

## INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 6, 2013

Indiana Government Center – Conference Room A

302 West Washington

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

9:00 a.m.

Board members Glenda Ritz, James Edwards, Jo Blacketor, Mike Pettibone, David Shane, Cari Whicker, B.J. Watts, Sarah O'Brien, Neil Pickett and Daniel Elsener were present. Tony Walker was absent.

Upon a motion by Dan Elsener, second by Mike Pettibone, and vote of nine members in favor (the Chair did not vote), the minutes from the January 2, 2013, Board meeting were approved.

Superintendent Ritz asked for any additional agenda items. Jo Blacketor added the recent NASBE conference on Common Core to the Discussion agenda.

Superintendent Ritz advised that Board Meeting Procedures had recently been drafted in collaboration with the Governor's office. Board members will receive an electronic copy of the procedures for further discussion at a future Board member orientation inservice. In summarizing the procedures for the meeting, Superintendent Ritz noted a change public participation, specifically that individuals who wish to provide public comment on a specific agenda item will be heard at the time the Board addresses that item. General comments will be received during the Public General Comment segment of the agenda.

Neil Pickett reported on a note received from Dr. Bennett, thanking the Board for the gift of the dictionary and dictionary stand. Mike Pettibone complimented Superintendent Ritz, the Governor, and David Dresslar on the Indiana Education-Workforce Innovation Network meeting that was held last week.

There were no comments during the Public General Comment segment.

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent of Richmond Community Schools, Kathy Parker, Director of the Office of Student Achievement, and Linda Morgason, President of the Board of School Trustees provided the Best Practices and Innovations in Education presentation, highlighting Richmond Community Schools' reading initiative.

Superintendent Ritz introduced the Department's new executive personnel and provided an overview of the Department's new organizational structure.

The reports on the turnaround academies and lead partners were acknowledged. Board members had no questions on the content. Neil Pickett asked for an update on the physical plant issues at Roosevelt. Superintendent Ritz advised that she and staff have been meeting with the superintendent of Gary Community Schools and will be meeting with Edison Learning in an attempt to resolve the situation. She noted that the lack of a contract between the school corporation and the turnaround school operator regarding maintenance of the turnaround academy is a significant factor. Jo Blacketer also asked for a plan on the future of the turnaround academies.

Jo Blacketer reported on her recent attendance at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) conference on Common Core and provided related materials to Board members. Discussion ensued regarding the Board's continued support for Indiana's use of the Common Core State Standards. Neil Pickett moved, Sarah O'Brien seconded, and nine members voted in favor of sending a statement to the legislature articulating the Board's continued commitment to Indiana's participation in the Common Core State Standards.

David Shane moved to approve the consent agenda, specifically the revised December 1, 2012, special education child count. Neil Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Superintendent Ritz called for nominations for Board Secretary and explained the Secretary's responsibilities. Mike Pettibone nominated Neil Pickett. No further nominations were made, and Superintendent Ritz declared Neil Pickett to be the duly elected Secretary.

Jason Kloth, Deputy Mayor of Education, presented the Mayor Ballard's Petition to assume oversight of the operators of the four Indianapolis turnaround academies. Jon Hage, Marcus

Robinson, Ryan Gall, Ian Yearwood, and Caitlin Hannon provided comments in support of the Mayor's Petition. Superintendent Ritz called for a motion to approve the Mayor's Petition for oversight of the four Indianapolis turnaround academies contingent upon amending existing contracts between the department and the turnaround school operator. Dan Elsener so moved, Mike Pettibone seconded the motion, and the Board engaged in extensive discussion. The Superintendent conducted a roll call vote with all members voting affirmatively. The Chair did not vote.

Superintendent Ritz noted that there had been some discussion with Board members about the meeting schedule, and based on those discussions she concluded that no changes to the 2013 schedule were necessary. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6.

Board members complimented Superintendent Ritz on a good inaugural meeting.

Superintendent Ritz adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:35.