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Department of Education

James Whitcomb Riley Conference Room

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9:00 a.m.

Board members Dr. Tony Bennett, James D. Edwards, Tony Walker, David Shane, Neil Pickett, Jo Blacketer, and Daniel Elsener were present. Sarah O'Brien, Vicki Snyder, and Mike Pettibone were absent.

Tony Walker moved to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2012, Board meeting; Jim Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bennett provided a legislative update, noting the funding for full-day kindergarten and the addition of a second count day, and described Indiana's participation in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessment Consortium. He also reported on the ongoing feedback on the USDOE waivers and announced the Governor's appointment of Cari Whicker as the newest member to the State Board.

Dr. Bennett confirmed for Jim Edwards that PARCC is on track for implementation in 2014. Tony Walker commented on the full-day kindergarten funding, noting that Indiana must continue to move forward and ultimately require full-day kindergarten for all students.

Staff from the West Goshen Elementary School's provided the Spotlight on Learning, describing their success in utilizing TAP: The System for Teacher and Student Advancement. West Goshen was recently awarded the TAP School of Promise Award for its efforts in implementing the early stages of TAP.

Gail Zaheralis offered public comment on the proposed revisions to 511 IAC 6.2-8 and 9.

Mary Gardner provided an update on the Lead Partner activities that have focused on things such as literacy, professional development, professional learning communities, and administrator coaching. Board member discussion resulted in a request to look at trends such as student attendance, student tardies, teacher attendance, and student achievement/outcomes to determine the impact of the intervention. Representatives of Edison Learning, EdPower, and Charter Schools USA reported on their activities and challenges to date. Board member discussion resulted in an affirmation that the Department use all authorized means to resolve the issues and challenges that are negatively impacting the turnaround school operators' ability to complete their evaluations and move toward an operational plan.

Dale Chu presented the final iteration of the "School Report Card" for the Board's consideration.

The Board, in its consent agenda and by unanimous vote, approved: (1) the petitions for freeway accreditation for: Canyon Ridge, Grace Academy, Michiana Christian, New Vision, North Star, Christ Baptist, Independence Academy, Mosaic School, North Liberty, and St. Paul, and (2) the change to Milan Community Schools' governing board plan.

Chris Greisl presented the proposed boundaries for the IPS board member districts and advised that the IPS Board of Commissioners had adopted the Department's the boundary changes proposed by the Department. Neil Pickett moved to approve the proposed boundaries, and Jim Edwards seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Dale Chu presented proposed amendments to 511 IAC 6.2. Neil Pickett moved to approve the proposed amendments. Tony Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Michele Walker requested approval of the proposed distribution of the remediation/prevention grant funds. David Shane moved to approve the proposed distribution; Tony Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed with six ayes and one abstention.

As a result of the recent natural disaster experienced by Henryville and West Clark Community Schools, Dr. Bennett requested authority from the Board to allow him to determine and approve appropriate accommodations to the standardized testing procedures and requirements for those schools. Dan Elsener moved to approve the delegation of authority, and David Shane seconded the motion. The Board approved the delegation by unanimous vote.

Tony Walker moved to adjourn the meeting; Jo Blacketor seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.