

MINUTES
State Board Of Education Business Meeting
September 4, 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), Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. David Freitas, Mr. Greg Gastineau Mr. Pat Mapes, Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Mr. Pete Miller, and Ms. Kristin Rentschler.

Board Members Absent: Mr. William E. Durham, Jr.

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance: Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Mr. Watts made a motion to move the action item for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment resolution to immediately follow the Consent Agenda and to move both discussion items to prior to the school letter grades resolution action item. The motion passed.
 - B. The agenda with these modifications was approved by voice vote.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. The minutes from July 25, 2019 and August 7, 2019 were approved by voice vote.
- IV. Statement from the Chair:
 - A. Mr. Watts inquired as to when the career ladders grants will come before the Board again. Dr. McCormick responded that the Department is holding meetings around the state and they are still on track to meet the mandated dates.
- V. Board Member Comments and Reports
 - A. Dr. Freitas expressed a concern that there is a difference between the career ladders grant policy guidelines the Board gave the Department and what the Department has included on its website. Specifically, he expressed concerns that it does not appear the application is competitive. Dr. Freitas said he would not support any application that is presented without meeting these guidelines.
 - B. Mr. Miller stated he wants to see the career ladders grants have a significant impact with a focus on quality.
- VI. Public Comment
 - A. John O'Neill with the Indiana State Teachers Association spoke in support of mitigating the impact of ILEARN scores on accountability grades.
- VII. Consent Agenda
 - A. The consent agenda was approved by voice vote.
- VIII. New Business: Action
 - A. Resolution regarding the release of 2018-19 school letter grades

- A. Public comment was heard from Catherine Francis, parent of students at Center Grove Community School Corporation.
 - B. The resolution passed 10-0.
 - B. Resolution regarding pre-kindergarten pilot Kindergarten Readiness Assessment passed 10-0.
- IX. Discussion
 - A. Coalition of Continuous Improvement School Districts Update was presented by Paul Ketcham, Superintendent of Batesville Community Schools and State Rep. Terry Goodin.
 - B. An Assessment Update was provided by Dr. Charity Flores, DOE.
- X. Adjournment