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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held November 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Room 17, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in-person include Chairman Justin McAdam, Wes Bennett, Paul Joyce, Rebecca Kubacki, Representative Vernon Smith, 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 the Minutes.**

Ms. Kubacki made a motion that the October 25, 2022, Public Meeting and November 10, 2022, Executive Session minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

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

- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns over the continued relationship with MGT and busing issues.
- Ms. Rachel Wilbourn expressed concern over a lack of communication, busing and parent engagement.

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

Dr. Paige McNulty provided updates on the building demolition survey, spell bowl, new furniture, playground ribbon-cutting, and events dedicated to stopping violence. Chairman McAdam asked for updates on transportation.

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

Mr. Andre Wright and Ms. Kim Bradley provided updates. Ms. Kubacki and Chairman McAdam asked clarifying questions. Rep. Smith expressed concern over a lack of a clear plan. Chairman McAdam asked for clarification on how the academic plan is being communicated. Rep. Smith reiterated his concern of a lack of connection between programs.

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **7 – School Improvement Fund/1065 Claims.**

Ms. Nicole Wolverton presented the claims. Chairman McAdam asked if the roofing projects have been completed. Rep. Smith asked if updates to the West Side bathrooms have been made. Ms. Kubacki

made a motion the claims be approved as presented. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **8 – Consideration of GCSC Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

Dr. McNulty Presented the agreement. Rep. Smith asked follow-up questions on the early retirement offer and incentives. Mr. Bennett made a motion the agreement be approved as presented. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **9 – Authorizations by the DUAB Executive Director.** Mr. Miller presented the contracts.

- a) *Capitol Electronics* – Security Door Sensors
- b) *Kidstuff* – Playground Equipment at Williams Elementary
- c) *Pre-Authorization* – Pick-up Trucks
- d) *Smekens Education Solutions* – Professional Learning

Chairman McAdam introduced agenda item **10 – Consideration of GCSC Contractual Obligations.** Mr. Williamson presented the contracts.

- a) *Network Solutions* – Network Infrastructure

Rep. Smith and Mr. Bennett asked clarifying questions. Mr. Bennett made a motion the contract be approved as presented. Ms. Kubacki seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

- b) *Gary Sign Co.* – Digital Marquees (external)

Mr. Joyce asked clarifying questions and made a motion the contract be approved as presented. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Rep. Smith requested the graduation rate confirmed by DOE.

Chairman McAdam adjourned the meeting.