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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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## Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held July 8, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center – South, Conference Room A, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Pete Miller, Paul Joyce, Jason Cockerill, Seth Hinshaw, David Holt, and Rep. Jeff Thompson. David Holt joined remotely. Sen. Rodney Pol attended virtually. Dan Schmidt, Executive Director, and Emily Crisler, General Counsel, were also in attendance.

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

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **3 – Approval of Minutes**. Mr. Cockerill made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2025 executive session. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consent.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **4 – Public Comment**. Mr. Miller noted that no one was present to provide public comment.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **5 – Executive Director Update**. Mr. Schmidt noted that the Board Meeting Packet contains a number of materials, including an Executive Director Report, most of which will be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Schmidt highlighted three items from the Report: 1) he has posted for the position previously held by Atlantis and hopes to have the position filled by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2) he is working with the Indiana Office of Technology to build a customer relationship management system using Microsoft Dynamics and to identify a media clippings service, and 3) he is a part of the Indiana Office of Technology and the Management Performance Hub’s joint artificial intelligence pilot to explore how artificial intelligence can make DUAB more efficient.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **6 – Recognize DUAB Executive Director**. Chairman Miller noted that the Board needs to recognize Dan Schmidt as DUAB Executive Director. This was the first public Board meeting since Mr. Schmidt was selected, making this the first opportunity for the Board to recognize Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Hinshaw made a motion to appoint Mr. Schmidt as the DUAB executive director. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed by consent.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **7a – Board Discussion – Receipt of CY 2024 Excess Education Fund Transfer List**. Chairman Miller noted that there are five school corporations on the 2024 Excess Education Fund Transfer List: 1) Lake Ridge Schools, 2) Anderson Community School Corporation, 3) Peru Community Schools, 4) North Newtown School Corporation, and 5) School City of Mishawaka. Rep. Thompson asked what the issue was with North Newton, and Chairman Miller replied that North Newtown has not submitted their January Form 9 at the time the List was released, and the Department of Education put the district on the List for that reason. Chairman Miller noted that the Board does not need to take a vote on the List but simply acknowledges receipt of the List.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **7b – Board Discussion – Gary Community Schools October Report Content (IC 20-23-12.1-5)**. Mr. Schmidt noted that statute does not identify the content of the Report and that the draft content list contained in the Board’s Meeting Packet was a starting point. Chairman Miller said that he thought the draft list was too long and noted that the main point of the statute was a general update from Gary Community Schools on how they are doing. Mr. Joyce recommended that the Report include a certification statement. The Board generally agreed and offered suggestions for a revised, pared down list. The Board directed Mr. Schmidt to revise the list to reflect the Board’s comments and share the revised list with the Board via email prior to sending the list to Gary Community Schools.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **8 – New Business**. Mr. Schmidt noted that this was Mr. Hinshaw’s last Board meeting and wished him well as he starts his new position at Indiana State University.

Seeing no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting.