



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015
9:00 a.m. (EDT)

Purdue University
Room Stewart, 218 Stewart Center
128 Memorial Mall
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Board Members Present: Superintendent Glenda Ritz (Chair), Dr. Vince Bertram, Dr. David Freitas, Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Gordon Hendry, Ms. Lee Ann Kwiatkowski, Mr. Edward Melton, Ms. Sarah O'Brien, Ms. Cari Whicker, and Dr. Steven Yager.

Board Members Absent: Mr. B.J. Watts.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Superintendent Ritz called the meeting to order, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and roll was called. The roll reflected all members present except Mr. Watts. Provost Debasish Dutta from Purdue University gave the Board and guests an opening welcome. Mr. Hendry commented that he appreciated the welcome and the work of Purdue faculty and staff. He also commended Provost Dutta and Purdue for freezing tuition for the last four years.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Superintendent Ritz informed the Board that she wished to withdraw the item on the consent agenda – Formative Assessment Grant Application.¹ She stated that there will be further conversation about that and then more specifics will be brought

¹ The memo provided by the Department at this meeting regarding this agenda item can be viewed at http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/Formative_Assessment_Grant_Formula_12.pdf.

to the Board at the July meeting. The Board approved the agenda, with the removal of the consent agenda item, by a vote of 10-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion and second, the Board approved the minutes from May 7, 2015 by a vote of 10-0.

IV. STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR

- Superintendent Ritz thanked Provost Dutta and Purdue for hosting. She said the Department adores working with Purdue in the training of teachers. She expressed appreciation for Purdue's focus on STEM education as well. Superintendent Ritz also welcomed new Board members: Dr. Bertram, Dr. Ernest, Ms. Kwiatkowski, Mr. Melton, and Dr. Yager.
- Superintendent Ritz continued that she had a very moving experience at Hope Academy. She stated that it is a drug and alcohol recovery high school. She commented on the importance of seeing some of these students graduate. She then commended Milken award winners Laurie Davis of Pine Tree Elementary and Kelly Wilbur of Southport Elementary. Superintendent Ritz went on to congratulate Indiana Food Service Employee of the Year Award winner, Peggy Haskett, from Thorpe Creek Elementary in Fishers. Lastly, Superintendent Ritz commended Substitute Teacher of the Year national award winner, Josephine Brewington, from Beech Grove School Corporation.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- Superintendent Ritz invited the new Board members to give introductions. Mr. Melton began by giving a brief introduction including some information about his background. He stated that he is a Manager of Governmental and Community Relations at NIPSCO, which is the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. He said NIPSCO is the gas and electric provider for the northern third of Indiana. He stated that he is honored and humbled to serve on the Board. Mr. Melton also discussed his position as Chairman for the Commission on the Social Status of Black Males. He then spoke about NIPSCO's role in implementing the first energy academy and introducing students to the energy sector.

- Dr. Bertram said it's an honor for him to serve on the Board. He commented that he is a former teacher, principal, and superintendent, and is the current President and Chief Executive Officer of Project Lead the Way ("PLTW"). He said PLTW is the nation's leading provider of STEM education. He stated that the Board making good decisions, and getting things right, is critical to the students, the economy, and the state.
- Ms. Kwiatkowski commented that it is an honor to serve on the Board. She went on to thank her superintendent, Dr. Dena Cushenberry, for supporting this important work. Ms. Kwiatkowski stated that she has been involved in education for 30 years at the school level, district level, and the state level. She said she hopes to bring a unique perspective to the Board and hopes to make sound decisions for students, educators, and families in Indiana.
- Dr. Yager introduced himself and informed that he has served as a teacher at various levels, as a high school counselor, and in administrator positions including as superintendent. He said he recently retired, but continues to do consulting with schools. He stated that his goal is to improve education for students in Indiana.
- Dr. Ernest stated that it is an honor for him to serve on the Board. He also commented that he brings a unique career and technical perspective to the Board. He said, as an agriculture teacher, he sought to prepare students for college and career readiness. He also said he has been involved in turnaround at Manual High School and that helped him gain insight into the turnaround process. He said he believed that has given him a unique perspective as well. Dr. Ernest also spoke about his role at Hoosier Academies.

