

MINUTES

Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

May 08, 2024
9:00 A.M. EDT

Conference Room B
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN, 46204

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Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair, Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa, Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Ms. Iris Hammel (by video), Mr. Pat Mapes, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video), and Mr. B.J. Watts (by video).

Board Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order:

- A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Agenda: Dr. Ernest made a motion to move the original agenda placement of VII. Consent Agenda up to III. placement and shift the remainder of agenda items beneath III. The agenda, including Dr. Ernest's motion of revision, was approved by unanimous vote. (The minutes reflect the approved agenda.)

III. Consent Agenda: Ms. Dilosa, Mr. Durham, and Ms. Hammel recused themselves from Item E. Mr. Watts recused himself from Items E and G. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

- A. Greensburg Community Schools Latch Key Waiver - [Memo](#)
- B. Formative Assessment Grants - [Memo](#)
- C. Revised Content Connectors - [Memo](#) [Memo](#)
- D. 1003 Flexibility Waiver - [Memo](#)
- E. Common School Fund Policy Update - [Memo](#) [Memo](#)
- F. School Accreditation Petitions
 - 1. Acton Academy at Fall Creek (AAFC) - [Memo](#)
 - 2. Chesterton Academy of Saint Scholastica (CASS) - [Memo](#)
 - 3. Fiat Classical Academy (FCA) - [Memo](#)
 - 4. Shelbyville Christian Academy (SCA) - [Memo](#)
 - 5. Pathway Academy (PA) - [Memo](#)
 - 6. STAA Amendment - [Memo](#)

IV. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes for the April 10, 2024, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

- A. April 10, 2024 – [Memo](#)

V. Statement from the Chair: Dr. Jenner commemorated Teacher Appreciation Week by thanking the

teachers within the State of Indiana. She welcomed the many teachers in attendance prepared to make public comment regarding Science of Reading professional development and high school diploma redesign.

VI. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None

VII. **Public Comment:** Mr. Philip Gordon, SBOE/IDOE General Counsel, spoke regarding Open Door Law governance and the public comment policy adopted by SBOE.

A. Ms. Kendra Johnson's, Indiana Parents for Education, saluted both teachers and mothers (Mother's Day, May 12, 2024). She shared an uplifting conversation with her favorite teacher, Sister Katherine. Ms. Johnson ended by congratulating all the graduates!

B. 62 teachers and union representatives presented public comments to the SBOE. The majority of comments were criticizing new literacy licensure requirements, and new high school diploma requirements. (Regarding new literacy licensure specifications, prior to renewal of their teaching license, Pre-K to Grade 6 and Special Education teachers are required by law to complete 80 hours Science of Reading training and pass the Praxis test by 2027.)

VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.