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Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

November 12, 2024

9:00 A.M. EST

Conference Room C
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 (by video), Vice-Chair, Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa, Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Ms. Iris Hammel, Ms. Kristin Rentschler, and Mr. B.J. Watts.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Pat Mapes

- I. **Call to Order:**
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The Minutes, for the October 02, 2024, meeting, were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. October 02, 2024 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** In honor of Veterans Day, Dr. Jenner began her statement by thanking veterans for their service. IDOE designated 131 schools as Indiana Purple Star Schools. These schools were recognized for their commitment to service members, veterans and military families. Dr. Jenner also reminded the audience that public comment on the diploma redesign closed Friday, November 8, 2024. The approval of the high school diploma rule is on track for a board vote in December 2024.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None
- VI. **Public Comment:**
 - A. Dr. Michaela Spangenburg, Gary Education Coalition, spoke regarding the diploma changes. Dr. Spangenburg advocated providing funding for all schools to counsel students' pathway selections and not limiting students' opportunities.
 - B. Mr. Randy Greenwell, Educational Support Manager, Conn Selmer, subsidiary of Steinway Musical Instruments Inc., requested two credit requirements for Fine Arts be added to the Honors diploma seal, allowing Fine Arts requirements to be maintained as they currently

exist. Mr. Greenwell closed his comments by adding many CEOs were polled to list important leadership qualities and “creativity” was at the top of their list.

VII. **Consent Agenda:** Ms. Hammel and Mr. Durham recused themselves from Item E. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

- A. Coalition of Continuous Improvement School Districts Plan Approval- [Memo](#)
- B. School Technology Advance Account (STAA) Amendment - [Memo](#)
- C. Locally Created Pathway Approval - [Memo](#)
- D. Summer School Reimbursement - [Memo](#); [Spreadsheet](#)
- E. South Bend Community School Corporation Petition Request - [Memo](#)

VIII. **Discussion:**

- A. Summer Learning Labs & Indiana Learns Update -[Presentation](#) Dr. Rebecca Estes, IDOE Assistant Secretary for Educator Talent, and Mr. Brandon Brown, The Mind Trust CEO, presented Summer Learning Labs & Indiana Learns Update.
 - i. Dr. Ernest asked if the school-based sites were able to access summer school funding. Mr. Brown responded, yes. After commenting on the importance of building fun into the program, Dr. Ernest inquired if comparative research has been done between the summer learning labs and traditional summer school. Mr. Brown answered, no, however, ten major cities have replicated the program, and a national study of the results was very positive across the board.
 - ii. As the Indiana State Board of Education is concerned with the impact of learning loss during the pandemic, Mr. Bess believes the summer learning labs are moving the needle of the metrics Indiana uses, ILEARN and IREAD-3, in the right direction. After the supporting data arrives, he affirms the program’s success will make a case for additional funding. Furthermore, Mr. Bess suggested we also ask to expand past summer school days to all school days. Mr. Brown commented, studying Marion County’s data over multiple years in 2025 will, most likely, find compounding impacts overtime.
 - iii. Mr. Watts and Mr. Brown discussed the internal assessment that was specifically created for the program and specifically aligned to state standards. Mr. Watts’ concerns regarded children who did not reach ILEARN and/or IREAD 3 proficiency but were showing growth through the summer learning labs. Mr. Brown confirmed their data was captured.
 - iv. Dr. Ernest questioned if the Indiana Learns \$1000.00 per child is sustained. Mr. Brown explained that enough funding is in place until the next ILEARN assessment window. Dr. Jenner stated more information will be coming forth in the future regarding Indian Learns funding and the IDOE budget requests to the Indiana General Assembly.
 - v. Mr. Brown shared Indiana Learns is resource dependent on whether we are able to offer the program during the summertime, as well as the school year. Ms. Dilosa supports summer access to Indiana Learns, accelerating learning in the summer when children do not attend school daily.

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