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Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

January 10, 2024
9:00 A.M. EST

Conference Center B
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN, 46204

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Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair, Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa (by video), Dr. Byron Ernest (by video), Mr. Greg Gastineau (by video), Ms. Iris Hammel, and Mr. Pat Mapes, and Ms. Kristin Rentschler.

Board Members Absent: Mr. B.J. Watts

- I. **Call to Order:**
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. SBOE Officer Slate: The reslating of current SBOE officers was approved by unanimous vote.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** The Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The Minutes for the December 05, 2023, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. December 05, 2023 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner welcomed the audience. Reflecting on 2023 and continuing work, Dr. Jenner emphasized four major undertakings: First, rethinking the high school experience. Rulemaking for new high school diplomas is contained in HB1243. Second, IN GPS receiving an important build-out, longitudinal data for student populations. These at-risk indicators show, early and often, if a student is struggling. Third, streamlining Academic Standards. Standards in each core area were reduced by 25%. This led to work on Assessment, HB1243. Finally, a third-grade literacy visualization tool went live, Monday, January 8, 2024.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None
- VI. **Public Comment:** Dr. Jeff Dunn, Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University, Executive Director, supports building meaningful ethics education into the high school academic experience for Indiana students. Dr. Dunn believes ethics education is a key component of civic literacy and fits well with IN GPS. Reasoning carefully about ethics and resolving differences and disputes with others are critical skills. Dr. Dunn added the Prindle Institute hosts Indiana's Ethics Bowl. Rep. Beau Baird's presence and comments at the board meeting showed his strong support for ethics education. Ms. Kendra Johnson, Indiana Parents for Education, wished everyone a happy and successful New Year! Her comments were centered around setting priorities. Ms. Johnson urged both parents and students to study the past semester and proactively plan for the second semester and the coming year; resolve issues and situations around absenteeism. Ms. Johnson closed with coaxing us to

research the history and contributions of African Americans (Black History Month is celebrated in February), and the culture and contributions of Chinese (Chinese New Year is February 10, 2024). Ms. LaToya Tahirou, parent, advocates for the A-F grading system to be maintained and improved. Ms. Tahirou believes kids in every neighborhood should have access to great schools. She asked the board to relaunch an accountability system that places the proper focus on closing unjust opportunity gaps. The A-F grading system is familiar to parents and when the grades mean something, they help guide parents to choose the right school for their child. Furthermore, the A-F grading system aides in advocating for positive changes and gives a sense of urgency for school support and resources. The quality of education children receive or do not receive is a catalyst to a life of poverty or a life of prosperity. In closing, Ms. Tahirou stressed more transparency around data that determines the letter grades and for opportunity gap data included toward a school's grade.

VII. **Consent Agenda:** Mr. Bess, Ms. Dilosa, Mr. Durham, and Ms. Hammel recused themselves from Item I. Mr. Gastineau recused himself from Item J. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

- A. Praxis Test 5205 Adoption - [Memo](#)
- B. 2024-2025 Assessment Windows - [Memo](#)
- C. 2023-2024 Summer School Course List - [Memo](#)
- D. Monroe County School Corporation Governing Body Changes - [Memo](#)
- E. Third Party Accrediting Organization Recognition - [Memo](#)
- F. Locally Created Pathway Approval - Lafayette School Corporation - [Memo](#)
- G. Common School Loan Amendment - [Memo](#)
- H. Appointment of Executive Director - [Memo](#)
- I. Charter School Facility Grant Process Approval - [Memo](#)
- J. 2023-2024 Period 1 Membership Petitions - [Memo](#)

VIII. **Discussion:**

- A. Local School and Business Partnerships Highlights - [Presentation](#) Dr. Laurie Rinehart, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum & Instruction, Lafayette School Corporation, Ms. Kara Webb, Workforce Development Director, Greater Lafayette Commerce, Dr. Aaron Baute, Lafayette Campus Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College, and Ms. Jody French, Principal, Perry Central Jr./Sr. High School Principal, presented Local School and Business Partnerships Highlights.
 - a. Mr. Bess thanked the Lafayette School Corp. and IDOE for working together, phasing out Pathway 1 and utilizing Pathway 2. Mr. Bess asked if they were planning on tracking student outcomes in three or four years. Dr. Rinehart responded, yes.
 - b. Ms. Hammel asked how Lafayette School Corp. tackles transportation. Dr. Rinehart does not want transportation to be an issue and the Corp. has used grant funding in the past for transportation.
 - c. Ms. Rentschler was interested in microcredentials. Dr. Rinehart stated the 1st level of microcredentials is built in eighth grade and the 2nd level is embedded in two high school courses within the CTE realm.
 - d. Ms. Mote commented on the importance of flexibility in the development of pathways. Also, Ms. Mote inquired if technical support existed to help share Lafayette School Corp.'s work with other schools. Ms. Webb urged schools to help one another, and stated they use Skypak software. Dr. Jenner added DOE needs to be mindful of technical assistance and the need to build-out for schools and businesses.
 - e. Perry Central Jr./Sr. High School students in this program average \$2000.000 to \$3000.00 per year, determined by attendance and the amount of product completed. Since the state's model has limitations on paying students, Dr. Jenner

asked if payment is provided as a scholarship at the end of the year. Ms. French stated a stipend at the end of each semester is paid out to students.

- f. Ms. Hammel, "Anything missing from your wish list...?" Ms. French, "People!" The program takes a lot of work from many people, grant writers, administration, teachers, and the community.
- g. After complimenting Ms. French's work, Dr. Ernest made several comments. 1). The importance of transferable skills to our redesign. 2). During the presentations we heard, "Companies came to us." 3). Hailey, a student, said, "If we can draw it, we can build it." Dr. Ernest asked Hailey, "How has being taught in this way changed your life as a student?" Hailey responded, Perry Central's engineering pathway and the opportunity to learn CAD, helped me decide the direction of my future.
- h. Mr. Bess questioned Ms. French, if you were able to focus on pathways, how would that alter the school environment? Ms. French responded, due to flexibility and focus on the students, pathways give students what they need for success.

IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

