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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

November 21, 2016

Indiana Government Center South

Conference Room A

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 –1:03 p.m.

Board Chair Josh Owens called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. EST. Board members in attendance include DeLyn Beard, Dr. Virginia Calvin, Gretchen Gutman, Greg Hahn and Josh Owens.

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 Mr. Hahn seconded. The minutes were pass unanimously.

II. Charter School Application Consideration

Executive Director James Betley provided the board with the staff recommendation for the Excel Center-Gary and East Chicago charter application. He provided a brief overview of the applicant group. Mr. Betley indicated the staff recommended approval based on the applicant's track record, but the staff would like to see the applicant add Gary and East Chicago community members to the board.

Chair Owens reiterated that the board is voting on whether to grant two charters, one to be activated today and the other to activate at a later date. Board member Gretchen Gutman asked several questions regarding board member makeup and adult learner age. Chair Owens and Mr. Betley provided responses.

Mr. Betley then allowed for the applicant to present to the board. Debie Coble, president of Goodwill LEADS, and Randy Beachy, Executive Director of Excel Center – South Bend, introduced themselves and discuss why they wished to locate the Excel Center model to Lake County. They also addressed the issue of including community members to the current board to provide community representation.

Chair Owens then opened the floor to questions for the applicant. Board member Greg Hahn asked for clarification on whether the applicant was seeking approval for both schools. Chair Owens then provided some background on the ICSB policy on approval of multiple charters. He also discussed the aspects of the activation process.

Both Mr. Hahn and Ms. Gutman showed concern for lack of support from the Gary Community School Corporation, however, Ms. Coble indicated that they are continuing to work with the community to garner further support. Ms. Gutman also inquired to the territory of Goodwill LEADS and how many current Goodwill territories were in Indiana. Dr. Calvin indicated she thought it was smart to stagger the opening of the two schools. Chair Owens asked for clarification on the Goodwill LEADS board and the Goodwill Education Initiatives board. Dr. Calvin asked for an introduction of the rest of the applicant attendees. Mr. Beachy and Ms. Coble provided the introductions.

III. Charter School Application Decision

Chair Owens opened up the floor for public comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion regarding the staff recommendation. Dr. Calvin moved that the Board accepts the staff recommendation. Ms. Gutman seconded. Chair Owens clarified they were voting on

two charters with one being activated up approval and one to be activated at a later time. Ms. Gutman asked whether the applicant will need to come before the board prior to activation of the second charter and Chair Owens indicated they would need to do so. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Gutman, and Mr. Hahn voting yes.

IV. Other Board Business

Steel City Academy – Request to Amend Charter

Mr. Betley provided an overview of Steel City Academy’s request to amend charter and indicated the staff recommended approval. Ms. Gutman asked several questions regarding the amendment and current student population and enrollment. Steel City Academy school leader Chrissy Hart provided responses to the questions. Chair Owens and Dr. Calvin made comments regarding the amendment.

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

Indianapolis Academy of Excellence – Request to Amend Charter

Mr. Betley provided an overview of the request to amend the enrollment plan for the Indianapolis Academy of Excellence (“IAE”). He provided background information regarding the original approval. IAE school leader Tara Gustin was available to answer questions. Chair Owens had a question regarding the finances and whether the amendment would have an impact on projected finances. Ms. Gutman asked questions regarding instructional strategies.

Chair Owens opened the floor for discussion and for comment from the public. Hearing none, he opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation. Mr. Hahn moved to approve the amendment and Dr. Calvin seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Gutman, and Mr. Hahn voting yes.

Civic Collegiate Public Charter School – Request to Revoke Charter

Mr. Betley provided an overview of the reasons for revocation of Civic Collegiate Public Charter School’s (“CCPCS”) charter. Mr. Betley indicated that CCPCS’s board had voted to request the revocation, but he had not received the signed minutes of that board meeting to verify. However, Mr. Betley indicated he had spoken to both the board chair and the school leader regarding the vote and request for revocation. Chair Owens stated he believed this was the best outcome and complimented CCPCS’s board on recognizing this was the appropriate avenue to take

Chair Owens opened floor for motion to approve staff recommendation pending getting evidence of minutes. Ms. Gutman moved to approve the staff recommendation and Mr. Hahn seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Gutman, and Mr. Hahn voting yes.

Adoption of Revised Meeting Procedures Policy

Mr. Betley indicated there was no need to vote on this policy at this time, but provided an overview of the documents given to the board.

Mr. Betley then indicated the board must vote on the approval of a new electronic participation policy. Ms. Gutman asked several questions regarding the policy in which Mr. Betley answered. Chair Owens asked for a motion to adopt the policy as presented. Dr. Calvin moved to accept the meeting procedures and electronic participation policy. Mr. Hahn seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Gutman, and Mr. Hahn voting yes.

Mr. Betley asked the board if they would like to vote on the vice chair position at this time or wait until the next meeting. Chair Owens indicated they should wait until the next meeting.

V. Staff Updates

Staffing

Chair Owens announced that Michelle Gough McKeown had left the ICSB to work for Project Lead the Way. He publically thanked her for her service to the board and wished her luck in her new position. Mr. Betley then discussed other potential changes in staffing.

Enroll Indy update

Mr. Betley indicated that Enroll Indy rolled out their school finder on November 18, 2017. They had 100% charter participation and all ICSB school submitted information.

Renewal Decisions

Mr. Betley provided an overview of the three schools up for renewal and indicated the process for renewal was being finalized. Ms. Gutman asked questions regarding the process and indicated she was able to provide assistance.

Clarification of ICSB Staff Authority

Mr. Betley opened a discussion on the type of authority and discretion the board would like to give the staff with regards to making decisions. This would allow staff more clarity on when to bring items before the board.

Heritage Institute of Arts and Technology

Mr. Betley provided an update of some changes made to the school leadership and governance at Heritage Institute of Arts and Technology (“HIAT”). He then asked representatives of the school to provide their side of the situation. Chair Owens wanted to make the board and attendees understand this was not an action item, but a time for the board to gather information.

Chair Owens asked several questions to the HIAT representatives. He also encouraged the school to work with ICSB staff to correct the issues. Dr. Calvin commented that the school needed to focus on what was best for the students and work with the ICSB to ensure there is a strong school in the area.

VI. Closing Remarks

There were no closing remarks.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Owens moved to adjourn and Mr. Hahn seconded. All members voted yes to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. EST.