

## MINUTES

### State Board of Education Business Meeting

October 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM EDT

Conference Room B, Indiana Government Center South

302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis IN 46204

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Mr. Pat Mapes.

#### 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 September 1, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

- A. September 1, 2021 - Memo

IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Mr. William Durham, Jr. chaired for Dr. Jenner. Mr. Durham thanked all Indiana educators for their work with students.

V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None.

VI. **Public Comment:** LaRona Carter, parent representing West Side Leadership Academy, Gary IN. Ms. Carter is seeking answers to how West Side Leadership Academy increases graduation rates and aids students in creating successful lives.

Pauline Burd Atkins Tatum, representing Gary Roosevelt High School stated her grandfather, H. Theo Tatum served as Roosevelt's principal for about 30 years. The National Roosevelt Alumni Association raised 1,321 signatures, requesting funding and resources for the high school to be preserved as a historic state museum. Mr. Durham thanked Ms. Tatum for her presentation and commented on the rich history she showcased to the board.

Tracy Coleman, parent representing West Side Leadership Academy, Gary IN. Gary schools are a flawed state takeover. Ms. Coleman reported, "The same things that happened at Roosevelt is now happening at West Side". Ms. Coleman requested the state use Covid-19 funding to help West Side Leadership Academy children.

Nikki Byrd, representing Gary Public Schools Volunteer Program. Ms. Byrd stated to the board, as a volunteer, she is not allowed in school to speak with students.

John O'Neal, representing Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA). Mr. O'Neal spoke to the Dashboard developments and, preferably, locally determined indicators. Dashboard and indicators framework

recommendations include: 1). Professional accountability factors 2). Resource factors 3). School climate and working condition factors. ISTA supports student level growth and a realistic timeline for making these wide changes.

Ms. Lardyell representing Region V, Title One. Ms. Lardyell spoke to the board regarding parental involvement and how parents and grandparents are not being allowed in public schools. Now is a great time of need for parental involvement, the pandemic is not over and mental illness is rising among students.

Dr. Michala Spangenburg representing the Gary Education Coalition. Dr. Spangenburg asked the board to petition the General Assembly for help in Gary Schools. The schools are more distressed than before the takeover, failing students academically and failing to provide students protection and safety. Dr. Spangenburg pleaded with the board to allow the Gary School Board to meet in full and be recognized.

Ms. LaBrenda Dunham, product of the Gary public school system and grandmother. Ms. Dunham agrees Roosevelt should become a state museum. Ms. Dunham believes DUAB and MGT have made Indiana a “laughing stock” regarding education due to the lack of successful results and the large amount of monies spent. In addition, Ms. Dunham related Dr. Paige McNulty is not accessible to the community for questions and discussions, and spoke of a kindergarten student given a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level state assessment test..

**VII. Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved by roll call vote, 9-0. Consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- A. 2022 SBOE Business Meeting Dates - Memo
- B. Latch Key Waivers - Memo
- C. Proposed rules to address alternative route programs for special education licensure: transition to teaching, emergency permit, new alternative route special education credential - Memo 1, Memo 2, Memo 3
- D. Common School Loan Application Window - Memo
- E. Common School Loan Amendment: Hanover Community School Corporation - Memo

#### **VIII. New Business**

- A. Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed - Resolution, Memo Mr. Jason Callahan gave a brief overview and introduced Mr. Ron Sandlin. Mr. Sandlin spoke of the comprehensive stakeholder engagement process the Dept. of Education conducted and presented the stakeholder obtained feedback. Mr. Sandlin continued his presentation, detailing Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed five characteristics: Academic Mastery, Career and Postsecondary Readiness: Credentials and Experiences, Communication and Collaboration, Work Ethic, and Civic, Financial and Digital Literacy. Mr. Brian Murphy recommended the board approve the resolution affirming the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed framework and performance dashboard. The resolution was approved by roll call vote, 9-0
  - I. Dr. Ernest reminded the board of the need to track and use the outcomes informational pieces in order to know where students end up after graduation. Mr. Sandlin wholeheartedly agreed the need for actionable information and meaningful partnerships.
  - II. Dr. Ernest stated he applauds the work being done on the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed and sees the work as an extension of the Graduation Pathways. He confirmed the resolution begins the process of including additional group discussions e.g., ISTA.

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