



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Indiana State Board of Education Minutes

August 23, 2018

9:00 AM (ET)

Indiana State Library, History Room 11

315 West Ohio St.

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Board Members Present: Dr. Jennifer McCormick (Chair), Mr. BJ Watts (Vice Chair), Dr. Byron Ernest (Secretary), Dr. Vince Bertram, Mr. Gordon Hendry, Dr. David Freitas, Ms. Katie Mote, Dr. Maryanne McMahon, Ms. Cari Whicker, and Mr. Tony Walker.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Steve Yager.

I. Call to Order

- a. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Status of Accountability Rule/Process/Timeline

- a. Chad Ranney, Deputy General Counsel for the Board, gave a brief overview of the work that the Board has done previously in this area and expressed the possibilities for moving forward with revising this rule.

III. Kristen Schunk Moreland

- a. Overview of Simplex Process
 - i. Kristen Schunk Moreland, a Certified Simplex Trainer and Facilitator, gave a presentation regarding the Simplex Process, which is a creative problem solving process that goes through eight steps. The focus of today's meeting is step two, the fact finding step.
 1. The problem that this process is trying to solve is how to achieve performance accountability in Indiana schools to provide transparency and school effectiveness.

IV. Patricia Levesque, CEO, ExcelinEd

- a. Presentation
 - i. Ms. Levesque gave a presentation regarding the current status of Indiana's accountability system.
 - ii. Ms. Levesque also gave advice for future discussions surrounding accountability and made recommendations specific to Indiana's systems.
- b. Q&A and Discussion with Board Members
 - i. Board members asked Ms. Levesque a number of questions regarding her opinion on successful accountability systems and processes.
- c. Capture Key Facts
 - i. Board members shared the most important insights they gleaned from the presentation.

1. These insights included the importance accountability is for teachers in determining what to prioritize, emphasizing the criterion referenced data, using a valid and reliable climate survey, the need for Indiana to lead the way in post-secondary readiness, considering alternatives to the normative growth model, moving the grade release date, moving the standards bar, modeling and measuring before any new changes occur, and acknowledging that accountability should tell you about the school in terms of outcomes – an outcomes based accountability model.

V. Ryan Reyna, Director, Education Strategy Group

- a. Presentation
 - i. Mr. Reyna gave a presentation regarding the intersection of higher education and workforce with K-12 education and the importance of promoting this relationship in accountability.
- b. Q&A and Discussion with Board Members
 - i. Board members asked Mr. Reyna questions surrounding his presentation and his opinion on multiple accountability issues.
- c. Capture Key Facts
 - i. Board members shared the most important insights they gleaned from this presentation.
 1. These insights included looking at whether performance thresholds needed to be changed based on some sort of trigger, looking at how the college and career readiness plans could be built-out into a metric, ensuring entering the workforce is as celebrated and recognized as the other post-secondary options, communicating with parent's and the public regarding the importance of what is actually being measured in accountability, developing an social and emotional learning metric, affirming that they were on the right path for success, and including an interest and opportunities metric.

VI. Discussion

- a. Description of the Current Accountability System
 - i. Ms. Schunk Moreland asked the Board members for their thoughts surrounding the current accountability system and the situation in which they are currently being presented.
- b. Identify What Additional Information is Necessary
 - i. Board members shared what information and data points they would like to know in order to make informed decisions.
- c. Develop Action Steps for Future Meetings
 - i. A meeting to discuss this information will be scheduled and at the next meeting Ms. Schunk Moreland will bring the additional information requested by the board.

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned unanimously by a voice vote.