

MINUTES

Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

April 10, 2024
9:00 A.M. EDT

History Reference Room 211
Indiana State Library
315 W. Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN, 46204

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Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair, Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa, Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau (by video), Ms. Iris Hammel, Mr. Pat Mapes, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video), and Mr. B.J. Watts (by video).

Board Members Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order:**
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** The Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The Minutes for the March 27, 2024, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. March 27, 2024 - Memo
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner reported the Department of Education is receiving positive, solution-oriented feedback regarding the SBOE March board meeting's presentation, Rethinking High School: The Future of the Indiana Diploma.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** Mr. Watts congratulated Scottsburg High School on winning their first IHSAA basketball Class 3A state title. Mr. Mapes lauded Fishers High School's first IHSAA basketball 4A State Basketball Championship win. In addition to commending IHSAA, Mr. Mapes also praised Pacers Sports & Entertainment for providing high schools with the unique opportunity to compete within professional venues. Dr. Ernest gave a "shout out" to Purdue University for reaching the NCAA championship game and the stellar learning experience and community work Purdue University, his alma mater, continues to provide. Dr. Jenner mentioned Indiana State University's basketball success story.
- VI. **Public Comment:** Ms. Kendra Johnson's, Indiana Parents for Education, urged parents to align themselves with partners who will invest in their child in order to receive the best education possible. "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."
- VII. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. School Year 2024-2025 Average Daily Membership Count Dates - Memo
 - B. 2024 Membership Conflict Petitions - Memo
 - C. Praxis Tests and Cut Scores - Memo
 - D. Concord Community Schools Governing Body Change - Memo

- E. HEA 1003 Waivers - [Memo](#) | [Memo](#)
- F. School Accreditation Petitions
 - 1. The Genius School - [Memo](#)

VIII. New Business:

- A. Calumet College of St. Joseph Charter Authority (CCSJ) – Thea Bowman Leadership Academy (TBLA) Authorization. Dr. Jenner introduced the hearing participants to the board and summarized the steps of the hearing process. The board approved Calumet College of St. Joseph as authorizer of Thea Bowman Leadership Academy by roll call vote, 11-0.
 - 1. The Honorable Eddie Melton, Mayor of Gary, Indiana, submitted a written letter in support of CCSJ authorizing TBLA.
 - 2. Mr. Bess thanked both authorizers, Mayor Melton, and disclosed he is a board member of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers. Mr. Bess reminded CCSJ and TBLA of the clear line between authorizer and school leadership. The authorizer holds the school accountable, and the school leadership is responsible for solving the problems. While appreciating CCSJ’s passion, Mr. Bess stressed the importance of CCSJ not crossing the line, and this demarcation understood by all parties. Furthermore, he admonished both authorizers for not meeting and discussing their differences in-person, prior to the issue escalating and warranting a hearing in front of the Indiana SBOE.
 - 3. Dr. Ernest expressed concern regarding the non-compliance of laws that testimony brought forward. Dr. Jenner assured Dr. Ernest the recommendation presented to the board was within the legal framework.
 - 4. Ms. Dilosa stated she has heard from TBLA parents who support the continued existence of the school. In addition, Ms. Dilosa brought attention to the number of licensed teachers at TBLA and advocated for higher than 60% of licensed teachers in the building. CCSJ’s Transition to Teach Program may help make improvements in this area.
 - 5. Dr. Jenner closed the hearing with, “Quality education for all children in Indiana is why we are all here.”
- B. Initiate Rulemaking – Literacy - [Presentation](#) | [Resolution](#) Dr. Rebecca Estes, IDOE Assistant Secretary for Educator Talent and Dr. Lynn Schemel, IDOE Chief Academic Officer presented Initiate Rulemaking – Literacy. The resolution to commence rulemaking passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - 1. Mr. Bess acknowledged the support for educators, the past and continuing work, by IDOE, Indiana General Assembly, Indiana University Center on Education and Lifelong Learning (CELL), Marion University and others.

IX. Discussion:

- A. Early Learning Assessments - [Presentation](#) Dr. Kelli Servizzi, IDOE Director Kindergarten Readiness, presented Early Learning Assessments.
 - 1. Ms. Dilosa voiced her concerns regarding the support given to both teachers and parents in the eight domains of early learning area. Ms. Dilosa does not want children thrust unnecessarily into the developmental delay category. Dr. Servizzi confirmed there will be instructions provided, for both teachers and parents, on how to interpret the child level outcomes of strengths and areas of need.

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.