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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held November 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. EDT at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Room 18, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Cris Johnston, Tracy Brown, Paul Joyce, and Rep. Jeff Thompson. David Holt 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 for the June 13, 2024 public meeting, June 17, 2024 special hearing, and July 11, 2024 executive session be approved as presented. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

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

- Dr. Michaela Spangenburg expressed the hope that the state will not take over any school corporations in the future, while acknowledging the importance of the financial monitoring that DUAB performs.

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **5 – Consideration of MGT Contract Benchmarks.**

Mr. Miller provided an overview of the benchmarks recommended for approval related to management of the Gary Community School Corporation. MGT achieved full or partial credit of seven of their contractual benchmarks for the 2023-24 school year:

- 3 – ILEARN Growth (ELA): Tier 2
- 5 – IREAD 3 Proficiency: Tier 1
- 6 – i-Ready Typical (ELA): Tier 3
- 7 – i-Ready Typical (Math): Tier 2
- 8 – i-Ready Stretch (ELA): Tier 3
- 9 – i-Ready Stretch (Math): Tier 3
- 12 – Public Forums

Mr. Joyce moved that the benchmark payments be approved as recommended. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item **6 – New Business.**

There had been an original agenda item to consider revisions to Gary Community School Corporation's 1065 School Improvement Fund plan, but it was pulled as the revised plan was not ready in time. Since no public meetings were planned prior to the end of the year when the 1065 statute expires, Mr. Joyce moved that the board direct the executive director to use his prior delegated authority to review and approve any expenditures prior to December 31, 2024, if needed, and report back to the board. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Mr. Miller acknowledged the receipt of Lake Ridge Schools' response to its placement on the CY2024 excessive education fund transfer list, per IC 20-40-2-10(f).

Seeing no other business, Chairman Johnston adjourned the meeting.