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Department of Education

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9:00 a.m.

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

Neil Pickett moved to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2012, Board meeting; Jim Edwards seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as written was unanimous.

Dr. Bennett provided an update on recently released graduation rate results. He also advised that the College Board's Annual AP Report shows that in the past year, Indiana ranked 6th in AP success and that Indiana achieved the sixth highest one-year increase in students who graduated and earned a score of 3, 4, or 5.

Public comments on the proposed A-F metrics were provided by Byron Ernest, Steve Baker, Vic Smith, Patricia Titus, and Rebecca Robinson. John Elcesser commented on the reading plan rule.

Dale Chu provided information on the changes to the proposed rule on A-F metrics (LSA #11-51). After the Board's discussion, Tony Walker moved to approve the final rule language

as proposed. Neil Pickett seconded the motion. Six members voted to approve the final rule, two opposed, and one member abstained. The final rule was approved as presented.

As part of the discussion, the Board agreed that the "Report Card" on which a school's grade is explained needs to include more detail about how growth impacted the school's grade. David Shane wants an update on how the A-F determinations will be better communicated.

Anna Shults and John Wolf presented information on the components of the reading plan required by 511 IAC 6.2-3.1-3. Staff from the Danville Community School Corporation provided information about how the reading plan has worked in their schools. DOE staff also presented information on the results of the public hearing on the proposed changes to the reading plan rule (LSA #11-561). David Shane moved to approve the final rule as proposed, and Jo Blacketor seconded the motion. Eight members voted to approve, and one member opposed. The final rule was approved as presented.

Becky Bowman provided information on additional changes to the proposed educator licensing rule (LSA #12-7). Mike Pettibone moved to approve the changes to the proposed rule, and Vicki Snyder seconded the motion. The vote approving the changes as presented was unanimous.

The issue of the timely filing of objections in State Board Hearing #1112012 was presented for the Board's determination. Tony Walker moved that the Board find that the Petitioners had timely filed their objections. Jo Blacketor seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of two in favor and seven opposed. Neil Pickett moved that the Board find that the objections were not timely filed, and Sarah O'Brien seconded the motion. By a vote of seven in favor and two opposed, the Board determined that the Petitioners did not file their objections by the established deadline. As the objections were deemed not timely filed, David Shane moved to approve the recommended decision as written, and Neil Pickett seconded the motion. By a vote of eight in favor and one opposed, the recommended decision was approved.

Dr. Tracy Caddell, Randy Maurer, Shawn Carpenter, and Dennis Bagley of Eastern Howard School Corporation provided the Spotlight on Learning, demonstrating how the use of various forms of technology keeps students engaged in learning.

The Board, in its consent agenda and by unanimous vote, approved the special education child count and the requests of two schools to administer IREAD-3 two weeks earlier than scheduled.

Zach Foughty provided an update on textbook adoption procedures, clarifying the changes that occurred as a result of legislative action in 2011. Further communication of this information to superintendents was recommended.

Jim Larson and Jackie Cissell provided an update on the activities of both the Lead Partners and the Turnaround School Operators and answered various Board member questions. An interim update will be provided to Board members on February 22, 2012, and the TSOs will provide individual reports at the March Board meeting.

Board members asked for a legislative update at or before the next Board meeting. It was noted that the next Board meeting will be on March 6, rather than March 7.

David Shane moved to adjourn the meeting; Tony Walker seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m.