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Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

September 21, 2022, 11:00 A.M. EDT

Farm Bureau Building, Indiana State Fairgrounds – Gate 10
1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

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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 (by video), Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Ms. Iris Hammel, Mr. Pat Mapes, Ms. Kristin Rentschler 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 August 10, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. August 10, 2022 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner thanked Junior Achievement of Central Indiana for hosting the September board meeting in the Farm Bureau Building. Dr. Jenner commented on the combined investment from the state and Lilly Endowment of up to \$111 million, supporting early literacy development. Also, the partnership of the Indiana Department of Education and The Mind Trust to launch Indiana Learns, a statewide grant program that will provide qualifying families with up to \$1,000 to spend on math and English/language arts tutoring and approved out-of-school academic programs for their students. Mr. Watts traveled with Dr. Jenner to tour almost twenty southwestern Indiana schools. Furthermore, Indiana Department of Education awarded up to \$4.21 million to schools to celebrate student success at the first Educational Excellence Awards Gala held September 9, 2022.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** Commenting on the southwestern Indiana school tour, Mr. Watts showcased the public partnership with Toyota, supporting high school CTE courses.

Regarding the IN GPS presentation, Mr. Mapes asked the board, “What does school accountability look like?” Mr. Bess pointed out that school accountability is a separate issue while we roll out GPS. Mr. Watts responded, the GPS Dashboard gives us more data points and should be a launching point for accountability. Ms. Mote offered high school diploma type as a prerequisite for accountability. Mr. Watts added Graduation Pathways to shoring up diplomas. Mr. Bess suggested taking a general look at how these connect and interrelate. After speaking with board members, Dr. Jenner summarized the board agrees accountability needs to be refreshed in some manner and most board members are interested in looking at diplomas.

Dr. Jenner asked SBOE General Counsel, Mr. Ranney to research accountability statutes and administrative polices. Mr. Ranney stated Indiana Statute does not use the term, accountability, rather measures of performance, success or improvement. He suggested moving towards a

different direction in how the board talks about and names the topic. Mr. Watts liked the idea of rebranding. Dr. Jenner added this will be an Indiana state design with some federal influence, instead of marrying federal and state.

Dr. Ernest offered one principle from a recent Aspen Institute work group's Framework of Principles, "States must strategically collect and use data to illuminate to the extent to which schools are providing all students with opportunities to learn." In addition to this discussion, Dr. Ernest stressed the most important work going on right now is on standards. Mr. Mapes underlined the need for formative assessment throughout the year to help teachers and students, especially transient students.

- VI. **Public Comment:** Ms. Kendra Johnson, Gary IN resident, mentioned the good works of 4-H Club and Junior Achievement. She emphasized the need to encourage children's talents and "what they love to do".

Mr. John O'Neal, Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA), advocated for Education Support Professionals (ESP). He commented on the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Awards honoring exemplary service to students. He also noted the shortage of ESPs in Indiana.

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

- A. 2023 SBOE Business Meeting Dates - [Memo](#)
- B. HEA 1003 Waivers - [Memo](#)
- C. School Technology Advance Account: Cowan Community Schools - [Memo](#)
- D. 2022-2023 Assessment Grant Formula - [Memo](#)
- E. Governing Body Change: Liberty-Perry Community School Corporation - [Memo](#)
- F. Special Education Transition to Teaching Program: Taylor University - [Memo](#)
- G. Common School Fund Applications - [Memo](#)

- VIII. **Discussion - [Slides](#)**

- H. Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) Dashboard Update
 1. Jason Callahan, Assistant Secretary of Student Pathways and Opportunities, presented the Indiana GPS Early Fall Update.
 2. Ms. Dilosa appreciates the push to seek the same end-goal, students' successful post-secondary goals. Within the schools Ms. Dilosa works, she mentions many students receiving certifications and associate degrees along with their high school diplomas. Also, she thanked IDOE for the user-friendly access to data points.
 3. Mr. Bess values the transparency of the school level data on the Dashboard. Parents, schools and policymakers are able to view growth, sub-groups and trend lines easily.
 4. Dr. Ernest applauded the trajectory arrows, sharing they are crucial to seeing where we are and play into the mix of how we think about accountability. Are we trending up, flat-lined, or going in the wrong direction?
 5. Mr. Watts stated his "wish list" included a means to link the Learning Lab to the GPS Dashboard. Also, he thanked IDOE for their hard work in developing the GPS Dashboard.
 6. Ms. Mote congratulated Dr. Jenner's team on their work and stated this project "feels different". She noted "empathy" at the core of the GPS Dashboard framework.

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