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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Monday, May 13, 2024

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was May 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Room 1, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Cris Johnston, Tracy Brown, David Holt, Paul Joyce, Daniel Shackle, Rep. Vernon Smith, Rep. Jeff Thompson, and Sen. Liz Brown. 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. Shackle made a motion the minutes for the April 11, 2024, public meeting be approved as presented. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

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

- Ms. Christy Sass expressed concern about the superintendent selection process.
- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns about academics and the superintendent selection process.

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

Ms. Mavis Snelson presented the update. Rep. Smith, and Sen. Brown asked clarifying questions.

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

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

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **7 – Review of 1065/School Improvement Fund Claims Docket.**

Mr. Miller presented the update. Mr. Joyce made a motion the claims be approved as presented. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **8 – Consideration of Revisions to GCSC Spending Plan.**

- *ESSER II*
Dr. Raisor presented the spending plan. Rep. Smith and Mr. Miller asked clarifying questions. Mr. Shackle made a motion the plan be approved as presented. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
- *New Position – Overnight Roving Security*
Dr. Raisor presented the spending plan. Ms. Brown made a motion the plan be approved as presented. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **9 – Authorizations by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller presented the contracts:

- *American Eagle Security – Glen Park fire suppression system digital controls*
- *American Eagle Security – Bethune fire suppression system digital controls*
- *Palmer’s Paving – WSLA new pavement and sidewalks*
- *Palmer’s Paving – Beverage parking lot resurfacing*
- *CDW – Staff replacement laptops*

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **10 – Consideration of GCSC Contractual Obligations.**

- *SAVVAS – Science Curriculum*
Ms. Snelson presented the contract. Rep. Smith and Mr. Miller asked clarifying questions. Mr. Holt made a motion the contract be approved as presented. Mr. Shackle seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
- *Mechanical Concepts – McCullough HVAC Controls*
Dr. Raisor presented the contract. Rep. Smith asked clarifying questions. Ms. Brown made a motion the contract be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
- *Ikio – LED Lighting*
Dr. Raisor presented the contract. Chairman Johnston and Mr. Shackle asked clarifying questions. Mr. Joyce made a motion the contract be approved as presented. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
- *Ricoh – Career Center Print Shop Equipment*
Dr. Raisor presented the contract. Mr. Joyce encouraged the school to have proper controls in place for system usage. Chairman Johnston asked a clarifying question. Ms. Brown made a motion the contract be approved as presented pending DOE approval. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).
- *Non-Teaching Staff Stipends*
Dr. Raisor presented the contract. Chairman Johnston asked a clarifying question. Mr. Joyce made a motion the contract be approved as presented. Mr. Shackle seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **11 – Receipt of Excessive Education Fund Transfer Responses - IC 20-40-2-10(f)**

Mr. Miller presented the update:

- Griffith
- Southwestern Shelby
- Goshen
- Center Grove
- Union-North

Rep. Smith, Sen. Brown, and Chairman Johnston asked clarifying questions.

Chairman Johnston asked if there was any new business to come before the Board. Rep. Smith requested the Board discuss recent GCSC promotions. Chairman Johnston stated he would like to obtain more information on the topic before commenting. Sen. Brown expressed her support for how the promotions were handled. Rep. Smith asked clarifying questions.

Chairman Johnston adjourned the meeting.