

MINUTES
State Board Of Education Business Meeting
July 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM ET
Indiana Government Center South, Auditorium
302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Board Members Present: Mr. BJ Watts (Chair), Ms. Katie Mote (Vice Chair), Mr. Tony Walker (Secretary), Mr. William E. Durham, Jr., Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. David Freitas, Mr. Gregory Gastineau, Mr. Pat Mapes, Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Mr. Pete Miller, and Ms. Kristin Rentschler

Board Members Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - i. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - A. The agenda was approved with the following amendments
 - i. Move prekindergarten pilot discussion to earlier on agenda;
 - ii. Move formative grants discussion from Consent Agenda to an action item; and
 - iii. Move Theodore Roosevelt/Edison Innovation Network School Budget item from Consent Agenda to discussion
- IV. **Statement from the Chair**
 - A. Mr. Watts thanked Dr. Lee Ann Kwiatkowski for her service and wished her the best as she transitions to CEO of Muncie Community Schools. Mr. Watts shared that the Governor's Teacher Compensation Committee has three upcoming meetings and encouraged attendance. Finally, he welcomed the new Board members and invited them to introduce themselves.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports**
 - A. The new Board members, Mr. Durham, Mr. Mapes, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Rentschler introduced themselves with short biographical information.
 - B. Dr. Ernest shared some of his recent experiences in northern Indiana and commended Plymouth Community School Corporation for their work with career and technical education.
 - C. Mr. Mapes also commended Dr. Kwiatkowski and her skill set and stated plainly that she is the best person for the job at Muncie Community Schools.
- VI. **Public Comment**
 - A. Brent Kent, CEO of Foster Success, shared his disappointment in IDOE's Foster Youth Remediation Plan.
 - B. Dakota Huddleston, an educator, stated he believes Board members should be elected instead of appointed.
 - C. Allistare Lute, MSD of Decatur Township and a product of the foster care system, advocated for increased teacher pay.
- VII. **Consent Agenda:** Mr. Watts recused himself from item (E); Dr. Ernest recused himself from (J)(ii); with those recusals, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.
 - A. Approval of Teacher Licensing Test Vendor - **Resolution**

- B. Assignment of School Numbers - Memo
- C. Freeway Accreditation Waivers - Memo
- D. Latch Key Waivers - Memo
- E. Common School Loans - Memo
- F. Appointment of Executive Director - Resolution
- G. Resolution Regarding Charter Authorizer Hearings - Resolution
- H. Initiate Rulemaking: 511 IAC 6.2-3.1- IREAD-3 - Memo
- I. Initiate Rulemaking: IC 20-19-8 (SB 567)- Virtual Schools - Memo
- J. State Tuition Support Withholding for Turnaround Academies:
 - i. Gary Community School Corporation: Theodore Roosevelt - Memo
 - ii. Indianapolis Public Schools: Thomas Carr Howe, Emmerich Manual, Emma Donnan - Memo

VIII. **New Business – Action**

- A. Claire Fiddian-Green and Dr. Marc Hernandez provided an update on the Fairbanks Foundation’s prekindergarten pilot program - Presentation
- B. Daleville Community Schools Indiana Virtual School and Indiana Virtual Pathways Academy - Materials
 - i. Public comment was heard from MaryAnn Schlegel Ruegger. Ms. Ruegger expressed frustration with the situation and stated that it should have been addressed much earlier.
 - ii. SBOE General Counsel Tim Schultz outlined the order of presentation for this agenda item and stated that the authorizer, Daleville Community Schools, chose not to present and that organizers from the virtual schools did not express their intention to attend the meeting. Mr. Schultz presented Board staff recommendations that first, the ADM counts for previous years be reduced, as outlined in Board materials; second, IDOE and State Board of Accounts (SBOA) pursue recovery of funds based on the incorrect ADM counts; and finally, IDOE assist in enhanced monitoring to ensure future ADM reports are accurate.
 - iii. Mr. Watts asked how this issue was missed and by whom. Mr. Schultz responded that it is difficult to answer and that the law limits Board authority in this matter. He stated that authorizers are the ones with the authority to monitor and manage these situations and the enrollment data was reported by the schools to IDOE.
 - iv. Mr. Paul Garrison, superintendent of Daleville Community Schools stated that they provided suggestions for guardrails to SBOE.
 - v. Mr. Paul Joyce with State Board of Accounts, fielded questions from Board members. Dr. Freitas asked if this enters the realm of potentially criminal activity and Mr. Joyce affirmed it does and that all law enforcement partners have been contacted as deemed relevant.
 - vi. Board members unanimously voted to approve the three recommendations.
- C. Choice Scholarship Waivers
 - i. Mr. Schultz presented Board staff recommendation that a requested waiver for Holy Angels Catholic Schools be granted.
 - ii. Heather Willey of Barnes and Thornburg spoke in support of the waiver.
 - iii. Board members voted to approve the recommendation by a vote of 10-1; Superintendent McCormick voted no.
- D. Election of Secretary

- i. The Board voted unanimously to select Mr. Walker as Board Secretary.
- E. Resolutions Honoring Cari Whicker, Dr. Maryanne McMahon, Dr. Steve Yager, and Gordon Hendry were unanimously approved by Board members. Resolutions
- F. Dr. Charity Flores presented IDOE's proposed formative grants plan and approved vendors list. Mr. Walker asked if it is a time sensitive decision and Dr. Flores responded that it is, because many schools will be in the midst of negotiating contracts with the start of the school year imminent. Mr. Watts if it is possible, though not preferable, to extend the window. Dr. Flores stated she is unsure what a reasonable extension date would be and stressed the importance of vendors being aligned. Mr. Mapes asked if vendors who received a correlation study were coached into how to improve to the necessary standards in an alignment study. Dr. Flores said vendors received information about flagged or missing information. Mr. Mapes expressed concern about the timeline in which vendors had to make those corrections.
- G. A motion was made by Mr. Mapes to approve the grant and list of vendors as recommended. Mr. Walker moved to amend the motion to an October 1, 2019 deadline for any vendor to resubmit; the approved vendors would not need to resubmit. The unfriendly amendment to the motion passed, 6-4-1. The motion to approve the six recommended vendors with the amendment to extend the window to October 1, 2019, however, passed. Memo; Approved Vendors

IX. **Discussion**

- A. IDOE Foster Youth Remediation Plan was presented by Ms. Robin LeClaire. Ms. LeClaire said the final report should be available in 6-8 months, which would be March 2020 at the latest. Memo
- B. Dr. Flores provided an assessment update. She stated that there are discussions with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to find efficiencies in the administration of IREAD-3 as it relates to ILEARN.
- C. Nationally Recognized College Entrance Exam RFP Update: Dr. Flores said the intent is to begin drafting this in August and share a draft with SBOE to review at the October board meeting.
- D. Theodore Roosevelt/Edison Innovation Network School Budget: Brian Murphy, executive director, stated that staff would work with the school as best it could to scale down the budget to make it as lean as possible. - Memo

X. **Adjournment**