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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held May 4, 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. Senator Liz Brown joined the meeting remotely.

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

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

A group of high school students showcased a variety of fine arts performances.

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

Ms. Kubacki 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, teacher training, legal representation for advisory board members, and the student-to-teacher ratio.
- Ms. Tracy Coleman expressed concerns about school leadership, the Board, plans for transition, bathroom facilities, and the lack of a swimming pool for student use.

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

Dr. Paige McNulty presented updates on new bus and janitorial service vendors, student achievements, and graduation. Chairman McAdam asked about DEI training for teachers. Mr. Bennett congratulated GCSC on their CTE program expansion and asked about new offerings. Mr. Bennett asked about plans for a swimming pool.

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

Ms. Nicole Wolverton presented the report and claims. Chairman McAdam asked about projects lined up in the 1065 plan. Mr. Bennett made a motion the docket be approved as presented. Ms. Kubacki seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **8 – GCSC Academic Update.**

Mr. Andre Wright and Ms. Kimberley Bradley presented the update. Mr. Bennett and Chairman McAdam asked about student discipline procedures. Ms. Kubacki asked about recent school bomb threats. Chairman McAdam asked about attendance and tutoring program data.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **9 – Authorization by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller presented the contracts:

- Star Flooring – Gymnasium Flooring Upgrades (WSLA, Bailly, and Williams)
- EES – School Improvement Planning (Beveridge, Glen Park, McCullough, and Gary Middle)

Chairman McAdam thanked Rep. Thompson for his assistance in passing SEA 327 and discussed its impact.

Chairman McAdam adjourned the meeting.