



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Indiana State Board of Education
Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2017
Indiana Government Center South
Conference B
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Board Members Present: Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick (Chair), Mrs. Cari Whicker (Vice Chair), Dr. Byron Ernest (Secretary), Dr. Vince Bertram, Dr. David Freitas, Mr. Gordon Hendry, Dr. Maryanne McMahon, Mr. B.J. Watts, and Dr. Steve Yager.

Board Members Absent: None.

I. Call to Order

- a. Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick (Chair) called the meeting to order.
- b. The Board members recited the pledge of allegiance.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by voice vote.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes from January 11, 2017 were approved by voice vote.

IV. Statement from the Chair

- a. Superintendent McCormick commended the Department and Board for their hard work and participation throughout the past few weeks.

V. Board Member Comments and Reports

- a. Dr. Yager inquired about whether the Board would be doing study sessions in the summer of 2017, and Superintendent McCormick said she would work with Board staff and get back to the Board on that issue.

VI. General Public Comment

- a. None.

VII. Best Practices

- b. None.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote.
- b. The items on the Consent agenda were:
 - A) Approval of Wainwright Middle School A-F Appeal
 - B) Approval of Hope Academy A-F Appeal
 - C) Approval of East Allen University A-F Appeal
 - D) Approval of White's Jr-Sr High School A-F Appeal
 - E) Approval of Trinity School A-F Appeal
 - F) Special Education Child Count Verification

IX. Adjudications

- a. None.

X. New Business – Action

- a. Approval of New Transition to Teaching Proposal from Christel House Academy

- i. Carey Dahncke from Christel House Academy discussed the alternative teaching program.
 - a. [Discussion began at 32:04.](#)
- ii. The Board approved the new transition to teaching program proposal from Christel House Academy by a vote of 8-0.
- b. Approval Intervention for Caze Elementary School
 - i. Ron Sandlin, Director of Policy and Legislation, spoke regarding Caze Elementary in support of its intervention program. The Board adopted Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation's ("EVSC") plan for school improvement at Caze by a vote of 7-0; Mr. B.J. Watts abstained from vote because he teaches at EVSC.
 - a. [Discussion began at 7:28.](#)
- c. Approval of Intervention for Joyce Kilmer School
 - i. Ron Sandlin also spoke regarding Joyce Kilmer School in support of an intervention program that Indianapolis Public Schools ("IPS") has developed. The Board adopted IPS's plan for an Innovation Network School at Joyce Kilmer by a vote of 8-0.
 - a. [Discussion began at 1:12:30.](#)

XI. Discussion and Reports

- a. INTASS Report
 - i. Dr. Sandi Cole and Dr. Hardy Murphy presented an update on their research on Indiana's Teacher Evaluation System over the past two years. The presentation included data analyses, research design, and concerns addressing educators and student records based on teacher evaluation.
 - a. [Discussion report began at 1:26:00.](#)
- b. IREAD-3 Update
 - i. Wes Bruce, Chief Assessment Officer at the Department, gave a brief update of IREAD-3. He reported that students who do not pass IREAD-3 in the spring will have the opportunity to retest in the summer.
 - ii. Students who do not pass IREAD-3 in the spring or summer will continue to receive instruction in Grade 3 Reading, will be officially reported as a third-grader, and will fully participate in the Grade 3 ISTEP+ assessment.
 - a. [Discussion report began at 2:34:05](#)
- c. Assessment Update
 - i. Mr. Bruce also gave an update on the statewide readiness test ("SRT").
 - ii. The work was conducted on January 19, 2017 with over 250,000 logins to the Pearson System. The system processed 15,000 logins a minute. On the makeup date on January 26th, there were 7,000 unique logins.
 - iii. This assessment was considered a "successful test" but in 5% of cases there were interruptions to testing.
 - iv. Pearson plans to make site visits and provide assistance during part 2 of the SRT assessment.
 - a. [Discussion report began at 2:50:10](#)
- d. Accountability Update
 - i. None.
- e. SBOE Technical Advisory Committee Update
 - i. Cynthia Roach, Director of Accountability and Assessment for the Board, gave a brief update informing the Board that there will be a call scheduled for next Tuesday to start discussing teacher content assessments.

- ii. There will also be an in-person meeting on April 12th and 13th.
- f. Essa Update
 - i. An executive order has been placed on pause regarding the Essa plan for 60 days.
 - ii. Patrick McAlister, Director of Policy at the Department, provided an update that informed the Board there will be more community meetings throughout the state that will engage parents, teachers, and community leaders regarding the Essa plan.
 - iii. Mr. McAlister also stated that the Board will be very involved in the process.

XII. Board Options

- a. None.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Board adjourned the meeting by voice vote.