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Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

June 07, 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, Dr. Byron Ernest (by video), Mr. Greg Gastineau, 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 May 10, 2023, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. May 10, 2023 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner thanked educators and staff for the great school year and congratulated the class of 2023. She reminded both students and educators of the opportunities for summer learning. Additional Legislative Session guidance will be posted to the IDOE website, June 9, 2023. Dr. Jenner updated the board on June's meeting content and gave brief details on the upcoming meetings of July, August, and September.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** Mr. Durham stated the information shows the hard work that went into the Streamlined Standards. He believes they will allow teachers to be more efficient. Mr. Watts congratulated Mr. Mapes on his upcoming retirement at the end of June 2023. The board members applauded Mr. Mapes' milestone event.
- VI. **Public Comment:** Mr. Steve Baker, Bluffton High School (BHS) Principal, urged the board to approve the Streamlined Standards. Furthermore, he shared positive comments from BHS teachers.

Ms. Kendra Johnson, Gary IN resident, sent encouragement and congratulations to graduates and students making education gains. She publicly recommended involving students in summer learning, e.g., grocery shopping, state parks, local festivals.

Dr. Michaela Spangenburg, Gary Education Coalition, advocated for bringing a democratically elected school board back to Gary, restoring the civil rights of Gary taxpayers and the fiscal and academic health of Gary schools. The transitional board will be appointed in July 2023 and Dr. Spangenburg stressed the necessity of bringing the very best people to the board. She asked Dr. Jenner to select knowledgeable candidates from the Gary community. Dr. Jenner acknowledged the General Assembly charged her with appointing three members to the transitional board.

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

- A. Accreditation Petition for Darul Uloom Zakariya - [Memo](#)
- B. Accreditation Petition for Liberty Academy of Columbus - [Memo](#)
- C. Approval of Praxis Elementary STEM Test and Passing Score - [Memo](#)
- D. HEA 1003 Waivers - [Memo](#)
- E. Common School Loan Amendment - [Memo](#)
- F. Extending State Accreditation - Bethel University Education Department - [Memo](#)
- G. Extending State Accreditation - Huntington University Department of Education - [Memo](#)
- H. Extending State Accreditation - Indiana University Southeast School of Education - [Memo](#)
- I. Career Specialist Pedagogy Program - Central Noble School Corporation - [Memo](#)
- J. Board of School Trustees of Brownstown Central Community School Corporation Plan - [Memo](#)

VIII. **New Business**

- A. Approval of Streamlined Standards - [Slides](#), [Memo](#) Mr. Jake Koressel, Director of Teaching and Learning, IDOE, presented Indiana's Future-Focused Academic Standards. Streamlined Standards were approved by roll call vote, 9-2.
 - 1. Mr. Bess thanked everyone for the massive effort involved in the creation of Streamlined Standards. He wished the reduction was stronger, however, acknowledged it was better than where they were in the past. The work is not completed and continued streamlining is needed. Giving teachers more freedom to teach is important. Mr. Bess also stated time is of the essence for professional development and implementation. Mr. Watts agreed with Mr. Bess' comments.
 - 2. Mr. Mapes asked, "At what point in time did you receive a final version?" Mr. Koressel responded the finalizing of documents occurred at the end of May. Mr. Mapes stated he received his copy on Friday. The Middle and High School Streamlined Standards were outstanding; however, he was voting "no" because he doesn't believe K 1-2 were cut far enough to be prescriptive of what educators want students to know. And, the Science of Reading is our most important initiative. Mr. Mapes also inquired when the K 1-2 standards would be revisited, all at once or on a rotational schedule. Dr. Jenner said there is a Science of Reading advisory board. She asked Mr. Chad Ranney (SBOE and IDOE General Counsel) to confirm Indiana statute requires a review of standards, at least once, every six years.
 - 3. Dr. Ernest agreed with previous board members' comments and appreciated the process and IDOE's work. Furthermore, he expressed his struggle with his vote and concern that there are still a couple different lists to work off and we have not gotten to where we need to be for teachers and students. Dr. Ernest stated he was voting "no".
 - 4. Ms. Dilosa also congratulated IDOE's work and agreed with Mr. Bess' comment to not disregard what is good, to get to what is perfect. Streamlined Standards are multiple steps in the right direction.
 - 5. The Streamlined Standards make my job easier, both as an AP Government/dual credit for IU teacher, and as a parent searching for subjects I want my child to learn, commented Mr. Gastineau.

6. Lynn Schemel Director of Assessment, IDOE, presented ILEARN Assessment Redesign. Dr. Jenner prefaced Ms. Schemel's presentation, commenting this is a starting point of the process, and we are not making a decision today.
 7. Both Ms. Schemel and Dr. Jenner spoke of students mastering content at different times and checkpoints created to better measure students' progress. Mr. Bess asked to clarify that these checkpoints were informative, local results only. Ms. Schemel confirmed. Dr. Jenner added IDOE could see the results, as well. Mr. Mapes asked that the window be opened earlier.
 8. Per the checkpoint of 20-25 questions and 4-6 standards, Mr. Watts asked if teachers would receive a pacing guide. Dr. Jenner answered the pacing is determined locally by how quickly students are mastering content and if a pacing guide is needed, and IDOE will provide blueprints of standards.
 9. Regarding flexibility, Dr. Ernest asked if schools, locally, could determine the four standards that are driving the 20-25 questions within the formative window. Mr. Watts debated how that would work with transient students. Ms. Schemel stated due to federal regulations, blueprints would be designed to ensure all standards are represented by the end of the year. Mr. Bess added checkpoints showing skills will help with transient students.
 10. Mr. Watts concluded he is excited about ILEARN Assessment Redesign and believes it will bring immediate impact and value. Ms. Dilosa emphasized the value of including students and families of color when selecting stakeholders who are sharing in the assessment process and vendors.
 11. In addition to essential standards, Mr. Bess stressed his hope of only a light sampling of other standards. Mr. Mapes added the importance of growth. Look at both growth and proficiency.
- B. Resolution Regarding the Prioritization of Student Learning - [Memo](#) Jason Callahan, Assistant- Secretary of Student Pathways and Opportunities, IDOE, read the Resolution. The Resolution was approved by unanimous vote.
- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

