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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

April 24, 2017

Indiana Government Center South

Conference Room #1

402 West Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

1:00 p.m. EST

Board Meeting

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Agenda

I. Call to Order/ Board Meeting Minutes Approval

Board Chair Josh Owens called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. EST. Board members in attendance include Janet Rummel, Jill Kramer and Josh Owens. Dr. Virginia Calvin and DeLyn Beard participated via conference call. James Betley gave brief bio for new board member Janet Rummel. Chair Owens opened the floor to a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting, Dr. Calvin seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.

II. Charter School Renewal Application Consideration

Mr. Betley gave a brief overview to the Board for the three charters scheduled for renewal. He provided the staff recommendation to approve Carpe Diem Meridian's request for a delay to hear their charter renewal. Mr. Betley suggested an approval for their delay with conditions involving notifying parents and guardians of students of the action plan.

Chair Owens opened the floor to comments or questions. Ms. Rummel asked for clarification on any operational impacts. Rick Ogston, Carpe Diem's Superintendent, confirmed there will be no operational concerns, simply financial. Chair Owens asked for any additional input from public. Hearing none, he moved that the Board approve the staff recommendation. Dr. Calvin seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Rummel, and Ms. Kramer voting yes.

Mr. Betley provided the staff recommendation for the charter renewal of Excel Center-Anderson. Chair Owens asked Mr. Betley for clarification on what is included in a charter renewal. Mr. Betley outlined the statutory rule of charter renewal, as well as stating that a renewal is treated as a mini-application process. Chair Owens thanked Mr. Betley for the clarification and asked the board if they had any other questions.

Chair Owens opened the floor for questions from the Board. Ms. Rummel inquired about whether the dashboard was public or could be made available. Mr. Betley and Chair Owens both indicated it was available online.

Chair Owens asked for any additional input from public. Hearing none, he moved that the Board approve the staff recommendation. Dr. Calvin seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, and Ms. Rummel voting yes. Ms. Kramer recused herself from this vote.

Mr. Betley provided the staff recommendation for charter renewal of Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy. Mr. Betley indicated that based off site visit data and additional issues with academic performance that the staff recommended a three year charter renewal with conditions to be determined. Mr. Betley stated all of these practices show that the school is willing to adapt and change to best suit their students, because of this ICSB has recommended a renewal of 3 years, with conditions to be determined during charter agreement discussions.

Chair Owens thanked Mr. Betley for his diligence, and opened the floor to anyone from TMLA to add comments. Principal Tamika Williams provided a brief overview of current practices within the school.

Chair Owens then invited questions from the Board.

Ms. Kramer asked to clarify what data reports would be included for the conditions and whether TMLA would be eligible for full charter renewal earlier than three years. Mr. Betley answered they would be separate than normal reports and that he was unsure to whether full renewal prior to the end of the conditional term would be the right precedent to set.

Ms. Rummel and Ms. Beard each asked questions around teacher retention, licensure and professional development. Ms. Williams replied most teachers have been with the school for 2-3 years and all were fully licensed with one teacher in process of receiving her initial licensure. She also provided information regarding the amount of time teachers have for training and professional development throughout the school week.

Chair Owens asked for any additional input from public. Hearing none, he moved that the Board accept the staff recommendation. Dr. Calvin seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Rummel, and Ms. Kramer voting yes.

III. Other Board Business

East Chicago FOCUS Academy – Request for Delayed Opening

Mr. Betley provided an overview of East Chicago FOCUS Academy's request for a delayed opening and indicated the staff recommended approval.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation. Mr. Owens moved to approve the amendment and Ms. Rummel seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Rummel, and Ms. Kramer voting yes.

The Mind Program – Request for Delayed Opening

Mr. Betley provided an overview of The Mind Program's request delay opening for one year and indicated the staff recommended approval. Chair Owens and Ms. Kramer asked questions about charter extension policies made comments regarding ICSB authority.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation. Mr. Owens moved to approve the amendment and Ms. Kramer seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Rummel, and Ms. Kramer voting yes.

Excel Center – Clarksville – Request to Activate Charter

Mr. Betley provided an overview of The Excel Center's request to activate a charter and indicated the staff recommended approval. Chair Owens asked for any input from The Excel Center Board. Besty Delgado introduced their Director for the Excel Center – Clarksville to answer Board questions. Ms. Rummel asked questions about community involvement, and work certifications.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation. Mr. Owens moved to approve the amendment and Ms. Rummel seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, and Ms. Rummel voting yes. Ms. Kramer abstained from the vote.

Indiana Charter Network – Charter Revocation

Mr. Betley provided an overview of Indiana Charter Network’s history in failing to complete appropriate startup tasks as required by the conditions of their original opening date extension. He state that the staff recommended approval revocation of the charter.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation. Mr. Owens moved to approve the amendment and Ms. Kramer seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Rummel, and Ms. Kramer voting yes.

Excel Center – East Chicago – Request to Change Location and Name

Mr. Betley provided an overview of The Excel Center’s request to change location and name, and indicated the staff recommended approval. Ms. Rummel and Ms. Kramer asked questions about charter policies and ICSB authority.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation. Mr. Owens moved to approve the amendment and Ms. Rummel seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Rummel, and Ms. Kramer voting yes.

Election of Board Vice-Chairperson

Chair Owens discussed the need of the Board to have a Vice-Chairperson to continue meetings if the Chair could not attend. Chair Owens discussed responsibilities of the Vice-Chair, and nominated Jill Kramer. Ms. Rummel seconded. The nomination was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, and Ms. Rummel voting yes. Ms. Kramer abstained from the vote.

IV. Staff Updates

Introduction of New ICSB Staff

Mr. Betley introduced new ICSB staff member Nicole Hornyak. She will be the ICSB’s Manager of Operations.

Legislative Update

Mr. Betley gave an update on the budget and Bill 1382. He will have a formal write up of the sections that have passed to the Board.

Discussion of US Department of Education Public Charter School Program Grant

Mr. Betley updated the Board on the status of the PCSP grant, and will give a formal update at the next Board meeting.

Setting Date for Spring Application Cycle Board Meeting

Ms. Hornyak gave board members proposed dates and settled on June 7th, for the next board meeting.

V. Closing Remarks

Chair Owens thanked ICSB staff for their diligence in background information for the Board, recognizing that time during session can be difficult. Mr. Betley also thanked ICSB staff for their work.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Owens moved to adjourn and Ms. Kramer seconded. All members voted yes to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. EST.