

## MINUTES

### Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

July 12, 2023  
9:00 A.M. EDT

Conference Room B  
Indiana Government Center South  
302 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN, 46204

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

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. Pat Mapes and Mr. B.J. Watts

- 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 June 07, 2023, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
  - A. June 7, 2023 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** After welcoming the in-person audience, Dr. Jenner commented, one and a half weeks from now several districts are opening school. The bulk of Indiana schools start the first and second weeks of August. Dr. Jenner is excited about the new 2023-2024 school year and happy that educators and families were able to recharge this summer with the various learning opportunities available in the state.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None
- VI. **Public Comment:** Dr. Michaela Spangenburg, Gary Education Coalition, stated twenty-two names were submitted to Dr. Jenner for the three open board seats Dr. Jenner appoints by statute for the five-member Gary Community School Corporation Board of Trustees. All reported they received no contact from Dr. Jenner's office, except for acknowledgement of materials received. Dr. Spangenburg commented this was a disappointing process, especially for building community engagement, transparency, and faith in the process. Dr. Jenner appointed Shontrai Irving, Michael L. Suggs, and Danita Johnson to the Board. Dr. Spangenburg, advocating for improved literacy, spoke of dyslexia screening. After the initial contact with parents stating their child might have dyslexia, the schools are unable to offer next steps and insurance companies are refusing to pay for private assessments. She also spoke to the effects of schools avoiding IEPs. Dr. Jenner invited all to "lean in" with ideas to deploy the Science of Reading program.

- VII. **Consent Agenda:** Mr. Bess commented on O. Locally Created Pathways. Mr. Bess commended schools for creating pathways that mean something to local communities and gave new opportunities to kids. Dr. Ernest, “He said it.” Dr. Ernest continued, stating how proud he is of the multiple pathways. When Locally Created Pathways were being created, there was no way we could cover all the areas. Perry Township’s English Language Learners is an example of expanding multiple pathways. Ms. Hammel stated these innovative pathways are examples for all schools to look at and study. They are a catalyst for more to come. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote. Ms. Amy Boone, Principal Southport High School, represented Perry Township: Connecting English Learners to Successful Employment. Mr. Darren Haines, U.S. Infrastructure Company (USIC) and Mr. Jim Pearson, Director of the Hinds Career Center, represented Elwood Community Schools: Underground Utility Location Services. Dr. Ernest pointed out and applauded, that industry came to the school and initiated contact. Ms. Melody Coryell, IPS Executive Director of Postsecondary Readiness, represented MSD Lawrence/IPS/Highland: Global Communication. Mr. Durham commended the three school for coming together on this LCP. This collaborative mindset sets the stage for others to work together for the benefit of all students.
- A. Latch Key Waiver: Greensburg Community Schools - [Memo](#)
  - B. 2023-2024 Accessibility and Accommodations for Statewide Assessments - [Memo](#)
  - C. 2023-2024 Accessibility and Accommodations for Statewide Assessments - [Guidance Document](#)
  - D. 2023-2024 WIDA Assessment - [Memo](#)
  - E. 2023-2024 WIDA Assessment - [Guidance Document](#)
  - F. 2023-2024 Indiana Assessments Policy - [Memo](#)
  - G. 2023-2024 Indiana Assessments Full Policy - [Manual](#)
  - H. Placement of Schools into Legally Required “No grade” Categories - [Memo](#)
  - I. Excessive Homeschool Exit - [Memo](#)
  - J. Accreditation Recommendations:
    1. Premier Soccer Academy - [Memo](#)
    2. Stepping Stones Educational Academy - [Memo](#)
    3. Montessori Science Academy - [Memo](#)
  - K. Governing Body Change - Lafayette School Corporation - [Memo](#)
  - L. Common School Loan Amendment - [Memo](#)
  - M. Special Education Child Count - [Memo](#)
  - N. HEA 1003 Waivers - [Memo](#)
  - O. Locally Created Pathways - [Presentation](#)
    1. Perry Township: Connecting English Learners to Successful Employment
    2. Elwood Community Schools: Underground Utility Location Services
    3. MSD Lawrence/IPS/Highland: Global Communication

VIII. **New Business**

- A. National Center for Assessment: COVID Recovery - [Presentation](#) Dr. Charity Flores, IDOE Chief Academic Officer presented.
  1. Mr. Bess stated the system is good but there are large groups of students who are not, many students will never catch up. We have examples of high-quality learning opportunities outside the system. We need these changes within the system. From her presentation, Dr. Flores emphasized, the educational system

can return to normal without students returning to normal. Dr. Jenner said the pandemic is forcing a redesign of the system.

2. Regarding SATs, Ms. Hammel commented on the seriousness of students taking SATs and the length of the exam. Teachers need good answers to their students' questions regarding SATs. Mr. Gastineau dovetailed with her points, saying it is difficult to measure how many students are taking the test seriously. He asked, how effective is the SAT exam for all Hoosier students?
  3. Dr. Jenner emphasized Indiana Learns tutoring program has been expanded to middle school students.
  4. Mr. Bess thanked everyone for their hard work and reminded the board of the connectedness and the necessity of completing the work to align streamlined standards, assessments, accountability, and diplomas.
- B. Teacher Supply Demand Marketplace - [Presentation](#) Dr. Rebecca Estes, IDOE Senior Director of Educator Talent, and Ms. Lauren Dachille, Nimble CEO, and Tammy Hutchinson, HR Coordinator, Wawasee Community School Corporation, Ms. Crystal Robinson, Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, presented.
- C. Diploma Update - [Presentation](#) Danielle Mezera and Quentin Suffren, Insightful Education Solutions, presented.
1. Ms. Hammel asked, if we are moving towards more progressive education, how do we bring all the constituents together? Innovation needs to be recognized, moved forward, and appreciated. Also, it is necessary for the Teacher Prep Program to improve.
  2. Mr. Bess stated diploma requirements are going to be redesigned. He encouraged the field to "dig in". All should be a part of this...Send thoughts and opinions, participate, and get active. Engage communities, so both schools and communities are aligned.
  3. Dr. Jenner closed with, "Go big and bold or nibble around the edges."
- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

