

## MINUTES

### State Board of Education Business Meeting

October 7, 2020 at 9:00AM EDT

Indiana Government Center South Conference Rooms A, B, & C  
302 W. Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204

Board Members Present: Mr. B. J. Watts, Chair; Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair; Mr. Pete Miller, Secretary; Ms. Erika Dilosa; Mr. William Durham; Dr. Byron Ernest; Dr. David Freitas; Mr. Greg Gastineau; Mr. Pat Mapes; Dr. Jennifer McCormick; and Ms. Kristin Rentschler

Board Members Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order**
  - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance: Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**: The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- III. **Minutes**: The minutes from the September 2, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Statement from the Chair**: Mr. Watts commended Indiana's schools and leaders for offering both in-person and virtual options. He thanked the IHSAA for giving student-athletes as many opportunities as possible. He welcomed Ms. Dilosa to her first in-person meeting.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports**: Dr. Ernest encouraged his peers to register for the NASBE annual online conference.
- VI. **Public Comment**
  - A. Mr. John O'Neill, ISTA, spoke in support generally of the flexibility offered by HEA 1003 waivers.
- VII. **Best Practices**: Heartland Career Center representatives presented about their Precision Agriculture program.
- VIII. **Consent Agenda**: The consent agenda was passed unanimously by voice vote. It consisted of the following items:
  - A. Latchkey Waivers
    - i. Covington School Corporation
    - ii. Tri-Central Community Schools
    - iii. West Central School Corporation
    - iv. Lake Ridge New Tech Schools
    - v. Noblesville Schools
    - vi. Barr-Reeve Community Schools
    - vii. Southwest School Corporation
  - B. Common School Fund Applications
  - C. 2020-2021 Updated Assessment Windows
  - D. Placement of 2019-2020 A-F Letter Grades
  - E. SBOE National Association of State Boards of Education Delegate
  - F. IDOE Accommodations Guidance
- IX. **New Business: Action**
  - A. HEA 1003 Flexibility Waivers: All staff recommendations are available with the submissions [here](#).
    - i. West Lafayette Community School Corporation: The staff recommendation to deny IC 20-36 (High Ability Students) was approved by a unanimous board vote.

- ii. Joint Submission: Brown County School Corporation, Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation, Danville Community School Corporation, North Knox School Corporation, Paramount School of Excellence Brookside, Paramount School of Excellence Cottage Home, Paramount School of Excellence Englewood; Wa-Nee Community Schools; Western Wayne Community Schools: Dr. Laura Hammock spoke before the Board in support of the Brown County School Corporation's application. The Board considered the different requests of this joint submission individually.
  - 1. IC 20-19-9-1 (Virtual Education Programs) The staff recommendation to deny was approved by a vote of 11-0.
  - 2. IC 20-19-9-4 (Establishment of Virtual Education School) The staff recommendation to deny was approved by a vote of 11-0.
  - 3. IC 20-20-8 (School Corporation Annual Performance Report) The staff recommendation to grant the waiver was approved by a vote of 11-0.
  - 4. IC 20-26-5-34.2 (Bullying Prevention Training) The staff recommendation to grant the waiver failed by a vote of 4-7 with Ms. Dilosa, Mr. Durham, Mr. Gastineau, Mr. Mapes, Ms. Mote, Ms. Rentschler, and Mr. Watts voting in opposition.
  - 5. IC 20-26-5-34.4 (Child Suicide Awareness and Prevention) The staff recommendation to grant the waiver failed by a vote of 4-7 with Ms. Dilosa, Mr. Durham, Mr. Mapes, Dr. McCormick, Ms. Mote, Ms. Rentschler, and Mr. Watts voting in opposition.
  - 6. IC 20-26-16-4 (Police Departments Training) The staff recommendation to grant the waiver failed by a vote of 3-8 with Ms. Dilosa, Mr. Durham, Mr. Gastineau, Ms. Mapes, Dr. McCormick, Ms. Mote, Ms. Rentschler, and Mr. Watts voting in opposition.
  - 7. IC 20-26-18 (Criminal Gang Measures) The staff recommendation to grant the waiver passed by a vote of 11-0.
  - 8. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) The staff recommendation to grant the waiver passed by a vote of 10-1 with Dr. McCormick voting in opposition.
  - 9. IC 20-33-2-3.2 (Attend) The staff recommendation to deny the waiver was unanimously approved.
- iii. Baugo Community Schools: The staff recommendation to deny IC 20-30-2-2 (Student Instructional Day) and IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) was approved by a board vote of 11-0.
- iv. Joint Submission for Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation and Beech Grove City Schools: By a vote of 7-4, the Board voted to approve the staff recommendations to deny IC 20-19-9-1 (Virtual Education Programs), deny IC 20-19-9-4 (Establishment of Virtual Education School), grant IC 20-20-8 (School Corporation Annual Performance Report), deny IC 20-20-40-13 (Restraint and Seclusion), grant IC 20-26-18 (Criminal Gang Measures), grant IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year), and deny IC 20-33-2-3.2 (Attend) and to reject staff recommendations to grant IC 20-26-5-34.2 (Bullying Prevention Training), grant IC 20-26-5-34.4 (Child Suicide Awareness and Prevention), and grant IC 20-26-16-4 (Police Departments Training). Voting in opposition were Dr. Ernest, Mr. Gastineau, Dr. McCormick, and Mr. Miller. Dr. McCormick noted that her vote is due to the bullying item being included.

- v. Switzerland County School Corporation: The staff recommendation to deny IC 20-30-2-1 (Instructional Time) and grant IC 20-30-2-2 (Student Instructional Day) was approved by a board vote of 11-0.
  - B. Transfer Tuition Metropolitan School District of Wabash County v. Indianapolis Public Schools (Cause No.: 07-072020): The Board voted to approve the [proposed default order](#) by a vote of 11-0.
- X. **Discussion**
  - A. Presentation of Homeless and Foster Youth Reports: Representatives of Foster Success, the Indiana Youth Institute, and School on Wheels presented to the Board.
  - B. A-F Accountability Update: Ron Sandlin outlined next steps for Board staff action to advance the accountability discussion.
- XI. **Adjournment**: Board members voted unanimously to adjourn.