



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting Agenda

September 5, 2018

9:00 AM (ET)

Indiana State Library

History Room 211

315 West Ohio Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Steve Yager.

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Dr. McCormick recommended adding a Resolution regarding the 2018 ISTEP participation rate and the 2018-2019 Accountability Appeal Procedures to the Consent Agenda. This action was approved by a voice vote.
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. The minutes from August 1 were approved by a voice vote.
- IV. Statement from the Chair**
 - a. None.
- V. Board Member Comments and Reports**
 - a. Dr. Ernest commended the Indiana Manufacturer's Association for holding a work based learning conference and bringing groups together to work on this issue.
- VI. Public Comment**
 - a. None.
- VII. Consent Agenda**
 - a. The Consent Agenda was approved by a voice vote.
- VIII. New Business – Action**
 - a. Teacher Preparation Program: University of Indianapolis
 - i. Scott Bogan, Director of Higher Education and Education Preparation Programs for the Department, shared the University underwent a fall 2017 site visit and they have no areas for improvement.
 - ii. The Board voted 10-0 to approve the program.
 - iii. Discussion starts at [3:42](#).
 - b. Teacher Preparation Program: Indiana University Purdue University Columbus
 - i. Mr. Bogan shared that the University underwent an initial visit a few weeks ago and there was an area that was identified as a stipulation, so it is recommended to give them two year accreditation to fix this area in that amount of time.

- ii. Mr. Freitas recused himself from the vote due to his employment with Indiana University.
- iii. Jennifer Conner, Division Head of Education for the University, shared that the stipulation that is of concern has already been resolved. She also shared that the concern is only about the systematic use of data, not that the school isn't preparing students well.
- iv. The Board voted 10-0 to approve the program.
- v. Discussion starts at [12:24](#).

IX. Discussion and Reports

- a. Update: Diploma
 - i. Dr. Kenneth Folks, Chief Academic Officer for the Department, shared that the Alternate Algebra II committee will be meeting Friday and shared that this committee will be looking into the standards that should be included in this new course. He also shared that early work has been done to find an appropriate science course for the Core 40 requirements.
 - ii. Discussion starts at [28:04](#).
- b. Update: Graduation Pathways
 - i. Amanda McCammon, Chief of Workforce & STEM Alliance for the Department, shared that there are five requirements on which the Department will report. These reports include a summary of implementation efforts, a written summary detailing implementation issues and questions, professional development and training conducted, list of corporations and schools that have developed best practices, and a plan for compliance and reporting to the Board.
 - ii. Dr. Freitas thanked the Department for their work and asked how many early adopters we have and how we share their success with other schools. Ms. McCammon responded that they could highlight best practices either by presenting them to the Board or by including them in Dr. McCormick's weekly update. She also mentioned that it was difficult to estimate the numbers of early adopters yet, but they could look at the data and give this information at a later Board meeting.
 - 1. Dr. Freitas followed up by asking if they intended to create a list of the early adopters because he believed that this would be very helpful for other schools. Ms. McCammon responded that this was a great idea and very easy to implement.
 - iii. Discussion starts at [30:00](#).
- c. Update: Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Plan
 - i. Dr. Folks gave an update on the social, emotional, and behavioral health plan.
 - 1. Christy Burger has been named the new Assistant Director of Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Wellness. Indiana is one of the few states to dedicate a position such as this to these efforts.
 - 2. The multi-tiered systems supports (MTSS) framework is now available and additional resources are being developed and rolled-out in three phases.

3. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies are in the development phase, working with Butler University, and scheduled for review this month. The MTSS Committee will revise and assess these competencies.
 4. The Commission on Improving Status of Children has released an annual report.
 5. The State Child Inter-agency Collaborative is working directly with IDOE staff to update the social, emotional, behavioral wellness plan. A preliminary draft can be expected in October and will be finalized in January.
 6. The Department is presenting their work in this area at upcoming professional conferences.
- ii. Discussion starts at [40:21](#).
- d. Update: Assessment
- i. Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Assessment for the Department, provided an assessment update regarding the ISTEP Spring 2018 results.
 1. Pearson contacted the Department on August 27, notifying them that there were two issues with results that were posted, impacting a small percentage of students.
 2. The Department and SBOE Staff then met with TAC to review options for data resolution. The Department reviewed these recommendations and chose a plan of action with Pearson.
 3. Pearson is currently undergoing the rescore process.
 - ii. Mr. Walker asked for clarification on how “small” is being defined in this sense. Dr. Flores responded that for the Grade 10 issue, there is an indication that 22,000 students should have received credit for an indication for which they currently do not have credit.
 - iii. Mr. Walker asked if under the current agreement, the State was entitled to liquidated damages for the glitch that was occurring. Marsha Bugalla, General Counsel for the Department, shared that the contract is still being reviewed because they do not have final data yet, but this issue is being reviewed.
 1. Mr. Walker followed up by asking if it was the Department’s position that Indiana will be pursuing a refund for the State problem. Ms. Bugalla responded that they would.
 - iv. Dr. Freitas asked if there is any chance that student’s scores would go down in any of these scenarios. Ms. Flores responded that at this point in time, there will be score increases when the data is corrected.
 - v. Mr. Walker asked how this would affect the timing of the release of school accountability grades. Ms. Paino responded that in order to accomplish all the necessary processes, there will probably be about a two week delay in schools receiving their preliminary embargoed letter grades. She also shared that they did not believe that there would be a delay in schools receiving their ultimate accountability grades.
 - vi. Discussion starts at [58:35](#).
- e. Update: Turnaround Academy Transition Taskforce Membership

- i. Ron Sandlin, Senior Director of School Turnaround and Performance for the Board, gave an update on the CSUSA Transition Task Force process directed by Dr. Schlegel.
 1. Dr. Schlegel worked collaboratively with a number of stakeholders to create the list of taskforce members being presented.
 2. There will also be public advisory committee meetings to inform these decisions.
- ii. Mr. Hendry asked what the timeline was for the Board to approve a transition plan. Mr. Sandlin responded that the goal is for the Board was to approve a transition plan in spring 2019, prior to the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.
- iii. Mr. Walker asked how the issue of turnaround academy operators not being included in the ESSA plan has been resolved in regards to SIG Funds. Mr. Sandlin responded that for those schools that have been reviewed and qualify for the funds, as soon as their application is approved, they will be able to reimburse retroactive to July 1.
 1. Mr. Watts reiterated the importance of exhausting all options to get the schools in need this extra funding. Dr. McCormick responded that there is more to this situation than the conversation currently occurring, but she will take this information back to Nathan Williamson and get an answer from the Feds.
 2. Dr. Freitas asked where this money is. Dr. McCormick responded that there is a lot involved in this conversation and that she will gather answers for the next meeting. Dr. Freitas followed up by asking if the money was not sent back how it is being used.
 3. Dr. Freitas followed up by asking if the Board has committed to giving these schools a certain amount of money, by passing an action item regarding this issue at the June meeting. Ms. Bugalla shared that the Board voted on SIG money it wished to distribute and the Department was advised that this money could not flow until final grades were submitted. She further clarified that the Board cannot distribute federal funds unless it meets the requirements.
 4. Dr. Freitas asked if the monies would be retroactive in this situation. Ms. Bugalla stated that Nathan would have to answer these technical questions.
- iv. Dr. McCormick asked when these options will be brought before the Board. Mr. Sandlin responded that they hoped plan to bring a single option to the Board in May 2019.
 1. Dr. Freitas, who is a member of the task force, shared that he would like to move the May date up and that he will bring updates to the Board and share this dialogue with the task force.
- v. Discussion starts at [1:15:19](#).

X. Adjournment

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