



# Indiana State Board of Education

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## **INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Department of Education

James Whitcomb Riley Conference Room

151 West Ohio Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

9:00 a.m.

Board members Dr. Tony Bennett, James D. Edwards, Tony Walker, Jo Blacketor, Mike Pettibone, David Shane, Cari Whicker, B.J. Watts, Sarah O'Brien, Neil Pickett and Daniel Elsener were present.

Tony Walker moved to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2012, Board meeting. Neil Pickett seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bennett provided an overview of the distribution of current grade/category designations compared to the historical distribution of such designations, as well as a recap of the accountability model. Will Krebs and Dale Chu presented the recommended final grade designations for the Board's approval. After significant discussion, Dan Elsener moved to approve, and James Edwards seconded the motion. The vote to approve the recommended grade designations was unanimous.

Zach Foughty requested the Board's approval of a revision to the proposed language in 511 IAC 6-7.1-1(h), specifically replacing the term "priority course list" with "approved dual credit list" as well as the applicable definition. David Shane moved to approve the change. Mike Pettibone seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Becky Bowman presented a request for approval of proposed changes to 511 IAC 7-40-8 regarding the consent requirements for special education reevaluations in order to align with the federal requirements. Mike Pettibone moved to approve the proposed change, and Tony Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Becky Bowman requested approval of the final readoption of 511 IAC 4-1.5. Neil Pickett moved to approve, and Jo Blacketer seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Becky Bowman presented recommendations for the Board's adoption regarding accountability metrics for the Indiana School for the Blind and the Indiana School for the Deaf as required by HEA 1367. Mike Pettibone moved to accept the recommendation, and Tony Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board, in its consent agenda and by unanimous vote, approved: (1) the Consolidated Purchasing Survey; (2) Common School Fund advances for educational technology and school building construction programs; (3) new course titles; (4) the withdrawal of LSA #11-772; (5) school requests to change test date windows; (6) governing body selection plan changes for Seymour; and (7) IREAD-3 test dates for Summer 2013. Mike Pettibone made the motion to approve, and BJ Watts seconded the motion.

Jim Larson provided a brief update on lead partner activities, noting that as a result of the lead partner assistance, George Washington Community High School earned a "C" (up from an "F" the previous year), and Broad Ripple Magnet High School improved from an "F" to a "B". Mr. Larson also provided information on the turnaround school operators in the form of a snapshot of key data points.

Amy Horton presented some preliminary information for the Board's consideration of an additional IREAD-3 administration during the fall. After discussion, the Board asked that additional information be provided at a future Board meeting.

As the Spotlight on Learning, Stephen Dwyer, President and CEO of Conexus Indiana and Thomas Snyder, President of Ivy Tech College presented information on the Hire Technology curriculum available through their respective organizations that provides dual credit and a post-secondary recognized credential.

Steve Baker, Vic Smith, and Nancy Papas provided public comment.

Jo Blacketer requested that the consideration be given to providing travel reimbursement to board members for relevant non-board meeting travel, such as to attend the meetings of the Indiana Education Roundtable and similar entities. Neil Pickett voiced concern about and objection to the ISTA's public comment asserting that the A-F rules were not compliant with the statutory requirements. He encouraged ISTA to work with the Department to better understand the accountability model and system and to reduce the misinformation. Dr. Bennett advised that the Attorney General's office reviews all rules for legal compliance and would not allow them to go forward if they were not compliant.

Jo Blacketer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Tony Walker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.