

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Education Business Meeting**  
**March 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM EST**  
**Indiana State Library, 315 W. Ohio St., History Room 211**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**  
**<https://youtu.be/EPfSQvdbhpg>**

Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair, Mr. Pete Miller, Secretary, Ms. Erika Dilosa, Mr. William Durham, Jr., Dr. Byron Ernest (by phone), Dr. David Freitas, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Mr. Pat Mapes (by phone), Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by phone) and Mr. B. J. Watts.

Board Members Absent: None.

**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 February 03, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

- a. February 03, 2021 - [Memo](#)

**IV. Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner thanked Indiana educators and leadership.

**V. Board Member Comments and Reports:** Dr. Ernest (Chair, National Association of State Boards of Education [NASBE]) invited board members to attend NASBE's Virtual Legislative Conference, March 22-23, 2021. Mr. Watts gave "kudos" to Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) for their hard work and preparation in order to hold 2021 Basketball State Championships during Covid-19.

**VI. Public Comment:** None

**VII. Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

- a. Common School Loan Amendment: Heartland; Northwestern; and Porter Township - [Memo](#)
- b. Common School Loan Applications - [Memo](#)
- c. Elementary and Secondary Course Descriptions - [Memo](#): Elementary/Middle; [Memo](#): College Entrance Prep
- d. Approval of Educator Standards for Blended and Online Teaching - [Memo](#)
- e. Praxis Content Tests Cut Scores - [Memo](#)

**VIII. New Business**

- a. HEA 1003 Flexibility Waiver: Metropolitan School District of North Posey; Pike County School Corporation - [Memo](#) : Chad Ranney presented. Both schools requested school year counting in hours and minutes, rather than full days. SBOE staff advised to grant the waiver. Approved 11-0.

## **IX. Discussion**

- a. HEA 1003 Resource Update – [Resource Guide](#); [Quick Reference Guide](#) : Chad Ranney presented. The HEA 1003 Resource Guide is a living document allowing superintendents, principals and school boards the ability to find Indiana Code to solve issues in their local communities and the flexibility to move forward quickly. Dr. Freitas asked if there is a mechanism to grant blanket exceptions for items that appear repeatedly before the board. Mr. Ranney responded while the board does not have the power to grant exceptions, legislators may revisit rules that often appear. Dr. Freitas asked the durations of exceptions. Mr. Ranney stated exceptions are effective for 1 year. Larger plans will last longer periods of time, 4-5 years. Dr. Freitas and Dr. Jenner agreed the resource guide centered around local control and innovation.
- b. Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Update - [Presentation](#); [Materials](#) : Scott Bogan, Director of Higher Education & Educator Preparation Programs, presented. Mr. Bogan provided an informational overview of Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Specifically, clarifying the expectations for teacher preparation programs and individual content preparation programs. Later in the presentation, CAEP President, Dr. Christopher Koch and CAEP Director of External Affairs, Matthew Vanover joined via phone and Dr. Koch reviewed CAEP's history. Dr. Freitas asked about CAEP Standard 4: Program impact and the challenges of measuring the impact teachers have on students and schools. Dr. Koch responded that the standards have been revised to provide flexibility, such as adding satisfaction survey data and focus groups. Finally, Dr. Leah Nellis and Mr. Shawn Sriver, Executive Committee members of the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE) commented via phone.

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