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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

June 7, 2017

Indiana Government Center South

Conference Room #4 and 5

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 – 1:05 p.m.

Board Chair Josh Owens called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. EST. Board members in attendance include DeLyn Beard, Dr. Virginia Calvin, Gretchen Gutman, Jill Robinson Kramer, Janet Rummel 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 Ms. Beard seconded. The minutes were pass unanimously.

II. Charter School New Application Consideration and Decision

a. Allegiant Preparatory Academy Charter School

Executive Director James Betley provided the board with the staff recommendation for the Allegiant Preparatory Academy Charter School charter application. He provided a brief overview of the applicant group. Mr. Betley indicated the staff recommended approval based on the applicant's meeting of ICSB's standards across criteria. Mr. Betley requested the board give authority to approve grade level changes, if needed.

Mr. Betley then allowed for the applicant to present to the board. Rick Anderson, school leader, introduced himself and discussed his background as a BES fellow.

Chair Owens then opened the floor to questions for the applicant. Board Member Gretchen Gutman asked why the school was necessary on the Westside as well as clarification of grade levels the school would serve. Board Member Janet Rummel questioned recruitment strategies for staff and student enrollment. Ms. Gutman asked follow up questions concerning staffing, budget, and student services implementation.

Mr. Betley commented that the staff was impressed with the applicant's financial budget, and how well he has imbedded himself within the community. Ms. Rummel commented her concern about the school's enrollment based on the slow growth factor.

Chair Owens opened up the floor for public comments. Hearing none, he moved that the Board accepts the staff recommendation. Dr. Calvin seconded. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

b. The Excel Center – Muncie

Mr. Betley provided the board with the staff recommendation for the Excel Center-Muncie 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. Mr. Betley explained this recommendation is for one charter originally, then three charters at a later date. He clarified that the focus was to be on the Muncie charter, the applicant will have a mini application process for the three future charters.

Mr. Betley then allowed for the applicant to present to the board. Betsy Delgado from Goodwill Education Initiatives to field questions from the board. She was joined by Anne Davis and Jeff Hoover of Goodwill Education Initiatives.

Chair Owens reiterated that the board is voting on whether to grant four charters, one to be activated today and the other to activate at a later date. Board member Gretchen Gutman asked several questions regarding charter cap numbers and budget appropriations. Chair Owens and Mr. Betley provided responses.

Chair Owens opened up the floor for public comments. Mr. Owens explained that the board would break the matter into two votes; one for opening the charter in Muncie, the second for approving three additional charters. Chair Owens moved to approve the Muncie charter. Board member Gretchen Gutman seconded. Board members Calvin, Rummel, Beard, Gutman, and Owens voted yes. Ms. Kramer Abstained. Mr. Owens then moved to approve three additional charters for Goodwill Education Initiatives. Dr. Calvin seconded. The motion passed with board members Beard, Calvin, Owens and Rummel voting yes. Board member Gutman voted no. Board member Kramer abstained.

Chair Owens called a recess at 2:32 pm EST. Chair Owens called the meeting back to order at 2:40 pm EST.

III. Carpe Diem Renewal Application Consideration and Decision

Mr. Betley provided a background on Carpe Diem schools and the history of Carpe Diem Meridian. Mr. Betley indicated the staff recommended the ICSB to vote not to renew the charter agreement.

Chair Owens invited leaders from Carpe Diem to speak. Jason Bearce gave a presentation of Carpe Diem's history. Mr. Bearce was joined by Rick Odston. The floor was opened for questions from the Board. Board members Josh Owens and Ms. Gutman had several questions regarding enrollment, colocation, consolidation and debt. Rick Odston and Jason Bearce from Carpe Diem were available to answer questions from the Board.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a vote on the approval of staff recommendation for declination of renewal. Chair Owens then moved to recommend the ICSB accept the staff's recommendation to decline renewal. Ms. Gutman seconded. The recommendation was approved with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Ms. Kramer, Dr. Calvin, and Ms. Gutman voting yes. Ms. Rummel voted against.

Mr. Betley was then given authority from the board to negotiate with Carpe Diem in regards to the other two charters Carpe Diem holds.

IV. Other Board Business

a. Heritage Institute of Arts and Technology Charter Amendment Request

Mr. Betley provided a background on HIAT charter's amendment request. Mr. Betley indicated the school is asking to change the name, and other items to reimage the school.

Chair Owens then opened the floor to any questions for Mr. Betley. Hearing none, Chair Owens motioned to approve the staff recommendation for the requested changes. Ms. Gutman seconded. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

V. Closing Remarks

Chair Owens thanked ICSB staff, board members, and public for the conversations.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Owens moved to adjourn and Dr. Calvin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m. EST