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Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

November 2, 2022, 9:00 A.M. EDT

Conference Room 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 (by video), Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess (by video), Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Ms. Iris Hammel, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video), and Mr. B. J. Watts.

Board Members Absent: Ms. Erika Dilosa

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** The Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The Minutes for the October 05, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. October 05, 2022 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner offered condolences to both families of past legislative liaison, Mr. Mike Brown, and past SBOE board member, Mr. Tony Walker. Dr. Jenner updated the board on the 2023 Indiana Teacher of the Year recipient, Ms. Tara Cocanower, Bluffton High School. She honored the unsung heroes of school food service workers during National School Lunch Week and thanked the great work accomplished by Indiana's 2,200 school principals during National Principal Week.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None
- VI. **Public Comment:** Mr. Jon Gubera, Gubera Public Affairs, LLC, mourned the passing of Mr. Brown and Mr. Walker.
Ms. Kendra Johnson, Gary IN resident, emphasized the importance of prioritizing the education of all children.
- VII. **Discussion - [Slides](#)**
 - A. PNAEP Scores Update
 1. Dr. Charity Flores presented the 2021-2022 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results, sometimes referred to as the "Nation's Report Card".
 2. Regarding the Student Group Score Differences slide, Mr. Mapes questioned how many students were needed to obtain a score within a category. Dr. Flores and Ms. Lynn Schemel stated twenty students were needed for the count, 3,500 Indiana students participated.

3. Mr. Durham asked Dr. Flores if the reading and math practices used during the peak years shown are known, what has changed and caused the decline. Dr. Flores responded they have not studied specific practices or curriculum used at those times.
 4. Ms. Mote wondered if the foundation noted in 4th grade assessments are laid in kindergarten or 1st-3rd grades. Dr. Jenner referred to the 400 schools who participated in the 2nd grade IREAD pilot program which found reading gaps already existed prior to 2nd grade. Dr. Jenner stressed the importance of early literacy. Mr. Mapes referenced students who cannot identify the front of a book in kindergarten and are starting from nothing e.g., ESL kids, refugee kids, children in poverty. What do we want kindergarteners to know? Mr. Mapes gave an example of showing children not only how to read, but also how to play...stressing the importance of developing appropriate standards.
- B. HEA 1251 (2022) Standards Update
1. Dr. Charity Flores presented the HEA 1251 Standards Update. HEA 1251, enacted last session, called upon IDOE to identify key skills and traits that are necessary for students to be successful after high school graduation.
 2. Ms. Hammel asked if IDOE was examining both standards and CTE? Dr. Jenner clarified, asking Dr. Flores if CTE is part of the standards review. Dr. Flores responded, "Not specifically, no".
 3. Dr. Ernest emphasized; how do we obtain credit for students' work outside of school? Dr. Jenner noted SBOE will ask legislators during the next session to increase flexibility in order to envision our future diplomas.
 4. Mr. Mapes questioned if K-3 Language Arts standards will be approved first, or wait until all standards are approved at once. Dr. Flores stated legislation requires IDOE to start with high school, but IDOE is undertaking everything at once, planning to launch implementation 2023-2024. Mr. Mapes again noted the importance of literacy K-3 and emphasized high school is a "heavy lift". He continued, during 2010, Indiana had the best standards in the U.S. and that area of work needs to be reviewed.
 5. Dr. Ernest asked for further explanation regarding the 33% essential standards. Dr. Jenner responded the Indiana Academic Standards will be streamlined to 75% and one third of those standards will be critical, foundational standards.
 6. Dr. Ernest, Mr. Mapes and Mr. Watts discussed the importance of having one set of essential standards for teachers. Ms. Hammel added the culture should change to have the essential standards the baseline expectation for teachers. Dr. Jenner mentioned committees will meet to discuss feedback and ideas.
 7. Ms. Mote noted the importance of interconnecting elective courses and core courses.
 8. While committees work through the details, Mr. Bess spoke to the usefulness of committees keeping the most important standards needed at each grade level for students to be successful, in the very front of each discussion.
 9. Dr. Jenner assured parents the streamlining standards process would not reduce rigor. Her statement was followed by multiple board members commenting on rigor during the standards process and asking the definition of rigor. Dr. Jenner responded rigor would be discussed during the committee work and studied further.

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