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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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## Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

January 28, 2021

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeal Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was January 28, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. EDT via WebEx. Members of the Board attending the meeting include Justin McAdam, Chairman, Wes Bennett, Tracy Brown, Paul Joyce, and Rebecca Kubacki. Courtney Schaafsma, Executive Director, was also in attendance.

Chairman McAdam called the meeting to order and recognized compliance with the Open Door Law.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item three – Approval of Minutes. Ms. Kubacki moved the minutes be approved. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item four – Public Comment. Chairman McAdam reminded the Board of the public comment protocol.

Representative Vernon Smith spoke on the communities concerns around the selection process of the referendum oversight committee and the need for the selection to be independent of MGT. Chairman McAdam thanked him for his comments and reassured him that they would confer on the matter.

Joe Faessler represented Indiana Central School Bus and made a pitch why they should be retained as a GCSC vendor.

Robert Buggs stated that he wanted the equal opportunity to express view, complaints, and questions. He said that the advisory board has been left out of everything and would like the Board to read his official complaint. He specifically noted the desire to have access to radio spots and legal representation.

Angela Davis state that she is the parent of a tenth grader and commended GCSC on how they handled administering the PSAT as well as the Board for the good work they are doing. She added that she appreciates the administration and noted that those who are upset have the opportunity to do something else.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item five – Gary Community School Corporation Manager Update. Dr. Paige McNulty presented updates on the transportation bid process, re-entry plan for students to learn in person, enrollment campaigns, and the referendum ambassador application process. Chairman McAdam asked what factors play a role in re-entry and Dr. McNulty noted that the union requested more PPE and shields be in place. Chairman McAdam then asked how many students plan to return to in-person learning and Dr. McNulty answered that 46% of families have indicated that they will return.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item six – Consideration of Gary Community School Corporation’s Property Insurance Policy. Nicole Wolverton presented the policy. Chairman McAdam asked about the total

savings and Ms. Wolverson answered that it will be approximately \$180,000. Mr. Bennett asked about the RFP process and Dr. McNulty gave specific details. Mr. Joyce made a motion that the Board authorize GCSC to enter into the agreement as presented. Mr. Bennet seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam asked if there was any other new business and seeing none adjourned the meeting.