VI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (public comments on specific agenda items are taken at the time each item is before the Board)

- No member of the public signed up for general public comment.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- The consent agenda item was removed.

VIII. ADJUDICATIONS

- There were no adjudications on this meeting's agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION

A. Initiate Rulemaking for Summer School Programs (511IAC 12-2)²

- Rhonda Eshleman, Principal of Indiana Online Academy, signed up for public comment regarding this agenda item. Ms. Eshleman commented that there is a three category process for reimbursing schools for summer school programs. She stated that in 2014 all three categories were fully funded. She said in April schools turned in their estimated 2015 summer school costs, which totaled more than 29 million dollars. She said the appropriate amount was approximately 18 million dollars though. She expressed concern over this disparity and adding additional programs through rulemaking. She said if the Board does move forward, courses during the year should be funded in category 2 or 3, since category 1 includes core classes that students can take during the summer to help graduate on time.
- Superintendent Ritz said she requested that rulemaking be initiated to give schools more flexibility to utilize summer school program funds within the school calendar year. She said many schools are utilizing balanced calendars that include intersessions.
- Superintendent Ritz moved to initiate rulemaking to amend the current school funding rule to give schools flexibility to utilize summer school funds within the school calendar year. Dr. Bertram seconded the motion. The Board voted 10-0 to carry the motion.

B. Approval of the Islamic School of Plainfield Freeway School Contract³

- Superintendent Ritz invited Risa Regnier, Assistant Superintendent of School Achievement and School Support Services, and John Snethen, Interim Executive Director and General Counsel for the Board, to address the Board. Mr. Snethen gave a brief introduction and stated that this recommendation is a joint recommendation from Board staff and the Department. Ms. Regnier explained that the Islamic School

² A Board staff memo can be viewed at

http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/Summer_School_Funding_Rulemaking_memo.pdf.

³ A Department memo and the school contract can be viewed at

<http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/PlainfieldIslamicSchool.pdf>.

of Plainfield is seeking approval as an accredited freeway school. She said they have addressed all the issues that needed to be addressed in the freeway contract.

- Dr. Bertram moved to approve the request and enter into a five year freeway accreditation contract with the Islamic School of Plainfield and Dr. Ernest seconded the motion. The Board then moved to discussion. Dr. Bertram opined that going forward it will be important to have discussions about the issue that all schools should have the flexibility to benefit their student populations, as freeway schools do. Dr. Yager asked about IREAD, and Ms. Regnier responded that this school will be administering all the required state assessments.
- The Board voted 10-0 to carry the motion to approve the request and enter into a five year freeway accreditation contract with the Islamic School of Plainfield.

C. Canceling RFP for Turnaround School Operators⁴

- Mr. Snethen explained that this RFP needs to be closed as a housekeeping matter. He said it had been initiated for a turnaround operator but as it ended up one was not needed. Superintendent Ritz moved to cancel the RFP and Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried 10-0.

D. Selection of SBOE Member to Serve on the Committee on School Data Reporting

- Mr. Snethen gave some background regarding the duties of the committee. He informed the Board that the committee is tasked with reducing the redundancies in state reporting requirements and to make reporting more streamlined and efficient.
- Dr. Yager nominated Ms. Kwiatkowski to serve on this committee. Upon motion by Superintendent Ritz, and a second by Dr. Ernest, the Board voted 10-0 to select Ms. Kwiatkowski to serve on the data reporting committee.

E. Selection of SBOE Members to Serve on the SBOE Strategic Planning Committee

- Mr. Hendry gave a brief overview of the Strategic Planning Committee and its role in overseeing the implementation of the strategic plan. Mr. Hendry mentioned that recently the committee has been looking at teacher evaluation at a high level.

⁴ Additional information regarding this agenda item can be viewed at http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/merged_document_RFP.pdf.

Ashley Cowger, Chief of Staff for the Board, gave some additional information about the committee. Ms. Cowger spoke about the time commitment expected of members, as well as, some of the projects the committee has been working on. After some discussion, Dr. Bertram said he would be happy to serve on the committee.

