

State Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM EST
Indiana State Library, History Room 211
315 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46202

Board Members Present: Mr. BJ Watts (Chair), Ms. Kate Mote (Vice Chair), Mr. Gordon Hendry (Secretary), Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. Greg Gastineau, Dr. David Freitas, Dr. Maryanne McMahon, Mr. Tony Walker, Dr. Steve Yager, and Mrs. Cari Whicker.

Board Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order

Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 12 were approved by a voice vote.

IV. Statement from the Chair

Dr. McCormick announced election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

V. Board Member Comments and Reports

- A. Dr. Yager nominated the following: Chair – Mr. Watts, Vice-Chair – Ms. Mote, Secretary – Mr. Hendry. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Dr. Freitas stated he fully supports the Indiana General Assembly’s intention to make teacher’s pay a priority. Dr. Freitas asked if there is a way the Board can show its support. Dr. Ernest stated passing a resolution would be an optimal solution.
- C. Mr. Walker expressed a concern about the Graduation Pathways and the Board’s actions in general in the light of recent research done in the field of future employment and automation of labor for more than 47% in the next 15 years.
- D. Ms. Mote commented that student’s journey to future job starts in pre-k. Ms. Mote recognized the governor and his staff who worked on \$7 million federal grant for expansion of early childhood education.
- E. Mr. Walker recognized the work of Dr. Lewis Ferebee in relation to IPS and the progress facilitated by his leadership.
- F. Dr. Yager expressed support of the discussion on teacher pay during the legislative session.

VI. Public Comment

Bob Abrams of Indiana After-School Network spoke in support of Indiana’s STEM 6-year strategic plan.

VII. Best Practices Presentation

MSD Perry Township made a presentation to the Board in partnership with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching.

VIII. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved by a voice vote.

IX. New Business—Action

- A. Teacher Preparation Program – Ball State University: The Board voted 11-0 to approve the recommendation to continue state accreditation of Ball State University’s Teacher Preparation Program.
 - i. Dr. David Freitas congratulated Ball State and noted that all of their teacher preparation programs are nationally accredited, which is a significant accomplishment.
 - ii. Dr. Freitas noted Ball State has successfully worked to attract diversity to their program and encouraged them to share their approach with other Indiana higher education institutions.
- B. Teacher Preparation Program – Trine University: The Board voted 11-0 to approve the recommendation to continue state accreditation of Trine University’ Teacher Preparation Program.
 - i. Dr. David Freitas congratulated Trine on the entrance requirements for admission, which were raised from their previous levels.
- C. Resolution Honoring Dr. Vince Bertram: Mr. Watts read the resolution into the record, recognizing Dr. Bertram as a former Board member and his significant role in education in Indiana. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

X. Discussion and Reports

- A. Assessment: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Assessment, provided an update on assessment. Board members had no questions.
- B. Accountability: IDOE submitted a memo to the Board.
 - i. Dr. Byron Ernest stated that it is important to note that the disaggregated data shows that the graduation rate for traditional brick and mortar charter schools is 91%. Virtual and adult high schools is lower. He noted it is important to point out this difference for the sake of the public’s information.
- C. Graduation Pathways: Amanda McCammon, Chief of Workforce & STEM Alliances, reported on the IDOE implementation efforts and professional development and training conducted by IDOE.
 - i. Dr. Steve Yager asked for the status of the Analytical Algebra opt-out form. Matt Voors, executive director of the State Board of Education (SBOE) informed him that the statute does not require board approval was developed in collaboration with the Commission for Higher Education (CHE).
 - ii. Dr. Yager expressed concern for the impact on students at virtual charter schools. Brian Murphy, chief of staff at SBOE, clarified that informed consent can take the place of an in-person meeting as suggested.
 - iii. Mrs. Cari Whicker stated her concern with a mandatory in-person meeting putting the burden on the school instead of the parent.
 - iv. Dr. Jennifer McCormick stated the Department of Education does not believe a meeting is necessary.
 - v. Mr. BJ Watts asked Mr. Voors to revisit the form and bring it back to the Board in February.
 - vi. Mr. Tony Walker asked why there is only one participant in the computer science concentrator in CTE. Ms. McCammon stated further analysis could be done, but it could be due to a variety of reasons.
 - vii. Dr. McCormick said she thinks it will increase over time.

D. Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Plan/Social and Emotional Learning: Christy Berger with IDOE offered an update on the next steps.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.