



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting Agenda

May 10, 2017

9:00 AM (CT)

University of Evansville

Eykamp Hall, 2nd Floor

1800 Lincoln Avenue

Evansville, IN 47722

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Vince Bertram

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick (Chair) thanked the University of Evansville and local education officials for hosting the Board's meeting.
 - b. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - c. University of Evansville President Dr. Thomas A. Kazee provided opening remarks.
 - d. University of Evansville officials presented information on the university's current initiatives.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Items D, E, and F in the Consent Agenda were added to New Business.
 - b. The agenda was approved by voice vote.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. The minutes from April 5, 2017 were approved by a voice vote.
- IV. **Statement from the Chair**
 - a. Dr. McCormick updated the Board on Senate Bill 567, which made the Gary Community School Corporation a distressed political subdivision and designated the Muncie Community School Corporation as fiscally impaired. The Board will assist both school districts in any way possible.
 - b. By September, 2022, all teachers teaching AP classes must have a Master's Degree or 18 credit hours in the subject they teach.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports**
 - a. Mr. Hendry mentioned that the Legislature will expand high-quality Pre-K funding to a total of \$22 million per year. Additionally, Mr. Hendry mentioned that the Legislature will replace ISTEP with ILEARN.
 - b. Dr. Yager stressed that it is important that the Board enforce strict timelines. Dr. Yager also stressed the importance of dual-credit classes in high schools.
- VI. **General Public Comment**
 - a. Megan Poage requested an update regarding teacher licensure.
 - b. John O'Neal, Indiana State Teachers Association, requested for the Board to vote against voucher waivers for failing schools.



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- c. John Elcessor, Executive Director for Indiana Non-Public Education Association, commented on the process for requesting a Choice Scholarship Waiver.
- VII. **Best Practices – Innovations in Education – Student Success**
- a. None.
- VIII. **Consent Agenda**
- a. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote.
 - b. The items on the Consent Agenda were:
 - i. Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 ADM Count Dates
 - ii. Approval of Excellence in Performance Awards
 - iii. Approval of Mt. Vernon High School Appeal Recommendation
 - iv. Approval of Dr. Byron Ernest as Chair-elect of the NASBE Board of Directors
- IX. **Adjudications**
- a. None.
- X. **New Business – Action**
- a. Central Christian Academy Request for Choice Scholarship Waiver
 - i. Tim Schultz, General Counsel for the State Board, presented information regarding new Choice Scholarship Waiver legislation, including the role the Board plays in granting a waiver.
 - ii. Motion fails for a lack of six statutorily required votes. The SBOE voted 5-3 (Dr. McCormick, Dr. Yager, and Mr. Hendry voted no).
 - iii. [Discussion began at 21:44 in Part 2 of 5.](#)
 - b. Turning Point School Request for Choice Scholarship Waiver
 - i. Motion fails for a lack of six statutorily required votes. The SBOE voted 5-3 (Dr. McCormick, Dr. Yager, and Mr. Hendry voted no).
 - ii. [Discussion began at 21:44 in Part 2 of 5.](#)
 - c. Lutheran South Unity School Request for Choice Scholarship Waiver
 - i. Motion fails for a lack of six statutorily required votes. The SBOE voted 5-3 (Dr. McCormick, Dr. Yager, and Mr. Hendry voted no).
 - ii. [Discussion began at 21:44 in Part 2 of 5.](#)
 - d. Assessment Update and Approval of ILEARN Plan
 - i. Dr. Flores presented the Assessment update: ISTEP+ Part 2 has concluded.
 - ii. IREAD-3 results should be posted by May 12th.
 - iii. ISTEP information will be provided to the Board by June 16th.
 - iv. ISTAR standard setting will begin June 19th.
 - v. ILEARN Plan memo was presented to the Board.
 - vi. Concerns were brought to the table when Cynthia Roach, Director of Accountability and Assessment, informed the Board that a different accountability test would be required for a small subset of students after ILEARN is implemented.
 - vii. The SBOE approved the ILEARN Plan memo with an 8-0 vote.
 - viii. [Discussion began at 0:27 in Part 3 of 5.](#)
 - e. Ball State Authorizer Hearing Regarding Hoosier Virtual Charter School



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- i. Dr. Ernest has recused himself from all discussions regarding Hoosier Virtual Academy (HVA).
- ii. General public comments regarding HVA were moved to New Business.
 1. Rachael Borrelli, representing HVA, presented a petition to the Board asking for support.
 2. Chloe Dunlap, an HVA Student, advocated the merits of HVA.
 3. Lynett Swartz requested for the Board to support HVA.
 4. Jacklyn Chandler, an HVA student, advocated the merits of HVA.
 5. David Turner, an HVA student, advocated the merits of HVA.
 6. Emma Montgomery, an HVA student, requested for the Board to support HVA.
 7. Philip Kline, a concerned parent, advocated the merits of HVA.
- iii. Robert Marra from Ball State presented plans regarding the HVA action plan for school improvement.
- iv. Concerns were brought to the table when Ball State officials presented the HVA action plan for school improvement.
- v. The SBOE approved a measure to reduce the administrative fee that Ball State receives from 3% to 1% by a vote of 6-1 (Dr. McCormick voted no).
- vi. The SBOE approved a measure to freeze enrollment effective immediately except for siblings of those currently enrolled by a vote of 6-1 (Dr. Freitas voted no). Re-enrollment is not permitted under the measure.
- vii. [Discussion began at 50:20 in Part 3 of 5](#) and continued into [Part 4 of 5](#).

XI. **Discussion and Reports**

- a. ILEARN Plan, cont.
 - i. Request For Proposal outline for ILEARN will be delivered to the Board by May 22nd for review and comments.
 - ii. [Discussion began at 0:00 in Part 5 of 5](#).
- b. Turnaround Academy Updates
 - i. Kelsey Wright from the Turnaround Academy presented information regarding Lincoln Community School, Glenwood Leadership Academy, and Caze Elementary School's improvements.
 - ii. [Discussion began at 2:50 in Part 5 of 5](#).
- c. SBOE Technical Advisory Committee Update
 - i. Cynthia Roach and Dr. Flores presented information from the SBOE Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) regarding testing.
 - ii. The TAC will meet in July and hopes to have a recommendation based off CORE results by August or early September
 - iii. [Discussion began at 23:37 in Part 5 of 5](#).
- d. ESSA Update
 - i. The Department of Education (DOE) is holding community meetings in all nine congressional districts and working with technical groups to discuss ESSA.
 - ii. The first ESSA draft will be completed in July and will be submitted to the Governor by August 15th and to the U.S. DOE by September 18th.



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- iii. [Discussion began at 40:48 in Part 5 of 5.](#)
 - e. Legislative Session Update
 - i. Alicia Kielmovitch, SBOE Public Policy Fellow, provided information regarding the 2016-17 legislative session.
 - ii. [Discussion began at 44:43 in Part 5 of 5.](#)
 - f.
- XII. **Adjournment**
- a. Board adjourned meeting by a voice vote.