- Superintendent Ritz moved to approve the following members of the Strategic Planning Committee going forward: Mr. Hendry as Chair, Mr. Watts, Dr. Freitas, and Dr. Bertram, and Ms. Kwiatkowski seconded the motion. The Board voted 10-0 to approve the members of the Strategic Planning Committee.

F. Approval of Continued State Accreditation Status for Teacher Preparation Programs at Marian University⁵

- Ms. Regnier explained that teacher preparation programs must have state approval. She went on to say that some seek national accreditation. Ms. Regnier informed the Board that a program that receives national accreditation meets the state accreditation requirements.
- Ms. Regnier continued that both Marian and Taylor have received national accreditation, and therefore meet the state accreditation requirements. She recommended approval of ongoing accreditation for both programs. Superintendent Ritz moved to approve Marian University's continuing accreditation and Dr. Freitas seconded the motion. Dr. Freitas noted that Marian's program had no areas of improvement; he said that is rare and an affirmation of the great program they have at Marian.
- The motion carried by a vote of 10-0.

G. Approval of Continued State Accreditation Status for Teacher Preparation Programs at Taylor University

- Superintendent Ritz moved to approve Taylor University's continuing accreditation and Dr. Bertram seconded the motion. The motion carried 10-0.

H. Resolution Recognizing Robert Guffin

⁵ A memo from Scott Bogan, Coordinator of Educator Preparation at the Department, regarding both Marian University and Taylor University can be viewed at http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/Taylor-Marian_Acc.pdf.

- Superintendent Ritz read the resolution recognizing Robert Guffin. It stated:

Indiana State Board of Education Resolution Honoring Robert Guffin

WHEREAS, Robert Guffin has served with distinction as the Executive Director to the State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, Robert Guffin has devoted much of his life to the betterment of education in Indiana, and has displayed a deep compassion for Indiana students and educators, and a desire to see students succeed;

WHEREAS, Robert Guffin has exemplified the highest professional and ethical standards as an Indiana public servant; and

WHEREAS, Robert Guffin has faithfully served Indiana students, educators, families, and communities for more than two decades as a teacher, assistant principal and principal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board recognizes Robert Guffin's distinguished service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board expresses its great appreciation to Robert Guffin for his service and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

ADOPTED ON: June 3, 2015

- Dr. Freitas moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hendry seconded the motion. Superintendent read the resolution aloud. Mr. Hendry stated that Mr. Guffin was a great service to the Board and was extremely dedicated to his job. The Board adopted the resolution by a vote of 10-0.
- 1. Resolution Honoring Previous SBOE Members*
- Superintendent Ritz read aloud the resolutions honoring departing Board members. She began by reading Andrea Neal's resolution, which stated:

Indiana State Board of Education Resolution Honoring Ms. Andrea Neal

WHEREAS, Andrea Neal has served with distinction as a member of the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) representing the Fifth Congressional District;

WHEREAS, Andrea Neal has also served with distinction as a history and English teacher at St. Richard’s Episcopal School in Indianapolis;

WHEREAS, Andrea Neal has served with distinction as an adjunct scholar with the Indiana Policy Review Foundation;

WHEREAS, Andrea Neal has displayed a passion for educating Indiana students, and an appreciation of the importance of certain subject areas such as civics and Indiana history; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Neal has faithfully executed her duties to the State of Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board recognizes the distinguished service that Andrea Neal has given for the benefit of Indiana students, schools, educators, communities, and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Andrea Neal and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

ADOPTED ON: June 3, 2015

- Superintendent Ritz moved to adopt the resolution and Ms. Whicker seconded the motion. Mr. Hendry commented that Ms. Neal was a great voice for education in Indiana. He said she did a wonderful job and that he wished her the best. Ms. Whicker commented that it has been an honor to work with the departing members and she enjoyed their passion. Dr. Freitas commented that Ms. Neal brought an “out of the box” perspective to the Board that he appreciated. Dr. Freitas continued that Ms. Neal’s contributions resulted in better decisions for the benefit of Indiana students. Superintendent Ritz also thanked Ms. Neal for her service. The Board adopted the resolution honoring Ms. Neal by a 10-0 vote.
- Superintendent Ritz read a resolution honoring Mr. Dan Elsener, which stated:

