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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, August 3, 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, Paul Joyce, Rebecca Kubacki, and Dan Shackle. Senator Melton attended remotely. Peter Miller, Executive Director, and Emily Crisler, General Counsel, were 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. Kubacki seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

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

- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal encouraged respect for GCSC’s history and legacy. She also expressed concern for class sizes, extracurricular programs, IEPs, and a lack of preservation of Roosevelt High School.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **5 – Gary Community School Corporation (“GCSC”) Operations Update.**

Chairman McAdam recognized the new GCSC Board members. Mrs. Akilia McCain greeted the Board in person. Mr. Michael Suggs, Dr. Danita Johnson, Dr. Vanessa Allen-McCloud, and Attorney Shontrai Irving greeted the Board remotely.

Dr. Michael Raisor provided updates on plans for the first day of school, transportation, and hosting alumni events.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **6 – GCSC Academic Update.**

Ms. Mavis Snelson presented updates. Mr. Joyce asked follow-up questions about the graduation increase between 2019 and 2023 and testing results. Ms. Kubacki asked who was included in the graduation rate. Sen. Melton asked about credit recovery. Ms. Kubacki asked about testing goals and getting teachers comfortable with math instruction.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **7 – GCSC Financial Update.**

Chairman McAdam introduced Cender Dalton as the group taking care of CFO responsibilities while they look to fill the position. Mr. Steve Dalton provided an update. Ms. Emily Crisler asked about a routine schedule to regularly reevaluate contractual arrangements. Chairman McAdam requested the discuss how they will partner with the new School Board and the referendum expiration. Mr. Joyce asked about recent legislation and the impact on GCSC.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **8 – 1065 Claims Docket.**

Ms. Kubacki made a motion the dockets be approved as presented. Mr. Shackle seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Sen. Melton requested information on remaining 1065 funds.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **9 – Authorizations by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller presented the contracts:

- *Sharp School Services* – WSLA Science Lab Upgrades
- *AMS Industries* – WSLA Water Treatment System
- *Network Solutions* – WSLA PA System

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **10 – Consideration of MGT Contract Amendment.**

Chairman McAdam presented the amendment. Mr. Shackle asked an organizational clarifying question. Mr. Shackle made a motion to pass the amendment as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Chairman McAdam announced his appointment as the next Indiana Tax Court Judge and his subsequent departure from the Board.

Chairman McAdam adjourned the meeting.