



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Indiana State Board of Education
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016
Indiana Government Center South
Conference B
200 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Board Members Present: Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick (Chair), Mrs. Cari Whicker (Vice Chair), Dr. Byron Ernest (Secretary), Dr. David Freitas, Mr. Gordon Hendry, Dr. Maryanne McMahon, Mr. B.J. Watts, and Dr. Steve Yager.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Vince Bertram

I. Call to Order

- a. Vice Chair Mrs. Whicker called the meeting to order.
- b. The board members recited the pledge of allegiance.
- c. The nomination of the new Superintendent Jennifer McCormick to be Chair of the Board was approved by a unanimous vote.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by voice vote.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes from December 13, 2016 were approved by voice vote.

IV. Statement from the Chair

- a. Superintendent McCormick said she looked forward to being a great partner with the Department and state. She is thrilled to see what the future holds.

V. Board Member Comments and Reports

- a. None.

VI. General Public Comment

- a. None.

VII. Best Practices

- a. None.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote. The items on the Consent agenda were A) Approval of Tri-County School Corporation Governing Body Change, and B) Approval of Standardized Assessments of World Languages for the Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency.

IX. Adjudications

- a. None.

X. New Business – Action

- a. Approval of New Program Proposal from Butler University

- i. The SBOE approved the new program proposal from Butler University by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Hendry abstained from voting because Butler University is a client of his and to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest.
- b. Approval of New Program Proposal from Marian University
 - i. The SBOE approved the new program proposal from Marian University by a vote of 8-0.
- c. Approval to Extend State Accreditation for the School of Education at the University of Evansville.
 - i. The SBOE approved the program accreditation at the University of Evansville by a vote of 8-0.
- d. Approval of School Corporation Grades
 - i. The SBOE approved placement of school corporations into grade categories by a vote of 8-0.
- e. Approval of SBOE Executive Committee Resolution
 - i. The SBOE agreed to withdraw from the executive committee resolution.
- f. Approval of Strategic Planning Committee Resolution
 - i. The SBOE voted 8-0 to table this item until the March meeting with an update or a recommendation from the superintendent.

XI. Discussion and Reports

- a. Pearson Core Assessments Assessment Update
 - i. Risa Regnier from the Department and Nathan Estel from the Evaluation System group of Pearson employees gave a brief update on the CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure assessment program.
 - ii. Megan Poage and Jordan Eickhoff gave public comment about students that have failed multiple Pearson exams. They believe the standards for passing the Pearson exam should be fully researched and the practice exams need to be more intuitive and changed in order for students to obtain their teaching certification.
 - iii. Dr. Beebe, a representative and history professor from the University of Southern Indiana, also expressed his concerns on passing the Pearson certification tests.
- b. IPS: John Marshall, George Washington, Arlington Update
 - i. Dr. Jesse Pratt, Academic Improvement Officer, updated the SBOE on student attendance, enrollment, and discipline from 2015 to 2016 for Arlington Community High School and George Washington Community School.
 - ii. Dr. Yvonne Stokes, Academic Improvement Officer, updated SBOE on John Marshall Community High School's student attendance, enrollment, and discipline from 2015 to 2016.
- c. Ball State Authorizer Update
 - i. Robert Marra, Executive Director of the Office of Charter Schools with Ball State, gave a presentation regarding charter school authorization.
 - ii. Leon Longard, Debra Snidely, Lynette Quinn and Cassidy Quinn who are parents and students spoke in support of Hoosier Academies.
 - iii. Dr. Ernest was not present for the discussion to avoid a conflict of interest.
- d. Assessment Update
 - i. Wes Bruce gave a brief update to the SBOE regarding assessment. Richard Young, from Pearson, was also present to answer questions.
- e. Accountability update
 - i. Maggie Paino, the Director of Accountability at the Department was available for questions.

Mr. B.J. Watts left the meeting

- f. SBOE Technical Advisory Committee Update

- i. No update
- g. ESSA Update
 - i. The ESSA plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education by September of 2017. DOE acknowledged a need to reengage stakeholders and focus on school improvement and English learners. SBOE is encouraged to participate in team meetings.

XII. Board Options

- a. None.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Board adjourned the meeting by voice vote.