

## MINUTES

### Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

November 08, 2023

9:00 A.M. EST

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4KKq6zNaOk>

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

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. William Durham

- 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 04, 2023, meeting, were approved by unanimous vote.
  - a. October 04, 2023 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner introduced IDOE/SBOE's new General Counsel, Philip Gordon. Following Philip's comments, Dr. Jenner recognized the veterans in attendance and the Veterans Day school celebrations taking place on Friday, throughout Indiana. In addition, Dr. Jenner highlighted her recent school visits across the state.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** Mr. Watts commented on Dr. Jenner's visit to Berry Global in Evansville. After building a classroom within their facility, Berry Global conducts both, classes and a five-department rotation.
- VI. **Public Comment:** Ms. Kendra Johnson, Gary IN resident, thanked veterans for their service and military families for their support and patience. With the Thanksgiving holiday near, Ms. Johnson expressed her gratitude for educators and administrators throughout Indiana.
- VII. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
  - a. 2024 Board Meeting Dates - [Memo](#)
- VIII. **Discussion:**
  - a. Gala Award Winners – [Presentation](#) Mr. Mark Dubois, Superintendent, Western School Corporation, presented Gala Award Winners. Mr. Dubois was joined by Ms. Melissa DeWeese, Western Primary School Principal, Mr. Nathan Schmidt, Technology Integration Specialist, and Ms. Jessica Hollingsworth, Reading Specialist. Western School

Corporation received the 2022 Excellence in Academic Gains Award (\$500,000.00) and the 2023 Excellence in Early Literacy Award (\$158,400.00).

- i. Mr. Watts and Ms. Hammel congratulated Western School Corporation, and Ms. Hammel offered RV contacts for Western Primary School's upcoming Mobile Literacy Lab.
- b. Computer Science - Presentation Ms. Lynn Schemel and Ms. Dana Calfee presented Computer Science.
  - i. Regarding IDOE's efforts to strengthen the STEM teacher pipeline slide, Mr. Mapes asked for further explanation of the "130 current vacancies as of November 6, 2023" box. Dr. Jenner explained, IDOE is monitoring supply and demand for all positions, and this represents 130 current vacancies in STEM areas within Indiana classrooms.
  - ii. Mr. Bess inquired, how many low income, Black, Hispanic, and rural students are taking computer science courses. Ms. Calfee stated the computer science data annual report will be made public December 1, 2023. Mr. Bess continued, commenting on the tsunami of AI software vendors and products arriving in the marketplace, some are great, some are not. Dr. Jenner stressed the importance of education purposed AI products. Ms. Calfee added the TeachAI toolkit is available to aid schools in navigating AI selections.
  - iii. Ms. Hammel asked, "...Why aren't all kids having integrated computer science across the board...? Dr. Jenner responded, "Stay tuned to the Indiana Legislative Session beginning in January."
  - iv. Dr. Ernest affirmed we did not prepare students for social media. We now have the opportunity to prepare students how to use AI properly, ethically, and morally. Also, how did the President's Executive Order affect these efforts? Dr. Jenner stated she will hold IDOE's response for a later date. There are global, national, and statewide resources on how to navigate the AI space. AI will be transformational.

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