Indiana State Board of Education Resolution Honoring Mr. Daniel Elsener

WHEREAS, Daniel Elsener has served with distinction as a member and Secretary of the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) representing the Seventh Congressional District;

WHEREAS, Daniel Elsener has served with distinction as Chairperson of the Board’s Turnaround Committee;

WHEREAS, Daniel Elsener has served with distinction as a member of the Indiana Education Roundtable;

WHEREAS, Daniel Elsener has served with distinction as Secretary/ Executive Director for the Office of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; WHEREAS, Daniel Elsener currently serves with distinction as President of Marian University; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Elsener has expressed a strong desire for the success of all Indiana students, and has tirelessly worked to improve education for those students in low performing schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board recognizes the distinguished service that Daniel Elsener has given for the benefit of Indiana students, schools, educators, communities, and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Daniel Elsener and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

ADOPTED ON: June 3, 2015

- Superintendent Ritz moved to adopt the resolution recognizing Mr. Elsener and Dr. Bertram seconded the motion. Mr. Hendry said it was a privilege to get to know Mr. Elsener through his service on the Board. Mr. Hendry said in many ways Mr. Elsener was the conscience of the Board, and that he cared very much for Indiana students, especially underprivileged students. Dr. Freitas added that Mr. Elsener kept the Board on track and that he was an outstanding Board member.
- The Board adopted the resolution honoring Mr. Elsener 10-0.
- Superintendent Ritz then read the resolution honoring Mr. Albert:

Indiana State Board of Education Resolution Honoring Mr. Troy Albert

WHEREAS, Troy Albert has served with distinction as a member of the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) representing the Ninth Congressional District;

WHEREAS, Troy Albert has served with distinction as a teacher of math and physical education for 13 years;

WHEREAS, Troy Albert has served with distinction as Principal for Fremont High School and Westview High School;

WHEREAS, Troy Albert currently serves with distinction as Principal for the Henryville Jr. Sr. High School; and

WHEREAS, Troy Albert has devoted much of his life to the service of Indiana students and educators, and has tirelessly worked to improve education in Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board recognizes the distinguished service that Troy Albert has given for the benefit of Indiana students, schools, educators, communities, and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Troy Albert and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

ADOPTED ON: June 3, 2015

- Superintendent Ritz moved to adopt this resolution and Ms. Kwiatkowski seconded the motion. Mr. Hendry commented that he enjoyed getting to know Mr. Albert. Mr. Hendry said Mr. Albert had great information to share and that he appreciated his contributions.
- The Board voted 10-0 to adopt the resolution honoring Mr. Albert.
- Superintendent Ritz read the resolution honoring Dr. Oliver:

Indiana State Board of Education Resolution Honoring Dr. Brad Oliver

WHEREAS, Dr. Brad Oliver has served with distinction as a member of the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) representing the Sixth Congressional District;

WHEREAS, Dr. Brad Oliver has served with distinction as a member of the Board’s Strategic Planning Committee;

WHEREAS, Dr. Brad Oliver has served with distinction as an Indiana elementary school teacher and principal, and has served as a central office administrator in two Indiana school districts, including Muncie Community Schools from 2004-2008;

WHEREAS, Dr. Brad Oliver has served with distinction as Dean of the School of Educational Leadership at Indiana Wesleyan University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brad Oliver has displayed a tireless passion for serving Indiana students and educators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board recognizes the distinguished service that Dr. Brad Oliver has given for the benefit of Indiana students, schools, educators, communities, and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Brad Oliver and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

ADOPTED ON: June 3, 2015

- Superintendent Ritz moved to adopt the resolution and the motion was seconded by Dr. Bertram. Mr. Hendry commented that Dr. Oliver was very helpful to him as a non-educator. He continued that Dr. Oliver is extremely passionate about education and everyone involved in the educational system. Dr. Freitas expressed his appreciation for Dr. Oliver's service on the Strategic Planning Committee. He said Dr. Oliver was a data driven person and that brought a lot of value to the committee. Mr. Hendry added that Dr. Oliver approached issues in a nonpartisan way.
- The Board voted to adopt the resolution honoring Dr. Oliver by a vote of 10-0.
- Superintendent Ritz read the final resolution, which honored Mr. Tony Walker, which stated:

