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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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## Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was December 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Room 4 and 5, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Cris Johnston, Tracy Brown, David Holt, Paul Joyce, Daniel Shackle, and Representative Jeff Thompson. Senator Rodney Pol joined remotely. Peter Miller, Executive Director, was also in attendance.

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

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **3 – Approval of Minutes.**

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

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

- Ms. Tracy Coleman expressed concern around academics, the proposed district reconfiguration, current leadership, superintendent selection, and would like common school fund loans forgiven.
- Dr. Michaela Spangenburg expressed concerns around recent student statements regarding the community and the following response.
- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns around virtual tutoring, academic performance, methods of student recognition and school consolidation.

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

Dr. Mike Raisor and Mr. Daniel Dalton presented updates on fund reconciliation. Chairman Johnston, Mr. Joyce, and Mr. Holt asked clarifying questions. Chairman Johnston introduced Resolution 2023-6 which deals with fund reconciliation. Mr. Joyce made a motion resolution 2023-6 be approved as presented. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman Johnston presented introduced Resolution 2023-5 which establishes a rainy day fund. Chairman Johnston, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Holt, and Sen. Pol asked clarifying questions. Mr. Joyce made a motion Resolution 2023-5 be approved as revised to exclude the use of “emergency.” Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Mr. Miller presented the 1065 claims docket. Mr. Joyce made a motion the claims be approved as presented. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

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

Ms. Mavis Snelson provided updates on grants, tutoring, and community events.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **7 – Authorizations by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller provided the update.

- *Gary Teachers Union, Local No. 4 AFT, AFL-CIO* – Collective Bargaining Agreement
- *Tarkett USA* – Williams Elementary Flooring
- *Tarkett USA* – WSLA Science Labs Flooring
- *Tarkett USA* – WSLA Media Center Flooring
- *Modern Classroom Project* – Virtual Mentorship Program

Chairman Johnston confirmed that previously discussed changes had been implemented in the collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Miller confirmed that the changes had been made.

Chairman Johnston asked if there was any new business to come before the Board and seeing none adjourned the meeting.