

Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
7725 North College Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46240

ISBVI Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021
Virtual Board Meeting
1:00 p.m.

Members Present Virtually:

Mr. James Michaels, Chair
Ms. Kathy Botkin, Vice Chair
Mr. Tom Adams
Mr. John Kissling
Mr. Don Koors

Members Not Present:

Senator Liz Brown
Ms. Traci Hackleman

Administration Present Virtually: Mr. Jim Durst, Superintendent; Mr. Raouf Estefanos, Assistant Superintendent of Business; Ms. Tiffany Sanders, Interim Superintendent of Programs; Mr. Jay Wilson, MS/HS Principal; Ms. Cara Kennett, Interim Elementary Principal; Ms. Toni Hughes, Director of Outreach; Mr. Jason Askren, Director of Residential Services; Mr. Todd Malone, Maintenance Supervisor.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair, Mr. James Michaels, called the meeting to order at 1:10pm and took roll.

II. New Business

A. COVID Protocol

COVID Protocol, formerly referenced as the School Reopening Plan, was reviewed with suggested revisions after recent changes in K-12 masking guidelines from the CDC. The main revisions in ISBVI COVID Protocol include:

- Quarantine is not necessary when individuals are masked and not within 3 feet of a person, in a classroom setting, who tests positive.

- Parents who wish to have their child *not* mask, must provide a letter from a licensed medical provider stating their child should not be required to wear a mask. (Face shields will be strongly encouraged for those students who do not mask unless stated otherwise by a licensed medical provider.)

Upon approval of the revised COVID Protocol, Administration will send a letter to parents/guardians to inform them of the recent changes. Parents/guardians that do not wish to have their child wear a mask, will be provided 1 week to submit a note from a licensed medical provider to ISBVI.

Parents will also be encouraged to notify ISBVI as soon as possible if their child has been exposed to an individual who tests positive in order for the school to follow contact tracing and help minimize the spread.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Koors and seconded by Ms. Botkin to approve the COVID Protocol document as presented with the suggested revisions; motion carried.

III. Board Comments

There were no Board comments.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired School Board will be Monday, October 25, 2021 at 9:30am.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:37pm.