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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held October 26, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. EDT at the Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Room D, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Cris Johnston, Tracy Brown, David Holt, and Paul Joyce. 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 be approved as presented. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

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

- Ms. Tracy Coleman expressed concern around the proposed district reconfiguration and a lack of local control.
- Ms. Natalie Ammons expressed concerns around the proposed district reconfiguration.
- Mrs. Lovetta Tindal expressed concerns around academic performance.

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

Ms. Mavis Snelson presented updates on ILEARN data and high-impact tutoring. Mr. Miller asked for clarification on data from previous years. Ms. Brown and Chairman Johnston asked follow-up questions around the high impact tutoring pilot.

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

Dr. Mike Raisor presented potential options for district reconfiguration. Mr. Holt clarifying questions around needed renovations, expansions, transportation and structure. Mr. Holt asked what challenges are anticipated with the restructure. Mr. Joyce stated that he attended a K-5 and 6-12 district. Chairman Johnston asked about the utilization of ESSER funds.

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

Mr. Miller provided the updates.

School Improvement Fund/1065 Claims

Ms. Brown made a motion the docket be approved as presented. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

2024 DLGF Budget

Cender Dalton presented the budget modifications. Mr. Holt made a motion the amended budget be approved as presented. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item 8 – **Authorizations by the DUAB Executive Director.**

Mr. Miller presented the contracts:

- *Hudson Boiler & Tank* – WSLA Boiler Repairs
- *Home Depot Pro Institutional* – Floor Matting

Chairman Johnston introduced agenda item 9 – **Consideration of MGT Contract Benchmark.**

Mr. Miller presented the benchmark. Ms. Brown made a motion the benchmark payment be approved as presented. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

Chairman Johnston asked if there was any new business to come before the Board and seeing none adjourned the meeting.