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Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

April 12, 2023, 10:15 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, Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa, Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau (by video), Ms. Iris Hammel (by video), Mr. Pat Mapes, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video), and Mr. B. J. Watts.

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 01, 2023 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. March 01, 2023 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner arrived from kicking off Title Con 2023 in Plainfield IN. The conference, covering Title funding, was attended by 500 educators. Next, Dr. Jenner recognized state and local assessment teams' work. ILearn results data will be available to the public July 2023 and IRead will be public August 2023. Dr. Jenner also emphasized the continued focus on quality early learning and the nationally celebrated, Week of the Young Child, April 1-7, 2023.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None
- VI. **Public Comment:** Ms. Kendra Johnson, Gary IN resident, began her comments by sending condolences to the families of the recent Tennessee school shooting and stating children should be safe in schools. Ms. Johnson acknowledged April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and complimented the Indiana Parenting Institute's work.
- VII. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote. Consent Agenda consisted of the following:
 - A. Approval of Praxis Test Cut Scores - [Memo](#)
 - B. Latch Key Waiver Requests: Barr-Reeve Community Schools; Covington Elementary School; Milan Community School Corporation; Southwest School Corporation - [Memo 1](#), [Memo 2](#), [Memo 3](#), [Memo 4](#)
 - C. Common School Loan Amendment - [Memo](#)
 - D. Graduation Pathways - [Memo](#)
 - E. Accreditation Petition for Emmanuel Christian School of Fort Wayne - [Memo](#)
 - F. Accreditation Petition for Hillsboro Christian Academy - [Memo](#)
 - G. Accreditation Petition for Genai Excellence Academy - [Memo](#)

VIII. Discussion

- A. Healthy Schools Grant - Slides. Dr. Ernest introduced Dr. Erika Eitland, MPH, ScD, Director of the Human Experience Lab at Perkins&Will.
 - 1. Ms. Dilosa asked where administrators are able to find a good starting point. Dr. Eitland directed attention to a basic, two-page observational check list (included in the presentation packet) for school superintendents and facility managers to prioritize further actions.
 - 2. Mr. Mapes discussed the Energy Savings Agreement (Indiana statute), that provides funds to improve school HVAC and lighting.
- B. Be a Teacher Day - Memo. Mr. Watts introduced the Be a Teacher Day presenter, Dr. Tori Colson, Assistant Dean of Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education, University of Southern Indiana.
 - 1. Ms. Hammel thanked Dr. Colson on the successful Be a Teacher Day and promotion of the education profession, and thought aloud of possible replication in Northern Indiana.
- C. Employability Skills Grant Update - IDOE, Milan Community Schools, Batesville Community Schools. Ms. Michelle Clarke, Director of Student, School, and Family Engagement and Ms. Kelsey Peaper, Assistant Director of School Support, presented the Employability Skills Grant Update. Followed by Ms. Zarah Hileman, High School Guidance Counselor, Ms. Jane Rogers, Superintendent, and Mr. Ryan Langferman, High School Principal, of Milan Community Schools. Next, Mr. Paul Ketcham, Superintendent, Mr. Andy Allen, High School Principal, and Mr. Kyle Laker, Instructional Technology Specialist, of Batesville Community Schools.
 - 1. Dr. Jenner asked Ms. Hileman what percentage of Milan High School seniors graduate with Work Based Learning. Ms. Hileman stated 22 of 70 seniors are in Work Based Learning. Later in the presentation, Dr. Jenner was interested in how Milan, a small rural community, has overcome the challenges of finding community partnerships. Milan has a full-time, Work Based Learning Director.
 - 2. Mr. Bess asked how Milan planned to follow their students and assess what aspects of their program moved the needle toward students' successful outcomes. Superintendent Rogers stated being a small school allows us to stay connected and follow the students in some ways, however, Milan's focus is on the realities of students' big dreams and the next steps necessary to accomplish their dreams e.g., available apprenticeships, union workers speaking to students.
 - 3. Ms. Dilosa complimented Milan's program and partnerships, and hoped other schools were listening. Students need a roadmap to get where they want to be. Exposure is key for students to do well. Exposure motivates students.
 - 4. Ms. Mote discussed how students can become better situated for credentials of value and asked for coaching on the right pushes prior to graduation. Mr. Langferman shared Batesville's difficulty with tracking credentials.
 - 5. Mr. Durham asked about transportation to Work-Based Learning locations. As a rural community, placement is often 30 minutes away. Ms. Hileman shared most students drive themselves.

6. Mr. Watts wanted to know if Batesville teachers have access to students' Indigo report breakdown. Mr. Allen responded, yes and students have access to teachers' reports if they agree to share.
7. Dr. Jenner inquired about their methods to engage parents. Mr. Laker stated, in addition to encouraging students to share Indigo reports with their parents, Batesville held two in-person meetings and one virtual meeting for parents and students.
8. Offering to discuss outside of the board meeting, Mr. Watts was interested in how Batesville transitioned with teachers from receiving a piece of paper to skill level. Mr. Allen answered, we are still struggling with this, however Batesville High School continues the work to align as many people as possible with their vision.
9. Mr. Bess asked how Batesville planned to follow their students and measure what aspects of their program worked. Mr. Laker felt the feedback from their local employers aided Batesville in measuring the program's success.

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

