



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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April 28, 2014

Indiana Government Center South – Conference Room B
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Board Members Present: Superintendent Glenda Ritz (chair), Mr. Troy Albert, Ms. Sarah O'Brien, Dr. Brad Oliver, and Ms. Cari Whicker.

I. Meeting Goals

Superintendent Ritz announced the beginning of the subcommittee meeting and announced that the agenda had been reorganized a bit. She explained the RFI would be explained and there would be a discussion on transition.

II. Roles of SBOE/Roundtable/Assessment Subcommittee and Ethics on RFI/RFP

Superintendent Ritz introduced Dr. Michelle McKeown, from the Center for Education and Career Innovation, to speak. Dr. McKeown explained the Roundtable's role in the process which is similar to the standards process. She also laid out the role of the Board in overseeing the overall process while the superintendent implements, develops, and monitors the process within the parameters set by the Board. Dr. McKeown went on to explain the RFI and RFP processes. Dr. McKeown outlined ethical rules to following during the process.

III. Assessment Alignment to Accountability "Vision"

Superintendent Ritz invited Dr. Chamberlain and Deb Dailey to present on this issue. Ms. Dailey began by explaining the accountability framework. Specifically, she outlined performance in accountability. Dr. Chamberlain explained the growth part of accountability. Ms. Dailey expounded a bit on targeted growth. Dr. McKeown added

that the experts can continue to be involved in the process since they are still under contract. The committee also discussed that there is the possibility of a separate reading assessment. Dr. Oliver commented that he would like to hear from the experts regarding the effect of adaptive assessments on proficiency metrics. Dr. Chamberlain concluded by expressing the challenge of measuring growth with only a tenth grade end of course assessment; and that that issue needs to be discussed further.

IV. Exploring Assessments

Superintendent Ritz invited Dr. Michele Walker to speak in this matter. Dr. Walker referred to a handout she gave the Board and outlined from a bird's-eye view the duties of the Board regarding required assessments. She also explained the additional assessments Indiana currently uses. Dr. Walker also referred the Board to a PowerPoint presentation to aid in outlining what the work is going to entail once the Board heads down this path; she laid out the journey to an operational test. Superintendent Ritz announced a break before moving to transition.

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V. Indiana's Transition Options

Superintendent Ritz asked Dr. Walker to present on this issue. Superintendent Ritz said she would like to involve three groups in the RFI and RFP processes. She said she would like to have higher education, appointed members of the Roundtable, and people from accountability involved. Dr. Walker used a PowerPoint to aid in her presentation to the Board. She explained the transition process, including the transition assessment, reiterating that anything put out will be aligned with new standards. Dr. Walker also discussed the plans to promptly give schools exposure and access to college and career ready content.

VI. Future of Assessment-Link to RFI

Dr. Walker said they would open this part up for discussion. Superintendent Ritz stated she wanted the RFI to be broad enough to include everything they want. Dr. McKeown responded that the RFI was very open to address that concern. Dr. Walker said the idea is to gain examples of solutions for the subcommittee to consider.

VII. Procurement Timeline

Superintendent Ritz said June 11 and June 12 are dates to consider because those are the dates to hear presentations from vendors as a result of the RFI. Dan Clark, with the Roundtable, asked about a Roundtable meeting before the subcommittee meeting and that the Governor suggested June 11. Dr. Oliver expressed a desire for a spring pilot. Dr. Walker recommended seeing what solutions the vendors offer. Dr. Oliver suggested asking vendors for a pilot, even if a scaled down version. Superintendent Ritz expressed concern about the timeline for getting the pilot done.

VIII. Future Subcommittee Meeting Dates

The subcommittee agreed to meet after the May 14, 2014 regular Board meeting.