Indiana State Board of Education Resolution Honoring Mr. Tony Walker

WHEREAS, Tony Walker has served with distinction as a member of the Indiana State Board of Education ("Board") representing the First Congressional District;

WHEREAS, Tony Walker has served with distinction as a member of the Board's Turnaround Committee;

WHEREAS, Tony Walker has worked tirelessly to improve education in Indiana for all students, including students in low performing schools; and

WHEREAS, Tony Walker has faithfully executed his duties to the State of Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board recognizes the distinguished service that Tony Walker has given for the benefit of Indiana students, schools, educators, communities, and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Tony Walker and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

ADOPTED ON: June 3, 2015

- Superintendent Ritz moved to adopt the resolution and Ms. O’Brien seconded the motion. Mr. Melton commended Mr. Walker for his leadership and dedication in representing the First Congressional District. Mr. Melton also stated that Mr. Walker was dedicated to the students. Mr. Hendry said Mr. Walker cares deeply about Indiana students, and especially those students in underperforming schools. Mr. Hendry also said it took great leadership to advocate for some of his positions, including closing a school, and that he did so with the mindset of putting students first. Dr. Freitas also expressed appreciation for Mr. Walker’s dedication. He said Mr. Walker made good points and good arguments to the Board. Dr. Freitas said Mr. Walker expressed courageous leadership.
- The Board voted to adopt the resolution honoring Mr. Walker by a vote of 10-0.

X. BEST PRACTICES – INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION – STUDENT SUCCESSES

- This agenda item was not discussed.

XI. DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

- A. *INTASS/Indiana University Contract (educator evaluation support) to Support Districts and Educators*⁶

⁶ A presentation can be viewed at http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/INTASS_Contract.pdf.

- Ms. Cowger addressed the Board. She began by giving an overview of the INTASS contract. She stated that the goal is to implement some of the feedback from the field. She gave some background regarding surveys and information that has been gathered from the field. Ms. Cowger also gave some background on the work The New Teacher’s Project (“TNTP”) has done, including the TNTP recommendations to the Board.
- Ms. Cowger then moved on to discuss the scope of work. She stated that the scope of work was created in collaboration with the Department to help ensure there would not be duplication of work. Lastly, she laid out the next steps: 1) the INTASS contract will come before the Board for approval at the July 1st Board business meeting, and 2) Ashley Cowger (Board staff), Sarah Pies (Department staff), and Dr. Cole and Dr. Murphy (INTASS/IU) will continue to work together and collaborate as the Management Team to ensure streamlined efforts and support for the field.
- Mr. Hendry stated that he is excited about continuing the collaboration with Dr. Cole and Dr. Murphy.
- Dr. Bertram asked about how this work will serve pre-service programs. Dr. Murphy responded that there is an opportunity here to inform pre-service education programs. He said those systems must be developed. Dr. Bertram expressed that it would be reasonable to start with performance measures and then backwards map from there. He said teacher instructional programs should align. Dr. Murphy agreed and added that this is the vehicle for student improvement.

B. Public Hearings for Year 5 Schools

- Superintendent Ritz mentioned that three schools are coming up for hearings. She invited Teresa Brown, Assistant Superintendent of School Improvement at the Department, to address the Board. She stated there are three schools that have five years of receiving an F grade. The law requires public hearings to be conducted where the public can comment on a list of interventions the Board has, she explained. She mentioned that the Board will need to conduct these in the summer.

*C. Assessment Update*⁷

⁷ A Department memo can be viewed at http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/Assessment_Update_6-3-15.pdf.

