

Mr. Edwards said powerful data came out of the Education Roundtable presentation and it would be beneficial if Mr. Brian Bosworth, President, FutureWorks could come and make a presentation at one of the State Board meetings.

IX. Consent Agenda Items

Becky Bowman, State Board of Education Administrator presented a request for approval of the following:

- A.** Freeway School Petition for Southport Presbyterian Christian School.
- B.** School Technology Advancement Account (STAA) loan requests.
- C.** Readoption of rules scheduled to expire on December 31, 2011.

D. Initiation of rulemaking to revise 511 IAC 6.2-8 and 6.2-9.

Mr. Pickett moved for approval of the consent agenda items. Mr. Pettibone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shane asked for specific information as to what schools do with the STAA loan dollars. Ms. Bowman will ask for a summary from the Director of School Finance for a future board meeting.

X Action

A. Anna Shults and John Wolf, Reading Consultants, presented a request for approval to initiate rulemaking and proposed revisions to 511 IAC 6.2-3.1 (Reading Plan).

Mr. Pickett made a motion to accept the proposed rule as presented. Mr. Shane amended the motion to change the last sentence in 511 IAC 6.2-3.1-4(a)(2) from “Charter schools are exempt from this subsection” to “Charter schools and schools whose students pass IREAD-3 at 90 percent or higher are exempt from this subsection.” Mr. Elsener seconded the motion, as amended. The motion passed by a vote of seven in favor and two opposed.

Mr. Pettibone made a motion to delete the proposed language in 511 IAC 6.2-3.1-4(c), specifically: “The reading plan of a charter school whose students pass IREAD-3 at 90 percent or higher shall not be requested by the department from the charter school’s sponsor.” Mr. Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed with eight votes in favor and one abstention.

Mr. Elsener made a motion to approve the proposed rules as amended by the Board. Mr. Pettibone seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven in favor and two opposed.

B. Ms. Bowman presented a request for approval from Carmel Clay Schools regarding the student ADM count date.

Mr. Shane made a motion to allow Carmel to add the IDTC students to its original ADM count, on a prorated basis, if the IDTC students that were enrolled in the Warner School on September 16 enroll in Carmel Schools by December 1. Mrs. Blacketor seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of eight in favor and one opposed.

XI. Board Operations

Board members approved by consensus the 2012 meeting schedule.

Dr. Bennett said in October the Board will be taking up the issue of P.L. 221 metrics. He also advised that the “waiver” process is expected to be released by the U.S. Department of Education prior to the Board’s October meeting. The DOE has been working on a waiver, as to what the framework will look like, in order to have the specifics in place, and move the rulemaking process through the system.

Mrs. Blacketor moved for adjournment. Mr. Picket seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.