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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held June 13, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. EDT at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Rooms 1 and 2, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Cris Johnston, Tracy Brown, Paul Joyce, Rep. Vernon Smith, and Rep. Jeff Thompson. Sen. Rodney Pol joined remotely. Peter Miller, Executive Director, was also in attendance.

Chairman Johnston called the meeting to order and recognized compliance with the Open Door Law.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **3 – Approval of Minutes.**

Mr. Joyce made a motion the minutes for the May 13, 2024, public meeting be approved as presented. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **4 – Public Comment.**

- Dr. Vanessa McCloud expressed her happiness that the district is being returned to local control.
- Ms. Christy Sass shared an update on her work regarding the science of reading.
- Attorney Tracy Coleman expressed her thanks for coming out of the takeover and her want for an audit.
- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns about academics and the school facilities.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **5 – Gary Community School Corporation (“GCSC”) Academic Update.**

Ms. Mavis Snelson presented the update. Rep. Smith, Chairman Johnston, and Mr. Joyce asked clarifying questions.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **6 – GCSC Financial Update.**

Dr. Mike Raisor presented the update. Rep. Smith asked clarifying questions.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **7 – GCSC Operations Update.**

Dr. Raisor presented the update. Rep. Smith asked clarifying questions.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **8 – Authorizations by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller presented the contracts.

- *Lazaro* – security vestibules
- *Summer Interns* – new positions

Rep. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **9 – Consideration of GCSC Contractual Obligations.**

Dr. Raisor presented the contracts:

- *C. Lee Construction Services* – Norton Elementary demolition

Rep. Smith asked a clarifying question. Mr. Joyce made a motion contract be approved as presented. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

- *Gariup Construction* – WSLA Restroom Upgrades

Rep. Smith and Mr. Joyce asked clarifying questions. Ms. Brown made a motion contract be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **10 – Receipt of Excessive Education Fund Transfer Responses - IC 20-40-2-10(f)**

Mr. Miller presented the update:

- Mishawaka
- Elwood
- Rochester

Rep. Thompson asked a clarifying question.

Chairman Johnston asked announced an upcoming public hearing scheduled in Gary and seeing no other new business adjourned the meeting.