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9:00 a.m.

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

Upon a motion by B.J. Watts, second by Sarah O'Brien, and unanimous vote, the minutes from the December 5, 2012, Board meeting were approved.

Suzanne Whitton, Indiana Teacher of the Year, along with her art students, made presentations of their artwork to Dr. Bennett, the Department, Board members, and all school corporations that received an "A".

Neil Pickett, on behalf of the Board, presented Dr. Bennett with a dictionary and dictionary stand in recognition of and appreciation for Dr. Bennett's efforts and accomplishments on behalf of Indiana students over the preceding four years.

Dr. Bennett reviewed a number of the significant accomplishments of the past four years:

- Third grade reading
- Redefining "credit" in terms of subject matter proficiency instead of "seat time"
- Redefining textbooks to include digital and electronic media
- Intervening in the lowest performing schools
- Adoption of the Common Core standards

- A successful legislative agenda focused on “Putting Students First”
- Rules for Educator Preparation and Accountability (REPA)
- New accountability metrics and categories – “A-F”

Claire Fiddian-Green provided the Spotlight presentation highlighting the establishment and work of the Indiana Charter School Board.

Public comment was provided by Shawn Sriver, Vic Smith, and Jill Shedd.

Jim Larson reminded the Board of the requirements of IC 20-31-9-3 regarding quality reviews of schools that have been identified as failing for four consecutive years. Five schools received an “F” for the fourth consecutive year in 2012: two schools in Evansville, two schools in Gary, and one school in the Indianapolis Public Schools. Another school in Evansville is in the fifth consecutive year of being in the lowest category of school performance and improvement designations as well. Because of its ongoing work with the Evansville schools, Mass Insight is conducting the quality reviews of those schools. Department staff is conducting the remaining reviews. Reports will be shared with the Board when they are completed.

Jim Larson provided a brief overview of the written updates provided by the turnaround school operators and the lead partners. He advised that the turnaround academies are beginning to produce student data that will allow for analysis of student growth and that information on student performance on the end of course assessments will be available from the turnaround academies in February. Neil Pickett asked that an executive summary of the monthly updates be provided as a concise way to capture the key indicators (i.e., what’s going well, what challenges continue or have developed, and summary of details).

Jim Larson, Emily Richardson, Dr. Vernon Johnson (President of Voyager Learning), John Marshall co-principals, and two John Marshall students provided an update on improvements and continuing challenges at John Marshall Community High School. JMCHS has shown improvement on five of the nine indicators and is on track both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Tony Walker led a brief discussion of the current age of compulsory school attendance, noting that some superintendents report that remediation is required because students are not starting school early enough. Mr. Walker supports a statutory change that would lower the age of compulsory attendance to five years (eligible for kindergarten).

Tony Walker led a brief discussion on the topic of renewing the State Board's membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Indiana terminated its membership approximately four years prior due to the cost. Current annual membership is \$31,000, and the amount includes \$5,000 to be used by the member for professional development. Tony Walker moved that the Board join NASBE, and Jo Blacketer seconded the motion. After further discussion, Mr. Walker withdrew the motion, and asked that NASBE be invited to make a presentation to the Board on the benefits of becoming a member of NASBE.

Upon motion by David Shane, second by Tony Walker, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the consent agenda approving the dismissal in *SBOE Hearing 111009*, and the December 1, 2012, count of special education students.

Dr. Bennett recused himself for the administrative proceedings, and Neil Pickett served as the chair while the Board conducted two adjudications to determine the amount of state special education tuition support necessary to fund the operation of the turnaround academies from January 1 to June 30, 2013.

Michelle McKeown and Risa Regnier requested approval of the proposed language for 511 IAC 16-4-6 regarding the pedagogy component of the adjunct teacher permit. Tony Walker moved to approve, and David Shane seconded the motion. The ten members present at the time the vote was taken (one member was absent from the room) voted unanimously to approve.

Will Krebs requested approval to initiate rulemaking and for the proposed rule language in 511 IAC 6.3 regarding the alternative accountability model and metrics for schools serving drop-out recovery populations that do not fit into a traditional cohort. Upon a motion by Mike

Pettibone, second by Neil Pickett, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the initiation of rulemaking and the proposed rule language for the alternative accountability model.

Dré Knox requested approval of the three categories used to classify courses for purposes of summer school reimbursement. Neil Pickett moved for approval, and Tony Walker seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Bennett announced Debbie Downing's upcoming retirement, acknowledged her many efforts on behalf of the State Board, and thanked her for her years of service.

Jo Blacketer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Dan Elsener seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.