

MINUTES
State Board Of Education Business Meeting
October 2, 2019 at 9:30 AM CDT
Indiana University Northwest
Arts and Science Building, Room 1010
3400 Broadway
Gary, Indiana 46408.

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Pat Mapes, Dr. Jennifer McCormick

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance: Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Indiana University Northwest Chancellor William Lowe gave welcome remarks.
- III. Indiana University Northwest Interim Dean Dr. Mark Sperling made a presentation about the university's school of education.
 - A. At Mr. Walker's invitation, Gary Mayor-Elect Jerome Prince made welcoming remarks.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Dr. Ernest moved to amend the agenda with addition of the election of the INSBEO NASBE delegate to the annual NASBE national conference.
 - B. The agenda with this modification was approved by voice vote.
- V. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from September 4, 2019 were approved by voice vote.
- VI. Statement from the Chair: Mr. Watts thanked Chancellor Lowe for hosting the Board.
- VII. Board Member Comments and Reports: Mr. Walker expressed concerns about the status of state involvement in academic and financial matters of Gary schools.
- VIII. Public Comment was heard from:
 - A. Sandra Dillon
 - B. LaRona Carter
 - C. Robert Coleman
 - D. Michelle Johnson
 - E. Sister Patrick
 - F. Robert Buggs
 - G. James Piggee
 - H. Rachel Wilbourn
 - I. LaVetta Sparks-Wade
 - J. Tracy Coleman
- IX. Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved by voice vote.

X. New Business: Action

A. Approval of Growth Table

1. Maggie Paino, IDOE, introduced Dr. Damian Betebenner to speak on how Indiana calculates growth scores for accountability.
2. Following Dr. Betebenner's presentation, Dr. Freitas made a motion to accept growth to proficiency table as presented and also cap the growth score scale at 100 instead of 175. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8-1 with Mr. Watts dissenting
3. Following the conclusion of the day's Board business, Mr. Watts asked that the Board reconsider its vote on the growth table. Brian Murphy, executive director of the Board, stated that at this time, Board staff recommends the growth table be approved as presented. Ms. Mote made a motion to reconsider the prior action on New Business Item A and approve the growth table as presented. That motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Walker dissenting.

B. Resolution Concerning Teacher and Student Advancement Fund Administration Guidelines was presented by Mr. Murphy and approved unanimously by the Board.

C. NASBE delegate: The Board voted unanimously to recognize Dr. Freitas as the Board's delegate to the 2019 NASBE Annual Conference, with Dr. Freitas abstaining from the vote.

XI. Discussion

A. Turnaround Academy Updates: Ron Sandlin, SBOE, clarified that benchmarks used in the presentations are based on ISTEP+ not ILEARN.

1. Edison Roosevelt: The update was given by Joshua Batchelor, principal of Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, who also introduced Marshall Emerson, superintendent.
 - I. Dr. Freitas asked Board staff to return recommendations for next steps at the November Board meeting.
2. Madison STEAM: The update was given by Dr. Todd Cummings, superintendent of South Bend Community School Corporation, Ms. Deb Martin, principal at Madison STEAM, Ms. Cynthia Werntz, district literacy specialist, and Mrs. Jennifer Arzola, instructional leader director.
3. South Bend Empowerment Zone: The update was given by Dr. Cheryl Camacho, zone chief.

XII. Adjournment