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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held June 1, 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, Paul Joyce, Rebecca Kubacki, and Representative Jeff Thompson. Peter Miller, Executive Director, was 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. Bennett made a motion the minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

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

- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns about graduation rates, equity training for teachers, MGT and DUAB, yearbooks, IEPs, timeline of improvements, and the new manager.
- Ms. Tracy Coleman expressed concerns about senior photos in the yearbook, a lack of swimming pool access in Gary, comments made by Dr. McNulty on the radio, audit findings, and a lack of local control.

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

Mr. Eric Parish introduced Dr. Michael Raisor and Ms. Mavis Nelson. Chairman McAdam welcomed them to the team and thanked Dr. Paige McNulty for her work.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **6 – Authorization by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller presented the contracts:

- *Smekens* – Literacy Professional Development
- *Curriculum Associates* – i-Ready Assessments

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **7 – Consideration of GCSC Contractual Obligation.**

Ms. Snelson presented the contract:

- *SAVVAS and McGraw-Hill.* – Social Studies Curriculum

Chairman McAdam asked if the curriculum would meet new requirements and Mr. Miller confirmed that it will. Ms. Brown made a motion the contract be approved as presented. Ms. Kubacki seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **8 – Consideration of MGT Contract Benchmarks.** Mr. Miller provided background information and presented the benchmarks. Mr. Bennett clarified the total cost and made a motion they be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **9 – Excessive Education Fund Transfer List for CY 2022.**

Mr. Miller provided background information and presented the list:

- Cannelton City Schools
- School Town of Munster
- Peru Community Schools
- Salem Community Schools

Ms. Kubacki and Mr. Bennett asked clarifying questions.

Chairman McAdam noted that Mr. Bennett will be leaving DLGF and his position on the Board. Mr. Bennett stated that it has been an honor to serve on DUAB.

Chairman McAdam adjourned the meeting.