



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Indiana State Board of Education
Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016
Indiana State House, Room 125
200 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Lee Ann Kwiatkowski

I. Call to Order

- a. Superintendent Ritz 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 November 16, 2016 were approved by voice vote.

IV. Statement from the Chair

- a. Superintendent Ritz spoke about promising practices and recognized some Title I schools that received distinguished awards.

V. Board Member Comments and Reports

- a. Dr. Yager commented that he appreciated the Department's work to get an extension to 2022 from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) regarding the implementation of the dual credit licensing requirements. Superintendent Ritz clarified that Indiana has sought this extension and is currently waiting for a final decision from HLC.

VI. General Public Comment

- a. The SBOE heard public comment from John O'Neal from the Indiana State Teacher's Association, and Letrisha Weber and Anna Allman representing Public School Options.

VII. Best Practices – Innovations in Education – Student Successes

- a. Roy Dobbs presented to the SBOE regarding the Young Men of Purpose Mentoring Program.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote. The items on the Consent agenda were A) Approval of Latch Key Waiver; B) Approval of Common School Loans; C) Replenishment of Common School Loan Fund; and D) Approval of 2017 Summer School Program.

IX. Adjudications

- a. The SBOE withheld state tuition support funds for the turnaround academies in Gary (Theodore Roosevelt - \$2,355,268.96) and IPS (Emma Donnan - \$1,503,320.32, Emmerich Manual - \$2,786,714.54, and Thomas Howe – 2,046,854.82). The vote was 8-0 for both Gary and IPS; Superintendent Ritz abstained from both votes because the Department made the recommendation to the SBOE.

X. New Business – Action

- a. Approval of New Transition to Teaching Proposal from Goodwill Education Initiatives

- i. The SBOE approved the Goodwill program by a vote of 9-0.
- b. Approval of Extension of State Accreditation for Anderson University
 - i. The SBOE approved the program accreditation extension by a vote of 9-0.
- c. Approval of Extension of State Accreditation for Bethel College
 - i. The SBOE approved the program accreditation extension by a vote of 9-0.
- d. Final Placement of School Categories
 - i. The SBOE placed schools into grade categories by a vote of 9-0. Schools have until Friday, January 13, 2017, to submit a grade appeal to the SBOE.

Mrs. Whicker left the meeting

- e. Approval of Strategic Planning Committee Resolution
 - i. The SBOE voted 6-2 to table this item until the January 11, 2017 meeting when Dr. McCormick is present. Dr. Freitas and Mr. Hendry voted no; they wanted to extend the committee and then discuss it at a later meeting.

Mr. Hendry Left the meeting

XI. Discussion and Reports

- a. Assessment Update
 - i. Dr. Michele Walker gave a brief update to the SBOE regarding assessment, which can be found [here](#). Richard Young, from Pearson, was also present to answer questions.
- b. Accountability Update
 - i. Maggie Paino, the Director of Accountability at the Department, was available for questions.
- c. SBOE Technical Advisory Committee Update
 - i. No update.
- d. ESSA Update
 - i. Panel to Study Alternatives to the ISTEP Program Test Update
 - 1. The final proposal from the ISTEP panel would be distributed to the SBOE members after the meeting.
 - ii. Superintendent's ESSA Accountability Advisory Committee
 - 1. Maggie Paino, from the Department, gave a presentation regarding ESSA that can be found [here](#).

XII. Board Options

- a. None.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Board adjourned the meeting by voice vote.