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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Room B, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Cris Johnston, David Holt, Paul Joyce, and Daniel Shackle. Tracy Brown 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. Joyce made a motion the minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Shackle seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

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

- Dr. Michaela Spangenburg expressed concerns around closing schools, a lack of communication and transparency, the need for an alternative audit, and the amount of time between community questions and corporation answers.
- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns around school spending and academics.
- Ms. Tracy Coleman expressed concerns around academics and a lack of transparency.

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

Ms. Mavis Snelson presented the update. Chairman Johnston asked clarifying questions.

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

Dr. Mike Raisor presented the update. Chairman Johnston, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Joyce asked clarifying questions.

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

Mr. Miller presented the contract. Mr. Joyce asked a clarifying question.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **8 – Consideration of MGT Contract Benchmarks.**

Mr. Miller presented the benchmark results. Chairman Johnston and Mr. Shackle asked clarifying questions. Mr. Joyce made a motion that the 2022-2023 Graduation Rate benchmark be approved at the Tier 2 level. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

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