



MINUTES

INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

May 20, 2015

Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street
Conference Room C
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The meeting of the Indiana Charter School Board (“ICSB”) convened at 3:02 PM.

ICSB Members Maureen Weber, Dr. Virginia Calvin, Daniel Lopez, Dr. Karega Rausch, and Larry DeMoss were present. Staff members Nick LeRoy, Michelle McKeown, and Sarah Sullivan were present.

I. **Call to Order**

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

II. **Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

Dr. Calvin moved for approval of the meeting minutes from the May 6, 2015 ICSB meeting. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: Dr. Calvin, Mr. DeMoss, Mr. Lopez, Dr. Rausch, and Ms. Weber.

III. **TMLA Charter Transfer**

Mr. LeRoy provided additional information regarding the transfer of the charter. Dr. Rausch moved to approve the transfer of the charter. Dr. Calvin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: Dr. Calvin, Mr. DeMoss, Mr. Lopez, Dr. Rausch, and Ms. Weber.

IV. **Charter School Applicant Q&A and Decision**

- a. **ACE Preparatory Academy (“ACE Prep”)**: Ms. Anna Shults presented an overview of the proposed school, also introducing ACE Prep Board Members. Ms. Weber acknowledged a previous working relationship with Ms. Shults and assured other ICSB Board Members that

she had not received the application previously. After ICSB Board members asked questions, Mr. LeRoy provided the ICSB staff recommendation of granting a charter to ACE Prep. Dr. Calvin moved to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: Dr. Calvin, Mr. DeMoss, Mr. Lopez, Dr. Rausch, and Ms. Weber.

- b. **Global Leadership Academy (“GLA”)**: Ms. Chrissy Hart and Ms. Katie Kirley presented an overview of the proposed school and answered ICSB Board Members questions. Mr. LeRoy provided the ICSB staff recommendation of granting a charter to GLA. Dr. Rausch urged ICSB staff to allow flexibility regarding grade configuration moving forward. Dr. Calvin moved to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. DeMoss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously: Dr. Calvin, Mr. DeMoss, Mr. Lopez, Dr. Rausch, and Ms. Weber.
- c. **Indiana Charter Network (“ICN”)**: Mr. Jim Owen, Dr. Chris Bird, and Ms. Paula Jackson presented an overview of the proposed school and answered ICSB Board Members questions. Mr. LeRoy provided the ICSB staff recommendation of granting two charters to ICN, allowing one school to open in 2016-17 and allowing the other to open after positive performance of the first school on academic, financial, and compliance indicators. Dr. Calvin moved to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. DeMoss seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/2: Dr. Calvin, Mr. Lopez, and Mr. DeMoss voting in support, and Dr. Rausch and Ms. Weber opposing.
- d. **Northwest Indiana Science and Engineering Public Charter School (“NiSe”)**: Before the applicant team addressed the Board, Ms. Weber recused herself from the vote and passed the chair position to Dr. Rausch. Ms. Weber noted that the NiSe application incorporated curriculum recommendations related to Project Lead the Way (“PLTW”), and since she is employed at PLTW, she did not want there to be even the appearance of a conflict. Dr. Augusta DeNeal, Dr. Elonda Ervin, and Ms. Geraldine Ware-Robe presented an overview of the proposed school and answered questions from the ICSB Board Members. Mr. LeRoy provided the ICSB staff recommendation of denying NiSe’s charter application. Dr. Calvin moved to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. DeMoss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously among the participating Board members: Dr. Calvin, Mr. DeMoss, Mr. Lopez, and Dr. Rausch,.

V. **Executive Session – IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)**

No subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice as noted above.

VI. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 P.M.