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Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

December 7, 2022

9:00 A.M. EST

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, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa, Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Ms. Iris Hammel, Mr. Pat Mapes, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video), and Mr. B. J. Watts.

Board Members Absent: Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary,

- 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 November 02, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. November 02, 2022 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner reviewed the past month's awards. IDOE and the Milken Family Foundation presented Angela Fowler, a fourth-grade math teacher at Grassy Creek Elementary in Johnson County, with the prestigious Milken Educator Award (\$25,000.00). IDOE awarded 21 newly designated Purple Star Schools. These schools significantly displayed a commitment to service members, veterans, students and families connected to our nation's military. In addition, Dr. Jenner shared IDOE's announcement of Indiana Teachers of English Learners Licensure (I-TELL), a new partnership with the University of Indianapolis' Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL). I-TELL strengthens Indiana's English learner teacher pipeline by helping fund coursework leading to full licensure.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None
- VI. **Public Comment:** Ms. Kendra Johnson, Gary IN resident, honored the Pearl Harbor veterans and reminded us to research how different cultures celebrate the upcoming holidays. This step sometimes leads to common ground with other issues.

- VII. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Watts recused himself from Items E and N, and Ms. Mote recused herself from Item G. Consent Agenda consisted of the following:
- A. Approval of Governing Body Plan Change - North Gibson School Corporation - [Memo](#)
 - B. 2022-2023/2023-2024 Assessment Windows - [Memo 1](#), [Memo 2](#)
 - C. Secured School Safety Loan: MSD of Warren County - [Memo](#)
 - D. Common School Loan Amendment: River Forest Community School Corporation - [Memo](#)
 - E. Common School Loans - [Memo](#)
 - F. 2023 Summer School Program - [Memo](#)
 - G. DWD Career and Technical Education Funding - [Memo 1](#), [Memo 2](#)
 - H. Indiana University Southeast - Special Education Transition to Teaching: Mild Intervention, All Grade (P-12) Initial Licensure - [Memo](#)
 - I. Purdue University Northwest - Transition to Teaching, Elementary Education (K-6) - [Memo](#)
 - J. Trine University – Blended and Online Teaching Addition - [Memo](#)
 - K. Valparaiso University - Transition to Teaching, Early Childhood Education (P-3) - [Memo](#)
 - L. Vincennes University - Exceptional Needs: Intense Intervention License Addition, All Grade (P-12) - [Memo](#)
 - M. Teacher Preparation Program: Teachers of Tomorrow - [Memo](#)
 - N. Homeschool Exits - [Memo](#)

- VIII. **New Business - Presentation:** Ms. Flora Jones, IDOE Director of Student Pathways & Opportunities, introduced the three schools and their proposed 2022-2023 Locally Created Pathways (LCP). The Board approved the LCPs, two school districts and one adult learning center.
- A. Locally Created Pathway - Yorktown Community Schools, Ms. Stacey Brewer, Yorktown High School Principal: Mr. Watts congratulated Yorktown High School on the creation of the program. Ms. Dilosa commented positively on the community involvement in the program. Ms. Rentschler inquired when is the latest a student is able to opt-in to the program. Ms. Brewer responded, prior to the 10th grade year.
 - B. Locally Created Pathway - School City of Hammond, Mr. Scott Miller, School City of Hammond Superintendent; Ms. Cassandra Shipp, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services: Mr. Watts asked if a student may enter after freshman year. Mr. Miller stated a student may enter at any time, although the program is written as a comprehensive 4-year program. Ms. Hammel inquired if relationships were established with the local college ROTC programs. Ms. Shipp responded they will meet quarterly with Indiana University. Ms. Hammel extended an invitation to a Notre Dame contact. Mr. Bess offered a Purdue University contact, as well, and asked how many students will be allowed in the JROTC program. Mr. Miller said 200 students per instructor, with a second instructor hired in the future (Hammond has two high schools). Dr. Jenner offered IDOE assistance with LCP barriers. Dr. Ernest said the JROTC pathway might be the first track of its kind in the state and applauded the program’s replicability.
 - C. Locally Created Pathway - Goodwill L.E.A.D.S. Inc., Mr. Trent Moore, Goodwill Industries of Michiana Director of Career and Technical Education: Mr. Moore began his presentation with a short success story of a grandmother who spoke to her grandchildren about the importance of receiving a high school diploma and furthering their educations. One grandchild asked if she had graduated high school. Adela had not and decided to enter the Excel Center in Gary. At the age of 84, Adela became their

oldest graduate! Mr. Bess highlighted the Excel Center's national program began in Indiana and asked how many students were able to participate in the program. Mr. Moore responded, five students per class and two classes per year. Mr. Watts asked if the program was "all or nothing" and Mr. Moore clarified Forklift is an addition to the Catapult program (manufacturing and logistic training for adults). Dr. Ernest reminded the board "Every Path Matters" and how today's presentation and vote exemplifies this statement. Dr. Ernest added he had met with New York State Board members and stressed the importance of creating LCPs. Mr. Mapes and Dr. Jenner agreed IDOE should post reminders to Indiana schools of the three LCPs approved today. Mr. Bess shared his attendance at the Washington D.C. Education Reimagined meeting, focusing on the creation of the next phase of education, mainly from a policy perspective. In addition, he emphasized the importance of bringing community involvement to education. Mr. Bess closed the discussion by requesting the board "keep pushing" the Indiana General Assembly for more flexibility in Indiana education policies that allow the continued creation of unique opportunities for Indiana students.

IX. **Discussion - Slides**

A. Indiana GPS Update

1. Mr. Jason Callahan, Assistant Secretary of Student Pathways and Opportunities, IDOE and Dr. Curt Merlau, Director of Education Practice, Resultant, presented the Indiana GPS Dashboard Update.
2. Mr. Watts congratulated Mr. Callahan on the Dashboard, mentioning "We beg for additional data points." He further complimented the fluidity of the GPS Dashboard process.
3. Ms. Hammel commented on utilizing the GPS Dashboard regarding economic development in Indiana, both showing business where the talent is located and in turn, making Indiana more attractive to our trained and skilled Indiana graduates.
4. Dr. Jenner closed with compliments to the GPS Dashboard team effort.

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

