



# Indiana State Board of Education

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## **INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Department of Education

James Whitcomb Riley Conference Room

151 West Ohio Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

9:00 a.m.

Board members Dr. Tony Bennett, James D. Edwards, Tony Walker, Neil Pickett, Jo Blacketer, Sarah O'Brien, Mike Pettibone, Vicki Snyder, and Daniel Elsener were present. Cari Whicker and David Shane were absent; however, Mr. Shane participated in part of the meeting via telephone.

James Edwards moved to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2012, Board meeting; Tony Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bennett read a letter from a third grader regarding his experience with IREAD-3, including a recommendation that veteran IREAD-3 test takers talk to younger students about how to be prepared. Dr. Bennett also provided an update on recent presentation to the Select Commission on Education, the status of the A-F rule (effective May 16, 2012), and announced Vicki Snyder's retirement and her resignation from the Board.

Vicki Snyder acknowledged the Board's efforts during her tenure and her appreciation for being a part of the Board since 2006. Neil Pickett moved that she be formally recognized for her service to the Board, and Dan Elsener seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Mike Pettibone commented about the successful administration of the online ISTEP+ and acknowledged Wes Bruce's efforts in this regard. Sarah O'Brien, Mike Pettibone, and Neil Pickett raised some questions and commented on the IREAD-3 process. Mr. Pickett asked that DOE provide the Board with information on how the process went, what was learned from the process, and whether there are things that can be done to make it better.

Staff from the Avon Advanced Learning Center provided the Spotlight on Learning, showcasing their efforts and success in providing students the opportunity to experience learning in a collegiate type atmosphere in preparation for successful transition to a post-secondary environment. The implementation of the AALC has resulted in an increased graduation rate, increased senior GPAs, and 27.2% of senior class scoring a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

Dr. Myrtle Campbell, Dr. Eugene White, Debbie DeBolt, Kelly Shafer, and Lisa Brown offered public comment.

Jim Larson advised that the initial deliverables for each TSO's operation of the turnaround academy had been provided and that final plans would be provided to board members in advance of the June board meeting. Mary Gardner provided an update on the Lead Partner activities, describing intensified efforts and increased services as teachers and students prepared for ISTEP and ECAs. In addition, the lead partners met with DOE and IPS staff to provide an update and plan for moving forward. Neil Pickett asked that a teacher or administrator from one of the lead partner high schools attend a future board meeting to describe the experience of working with the lead partners. Jackie Cissell provided an update on community engagement, citing a number of collaboration activities and events sponsored by the community partners and TSOs.

Zach Foughty provided information on the Department's request to revise the summer school funding structure from a cost-reimbursement method to a per-student basis. Neil Pickett moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking to amend the summer school reimbursement rule. Dan Elsener seconded the motion, and the vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

The Board, in its consent agenda and by a vote of eight in favor and one abstention, approved: (1) the Department's recommendations for construction and technology loans; (2)

the petitions for freeway accreditation for: Gateway Woods, Trinity, and the second campus for Horizon Christian, and (3) the change to the governing body plans for Concord and MSD of North Posey.

The Board conducted two administrative proceedings to determine the amount of state tuition support funds necessary to fund the operation of the turnaround academies.

Matt Voors requested approval of the proposed administrative process for use in Board determinations under 511 IAC 6.2-9-8(d). Jo Blacketer moved to approve the process. Dan Elsener seconded the motion. The motion passed with six votes in favor. Two board members were absent from the room when the vote was taken.

Risa Regnier requested approval of the revision of proposed language in sections of 511 IAC 15-6. Mike Pettibone moved to approve the revised language of the proposed rule, and Tony Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Wes Bruce requested approval of the proposed distribution of the GQE remediation grant funds. Tony Walker moved to approve the proposed distribution; Mike Pettibone seconded the motion. The motion passed with six in favor and one opposed. One board member was absent from the room when the vote was taken.

Becky Bowman requested approval to initiate rulemaking for limited amendment to 511 IAC 7-48 to align with federal requirements. Tony Walker moved to approve request. Mike Pettibone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bennett noted that the next Board meeting will be held on June 6, 2012.

Tony Walker moved to adjourn the meeting; Mike Pettibone seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.