

MINUTES
State Board of Education Business Meeting
June 08, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. EDT

Conference Room B, Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis IN 46204
<https://youtu.be/Vl3bu3OA8cc>

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. David Freitas

- 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 May 04, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. May 4, 2022 - Memo

- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner acknowledged the horrific Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde Texas. She noted, Director of School Building Security, Steve Balko recently hosted 900 School Safety Specialists. Also, a fall conference is scheduled with an expected 1400-1500 attendees. Moving on, Dr Jenner announced seventy schools have opted in for Literacy, Science of Reading or STEM coaching. A second iteration of the federal funding dashboard has been launched. Instruction is the highest spend. The third iteration is coming in the future to help support intentional and strategical school spending. Rethinking 11th and 12th years of education, the Urban Early College Network has been launched to compliment the existing Rural Early College Network. Since the May SBOE board meeting, two major grants, Explore, Engage and Experience grant with a \$25,000,000.00 budget had \$97,000,000.00 in requests. Employability Skills grant with a \$7,000,000.00 budget had \$16,000,000.00 in requests.

- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** Mr. Watts congratulated Mr. Gastineau, Assistant Lacrosse Coach, Hamilton Southeastern High School, for winning the State Championship. Mr. Gastineau commented how the win exemplified the power of sports with kids, especially after Covid. Mr. Ernest jokingly asked the ESPN-style question: "What colleges are recruiting you now?"

- VI. **Public Comment:** Mr. Hezekiah Israel, Dyer IN resident, commented on mass school shootings, God in schools and proposed a Comparative Religious Studies class addition to school curriculums.

Ms. Kendra Johnson, Gary IN resident, began by congratulating all graduates. She commented on mass school shootings, bullying and mental health.

Mr. Jerell Blakeley, Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA), introduced himself to the board. Mr. Blakeley is the new ISTA Director of Government, Community, Racial and Social Justice. He spoke of the many issues confronting Indiana public education today, e.g. aftermath of the Covid pandemic, teacher recruitment, teacher compensation and curriculum.

VII. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote. Consent Agenda consisted of the following.

- A. Next Level Programs of Study Courses - Memo
- B. Indiana Science and Civics Standards - Memo
- C. Freeway Contract Amendment for Al-Haqq Foundation Academy - Memo
- D. Freeway Accreditation Petition for International Soccer Academy of America - Memo
- E. Freeway Accreditation Petition for The Performing Arts Conservatory - Memo
- F. Freeway Accreditation Petition for The Montessori School at WPC - Memo
- G. Common school loan amendment - Memo
- H. University of Indianapolis - All-Grade Transition to Teaching Program - Memo
- I. Adoption of New Praxis Tests and Cut Scores - Memo 1, Memo 2, Memo 3, Memo 4
- J. Governing Body Reorganization - Community Schools of Frankfort - Memo
- K. Governing Body Reorganization - Northwestern School Corporation - Memo

VIII. **Discussion - Slides**

- A. Educator Profession Pipeline
 - i. Dr. Rebecca Estes, Senior Director of Educator Talent, gave an overview of the Educator Profession Pipeline.
 - ii. Mr. Durham asked about the 7,903 fewer public school students from 2012 -2021. Why? Is there research showing where students are going? Dr. Jenner responded the complete answer would need to be a future presentation to the board.
 - iii. Dr. Ernest asked if the completed summits provided any themes of why individuals are not entering into the teaching profession. Dr. Estes said affirmatively two reasons, compensation and culture. Referring to a June 8th Education Week report, Dr. Ernest inquired why there is a low completion rate of the Transition to Teaching Program. Dr. Estes highlighted the need to provide as many options as possible for individuals to find pathways that fit their lifestyles.
 - iv. Ms. Mote asked if a forecast of the “tsunami” of teachers exiting the profession in Indiana existed. Dr. Estes responded there is a starting base of data, however, more to come in the future. Mr. Mapes questioned if IDOE has looked at teacher retirement eligibility, “graying out” of the teaching profession.
- B. Foster Youth Update
 - i. Dr. Maggie Stevens, CEO and President of Foster Success introduced Ms. Joan Smith, IDOE School Social Work and Foster Youth Specialist, Ms.

Melaina Gant, IDCS Division Director of Education Services and Ms. Aly Leonard, Indiana Youth Advisory Board Leader to present to the board.

- ii. Dr. Jenner asked if the transient population of foster students have been researched, for example, the number of schools a foster child attends on average. Ms. Gant responded they are working on integrating IDCS and IDOE data now and full implementation is expected mid 2023.
- iii. Mr. Durham complimented Ms. Leonard on her Foster Care Flash Card and inquired how youth-serving organizations can obtain access to the card.
- iv. Ms. Mote introduced Arizona State University's Trusted Learner Network (TLN) as a resource to the presenters.

IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.