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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was August 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Rooms 1 and 2, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Justin McAdam, Tracy Brown, Paul Joyce, Dan Shackle, and Representative Jeff Thompson. Rebecca Kubacki attended remotely. Peter Miller, 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 **3 – Approval of Minutes.**

Mr. Joyce made a motion the minutes be approved as presented. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **4 – Public Comment.**

- Dr. Michaela Spangenburg expressed concerns about school being canceled due to temperatures and a lack of communication through social media channels.
- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns about curriculum, qualified teachers, community engagement, and a healthy environment for students.
- Ms. Tracy Coleman expressed concerns about district spending and school facilities.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **6 – Gary Community School Corporation (“GCSC”) Academic Update.**

Ms. Kerchell Hobson presented an update. Ms. Brown stated her appreciation for the inclusion of the science of reading. Chairman McAdam asked for more information on why testing scores differ from school to school.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **5 – GCSC Operations Update.**

Dr. Mike Raisor provided updates on hiring, attendance, busses, school board training, and finances. Chairman McAdam asked how he communicates with the school board. Mr. Shackle asked about hiring challenges.

Chairman McAdam asked if any bus routes have been canceled this school year and if community volunteer drivers have had to be utilized.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **7 – Excessive Education Fund Transfer List for CY 2022.**

Mr. Miller presented an update on Lake Ridge New Tech Schools. Ms. Brown supported the need to continue having regular conversations with them.

Chairman McAdam announced the departure of Ms. Kubacki and thanked her for her service. He then acknowledged his own departure and the Board thanked him for his service and leadership.

Chairman McAdam adjourned the meeting.