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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held February 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Rooms 4 and 5, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in-person include Chairman Justin McAdam, Wes Bennett, Tracy Brown, and Paul Joyce. Peter Miller, Executive Director, was also in attendance. Rebecca Kubacki joined the meeting remotely.

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 for January 26, 2023, Public Meeting minutes passed (4-0) and February 6, 2023, Executive Session minutes passed (5-0). Mr. Bennett abstained from voting for the former as he was not in attendance for the meeting.

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

- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns over principal turnover rates, advisory board access, busses, academics, parent engagement, furniture, Chromebook, and e-learning support.
- Ms. Kendra Johnson expressed concerns over a lack of transparency and fairness.
- Ms. Tracy Coleman expressed concerns over book vending machines, curriculum, libraries, school grades, busses, attendance, and graduation rates.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **5 – Gary Community School Corporation School Operations Update.**

Dr. Paige McNulty presented updates. Mr. Bennett invited her to address concerns raised during public comment. Chairman McAdam asked follow-up questions on the recent purchase of new furniture and the increasing ADM.

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

Ms. Nicole Wolverton presented the update. Mr. Bennett made a motion the 1065 docket be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce Seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

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

Mr. Andre Wright and Ms. Kimberley Bradley presented the update. Mr. Bennett and Chairman McAdam asked follow-up questions about assessments, data, and growth. Ms. Kubacki asked how this information is presented to parents. Mr. Joyce about overall attendance numbers. Chairman McAdam asked for clarification on graduation numbers and concerns surrounding the district library system.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **8 – Authorization by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller presented the contracts.

- *Kidstuff Playsystems* – Banneker Playground
- *Scholastic, Inc.* – Secondary Libraries

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **9 – Consideration of GCSC Contractual Obligations.**

Ms. Wolverton presented the contract.

- *Jason Mechanical Corp.* – WSLA Chillers

Mr. Bennett made a motion the contracts be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

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