

MINUTES
State Board of Education Business Meeting
April 15, 2020 at 9:00 AM EDT
Remote Via Webex
Meeting Streamed Live
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Board Members Present: Mr. B. J. Watts, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair, Mr. Tony Walker, Secretary, Mr. William Durham, Jr., Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. David Freitas, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Mr. Pat Mapes, Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Mr. Pete Miller, and Ms. Kristin Rentschler

Board Members Absent: none

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. The agenda was approved by voice vote.
- III. Minutes
 - A. The minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- IV. Statement from the Chair
 - A. Board Chair B. J. Watts thanked Gov. Holcomb for his leadership, the Department of Education staff for their collaboration, and Board staff for putting students first. He recognized the hard work of parents, students, and teachers.
 - B. Mr. Watts recognized Supt. Mapes for Perry Township's recent Title III Distinguished School award and Ms. Rentschler for her nomination for National History Day Teacher of the Year.
- V. Board Member Comments and Reports: None were received.
- VI. Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote. It consisted of the following items:
 - A. IDOE Annual 2018-19 Virtual Charter School Report
 - B. 2020-2021 Average Daily Membership Count Dates
 - C. Common School Loan Amendment: South Henry School Corporation
 - D. Common School Loan Policy Amendment: COVID-19
- VII. New Business: Action
 - A. Freeway Accreditation Request for South Bend Montessori High School: The waiver request was granted by a vote of 10-1, with Dr. McCormick dissenting.
 - B. Choice Waiver for Independence Academy: The waiver request was granted by a vote of 11-0.
 - C. Choice Waiver for Lakeview Christian Academy: The waiver request was granted by a vote of 10-1, with Dr. McCormick dissenting.

- D. Approval of Second Round of Career Ladders Grants: The grant recommendation was unanimously approved.
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.