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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

August 10, 2016

Indiana Government Center South

Conference Room #29

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 – 1 p.m.

Board Chair Josh Owens called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Board members in attendance include DeLyn Beard, Dr. Virginia Calvin, Jill Robinson Kramer, Greg Hahn and Josh Owens. Board member Gretchen Gutman arrived at 1:19 p.m.

Chair Owens opened the floor to a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting. Dr. Calvin moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Kramer seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.

II. Introduction of New Board Members

Chair Owens introduced Executive Director James Betley. Mr. Betley suggested an introduction to the newly appointed board members. Each board member introduced themselves.

III. Unified Enrollment Presentation

Mr. Betley then introduced Caitlin Hannon, the Executive Director of Enroll Indy. She then gave a brief presentation on the Unified Enrollment project. Chair Owens asked for clarification of what unified enrollment looks like nationally and what the next steps were for the project. Other board members also asked Ms. Hannon questions regarding the timeframe of the project, the schools invited to participate and other general questions regarding the project.

IV. Updates

Mr. Betley provided information to the Board on opportunities for board training from the Fairbanks Foundation. This training would include a presentation from Scott Pearson, Executive Director of the DC Public Charter School Board.

Mr. Betley gave a brief overview of the state budget report and indicated he was in the process of developing the narrative for the ICSB recommended budget. Ms. Gutman had a question regarding one of the line items and Mr. Betley indicated this funding was built in as a way to provide resources to ICSB schools.

ICSB staff member Bridgett Abston provided a brief overview of the Epicenter content management system and how the system would allow for the ICSB to monitor schools more efficiently.

ICSB staff member Dr. Michelle McKeown provided the Board the staff recommendation to be reviewed for Carpe Diem during New Business. Also, Mr. Betley moved the discussion of the November board meeting to New Business.

V. New Business

Chair Owens then indicated the Board would move to new business.

Carpe Diem Temporary Co-Location Discussion and Recommendation

Mr. Betley provided an update on Carpe Diem schools and the background on corrective action ordered by the ICSB. The ICSB required Carpe Diem to provide a corrective action plan. Mr. Betley indicated that plan had been received and Carpe Diem requests to co-locate the Shadeland school with the Meridian campus for one year.

Chair Owens made a point of order to indicate there are two issues on the table: co-location approval and Carpe Diem's corrective action plan approval. The floor was opened for questions from the Board. Board members Dr. Calvin and Ms. Gutman had several questions regarding time frame, end results, special education and enrollment. Rick Ogston from Carpe Diem was available to answer questions from the Board.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a vote on the approval of staff recommendation for of co-location. Dr. Calvin moved to recommend the ICSB accept the staff's recommendation on approval for temporary co-location. Ms. Gutman seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Ms. Kramer, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Gutman, and Mr. Hahn voting yes.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a vote on approval of the staff recommendation for modification of proposed action plan. Chair Owens moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Calvin seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Ms. Kramer, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Gutman, and Mr. Hahn voting yes.

Phalen Extension Request and Recommendation

Mr. Betley then proceeded to the action item of the Phalen extension request and recommendation. He provided background on the request for shifting the charters back a year. Board members Ms. Kramer and Ms. Gutman asked questions regarding clarification of the request and changes in locations. Earl Phalen was available to answer the questions.

Chair Owens called for a vote on the request and staff recommendation. Dr. Calvin moved to accept the recommendation and Ms. Kramer seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Ms. Kramer, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Gutman, and Mr. Hahn voting yes.

Prior to reviewing the next action item, Chair Owens requested a 5 minute recess to review documentation provided by ICSB staff. The recess commenced at 2:56 p.m. and the board reconvened at 3:04 p.m.

Early Career Academy Discussion and Recommendation

Mr. Betley provided an introduction on the action item and information on ICSB staff recommendation to revoke Early Career Academy's ("ECA") charter effective in the 2017-2018 school year.

Ron Mays of Early Career Academy was given the opportunity to speak and pass out additional materials to the Board. Mr. Mays indicated they were not aware of the alleged charter violations and hopes the Board would recommend probation, not closure. Mr. Betley provided background information on the communication trail that led to the staff recommendation.

Chair Owens provide a clarification of the issues for board members. Board members Mr. Hahn, Dr. Calvin and Ms. Gutman asked several questions regarding enrollment, the education service provider used by ECA, and financial responsibility. Chair Owens and Dr. McKeown each provided clarification on the specific charter agreement violations.

Chair Owens opened the floor for action on the staff recommendation. Ms. Gutman indicated she appreciated the staff's recommendation, but moved to close ECA in the 2016-2017 school rather than 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Calvin seconded. Chair Owens opened the floor for discussion on the motion. Mr. Hahn and Ms. Gutman asked questions on the process and timeframe for closure. Ms. Beard asked what happens to the students. Mr. Betley and Dr. McKeown provided an overview of the revocation process and indicated ICSB staff would work with ECA parents and students to place them in new schools.

Chair Owens allowed Mr. Mays to speak to the Board's motion. He indicated that it was the preference of the students to attend a school with a small enrollment and fewer amenities of a traditional school. Dr. McKeown indicated that the enrollment creates a different school than what was approved in the charter agreement.

Ms. Gutman amended her motion to include a closure date of September 20, 2016 which was 30 days from the board meeting. Chair Owens restated the motion and Dr. Calvin seconded. The motion was approved with Chair Owens, Dr. Calvin, Mr. Hahn, Ms. Kramer, and Ms. Gutman voting yes. Ms. Beard voted against the motion.

Chair Owens opened the floor up to comments from the Board. Dr. Calving indicated we need to ensure we are working together with our schools to make sure communication is clear. Chair Owens appreciated staff's work on this item and the preparation undertaken in advance for possible board actions.

November Board Meeting Date

Mr. Betley then asked the Board to look at their calendars to determine when their availability would be for the fall application approval board meeting. ICSB staff member Amy Osborne provided some potential dates and indicated to Board members to let her know what worked best for them.

VI. Closing Remarks

Chair Owens welcomed former ICSB member Kristen Reed.

Ms. Gutman indicated there needed to be a correction made to the minutes of the previous meeting.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Owens moved to adjourn and Dr. Calvin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.