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Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

December 11, 2024

9:00 A.M. EST

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, and Mr. B.J. Watts.

Board Members Absent: None

- 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 November 12, 2024, meeting, were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. November 12, 2024 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Regarding the High School Diploma Rule, Dr. Jenner began by stating, today is the culmination of hearing from Hoosiers across the State and we thank them for helping us reach this place today. Dr. Jenner expressed her gratitude to the board and the many involved allies, for working together. She wished everyone a wonderful holiday season. In addition, she is thrilled to be appointed to another term and ready to go in 2025!
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None
- VI. **Public Comment:**
 - A. Mr. Steve Baker, Bluffton High School, Principal, and Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP), Executive Committee Liaison to the IDOE, thanked Dr. Jenner, her IDOE team, and the board members for listening to stakeholders during the process of creating the new high school diploma and their hard work. Mr. Baker was especially grateful for the personalization, flexibility and new opportunities within the diploma changes.
 - B. Ms. Kendra Johnson, Indiana Parents for Education, highlighted the heightened mental and emotional stress during the holidays, requesting prayers and/or donations for those suffering and in need of assistance.
 - C. Mr. Richard Garrett, Elevate Schools Inc., Founder and Board member, made comments to the board on the subject of grade inflation.
 - D. Mr. Jerell Blakeley, Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA), Director of Government, Community, and Racial and Social Justice, also thanked Dr. Jenner and

the board for their hard work on the current draft of the diploma rule. Mr. Blakely looks forward to the implementation phase.

VII. **Consent Agenda:** Ms. Dilosa recused herself from Item C. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

- A. 2025/2026 School Year Assessment Windows - [Memo](#)
- B. Period 1 ADM Membership Petitions - [Memo](#)
- C. Common School Loan Requests - [Memo](#)
- D. Common School Loan Amendment - [Memo](#)
- E. DWD Career and Technical Education Funding - [Memo](#) | [Summary](#)
- F. Teacher Preparation Programs: Accreditation
 - 1. Anderson University - [Memo](#)
 - 2. Hoosier Education Partners - [Memo](#)
 - 3. Indiana University Bloomington - [Memo](#)
 - 4. Indiana University Indianapolis - [Memo](#)
 - 5. Martin University - [Memo](#)
 - 6. Trine - [Memo](#)
 - 7. University of Saint Francis - [Memo](#)
 - 8. Indiana University Kokomo - [Memo](#)
- G. 2024 Excessive Home School Recommendation - [Memo](#)

VIII. **New Business:**

- A. Approval of High School Diploma Rule-[Presentation](#) Dr. Jenner presented The Future of the Indiana Diploma: Final Diploma Rule. Major General R. Dale Lyles, Indiana National Guard, Adjutant General, spoke during the Enlistment Seals segments of the presentation. The voice vote on the final version of the rule filed as LSA #24-220 as the final adopted rule of this board was unanimous, 11-0.
 - 1. Mr. Watts commented the work was hard, messy, and sometimes unpopular, but landed in a “really, really, good place for kids.” Mr. Watts continued, we have known what high school looks like for 100 years and now, as Mr. Baker previously stated, “We don’t know yet.” To not know what the senior experience and high school will look like is exciting!
 - 2. Mr. Bess stated, we defined the “What.” We haven’t defined the “How.” The world is wide open. He added, the real work ahead is coming at the local level.
 - 3. Ms. Hammel added her gratitude for Dr. Jenner and IDOE, modeling this pioneering work that looks different from the norm across the country, took perseverance, resilience and humility. “I can’t wait for the journey ahead.”

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