- Superintendent Ritz drew the Board's attention to the timeline in September. She stated there needs to be a date selected in September for the Board meeting that will accommodate the cut score timeline. She said the recommendation is for one meeting on September 16, 2015.
- Ms. O'Brien asked if the results from the paper/pencil and online comparative studies will be back before cut score setting in September. Superintendent Ritz said she believed that was correct but she would check and send out an answer at a later time. Ms. Kwiatkowski stated that this information will be important to the Board and the field.
- Deputy Superintendent Danielle Shockey addressed the Board. She gave some background information regarding formative assessment and funding. Ms. Shockey mentioned that the new budget has afforded money to the Department to give as grants to districts so they can choose a formative tool.
- She said the initial Department recommendation to the Board covered grades 3-10.⁸ She stated the reason for this are the different buckets of money the Department has for disbursement. She said it was aligned to Senate Bill 566 – the grade levels required for current formative assessment. She said the recommendation was also based on the various pots of money and making sure districts receive the most they can get with flexibility.
- Ms. Shockey also mentioned that the recommendation was not based on ADM counts. Instead, she explained, the money goes to all schools. She said using the ADM count would have resulted in the exclusion of students.
- Ms. O'Brien expressed appreciation for this work, and stated that she believed it was the right direction. She stated that it will be important to streamline the process in any way possible for the benefit of the schools. Ms. O'Brien said she preferred it cover K-10, rather than 3-10, and then the money can be apportioned at the school level. Dr. Yager agreed that anything that can be done to streamline the grant process will be important.
- Dr. Bertram asked about lost economies of scale and also how college and career readiness is assessed throughout the system, especially at an early age. Superintendent Ritz responded that is why the formative assessment and the guidelines are so important. She said when students need remediation there should be immediate action. She continued that improvement should then be seen. Ms.

⁸ The recommendation can be found at

http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/Formative_Assessment_Grant_Formula_12.pdf.

Shockey added that K-12 is about college and career readiness. With regard to economies of scale, she stated that the RFP process is handled by the Department of Administration. She said when Indiana sought new vendors to deliver test content, the RFP process was required. She said the RFP process does not allow for the economies of scale Dr. Bertram mentioned to be led by the Department. Ms. Shockey said local corporations may be able to have economies of scale conversations. Superintendent Ritz said there can be research done regarding this issue.

- Ms. Kwiatkowski asked about the possibility of entering into zero dollar contracts to help districts with the costs of the formative assessments. Michael Moore, Director of Legal Affairs for the Department, responded that when the state purchases items, the RFP process is used, which is a controlled process. When local districts purchase items, he continued, they have less rigid rules. Mr. Moore said the Department has to be careful not to sidestep the RFP process; he said this could be an issue if the Department recommended a vendor, for example.
- Dr. Bertram suggested putting together some of the largest districts and allowing them to negotiate contracts and then sharing with other districts the terms of their contracts so the smaller districts would be positioned in a favorable way. Ms. Shockey said the Department agrees and could also utilize some partnership organizations.

D. School Quality Review Reports for Year Four Schools⁹

- Ms. Brown addressed the Board regarding the school quality reviews and reports. She said five schools received reviews, with four reports provided today and the remaining to be provided at the next Board meeting.
- Mr. Hendry highlighted some of the report items that caused him concern. He stated that the reviews were thorough and that it is clear there are serious issues that must be addressed. He stated that he hoped the Board is kept updated and there is a vigorous plan to correct these issues. Ms. Brown added that the Department leverages its outreach division to bring help to these schools. Mr. Hendry also stated that he has particular concern for the IPS schools in his district that had school quality reviews.

⁹ The school quality review reports can be viewed at http://www.in.gov/sboe/files/SQR_Report_6-3-15.pdf.

- Mr. Melton asked if the Department has seen improvement in schools, and if so, if that information has been shared as best practices. Ms. Brown responded that the Department has been doing the work for two years, and there hasn't really been enough time yet. She also gave an example, West Side Leadership Academy in Gary, which has been on the upward trend.

E. Dual Language Pilot Program and State Certificate of Biliteracy, Senate Enrolled Act 267

- Ms. Brown stated that the Department will be working with Board staff to engage in rulemaking to define a certificate for biliteracy, and also to determine how the dual language pilot program will look. She said recommendations will come in July.

F. SBOE Staff Update

- Mr. Snethen stated that Board staff will be meeting with Department staff, representatives of the budget agency, and representatives of the legislature regarding the formative assessment grant funding formula. He said this will help ensure everyone is on the same page.

XII. BOARD OPERATIONS

- Board operations not discussed.

Upon motion and a second the Board moved 10-0 to adjourn.