



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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April 15, 2016
9:00 a.m. (EDT)

Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room B
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Board Members Present: Superintendent Glenda Ritz (Chair), Mrs. Sarah O'Brien (Vice Chair), Dr. Vince Bertram, Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. David Freitas, Mr. Gordon Hendry, Dr. Lee Ann Kwiatkowski, Mr. Edward Melton, Mr. B.J. Watts, Ms. Cari Whicker, and Dr. Steven Yager.

Board Members Absent: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Superintendent Ritz called the meeting to order, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and roll was called. The roll reflected eleven members present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Superintendent Ritz received a motion and second to approve the agenda. The Board approved the agenda unanimously by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the March 16, 2016 meeting by voice vote.

IV. STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR

- Superintendent Ritz announced the Department of Education received a \$100,000 grant to develop career pathways programs. The Department has also announced 50 of 200 promising practices in Indiana education as part of the State's bi-centennial celebration.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- Mrs. O'Brien congratulated Lee Ann Kwiatkowski on completion of her doctoral studies.
- Dr. Freitas participated in a conference with the Ohio and West Virginia Boards of Education. He commented on the similar issues facing the three states. He mentioned how some state boards spent more time discussing key topics. He urged the Board to consider more frequent meetings so the Board can have deeper discussions about current topics.
- Dr. Ernest mentioned that he Dr. Freitas, Mr. Hendry, and board General Counsel Brian Murphy attended a conference sponsored by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). He also supported the comment about expanding Board meetings to allow for deeper discussions and encouraged Board staff to explore expanding the June meeting which will be held in New Albany, Indiana.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski attended the public hearings concerning the Indianapolis intervention schools. She appreciated everyone who spoke about the future of those schools.
- Dr. Yager voiced support for expanding meetings and asked Superintendent Ritz her thoughts on the proposal. Superintendent Ritz said her staff would work with the Board staff on that request.
- Mr. Watts supported the idea of expanded discussions. He recommended separating the meetings to allow Board members to return to the field to receive input before returning to vote on measures.
- Mr. Hendry encouraged staff to pursue opportunities for expanded meetings in June and a possible retreat that would be open to public. He also mentioned his opportunity to meet with Senators Donnelly and Coats, and Secretary King and described the very positive direction of the U.S. Department of Education as they work to implement the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*.
- Dr. Bertram encouraged collaborative dialogue and work to position the state in relation to the new ESSA.

VI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (public comments on specific agenda items are taken at the time each item is before the Board)

- Todd Bess, Executive Director, Indiana Association of School Principals, recognized the Board and staff for the work balancing the many challenges associated with developing the growth to proficiency table.
- Erma Lardy dell spoke to the Board about a recent parent engagement conference.

VII. BEST PRACTICES – INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION – STUDENT SUCCESSES

- None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- Three items appeared on the consent agenda.
 - A. Approval of [Perkins Grants and State Plan](#)
 - B. Approval of [Excellence in Performance Grants](#)
 - C. Approval of [2016-2017 ADM Count Dates](#)
- Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

IX. ADJUDICATIONS

- None

X. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION

- A. *Resolution to Recognize Northwestern School Corp as an Exemplary District for Educator Evaluation Systems*
 - Mr. Hendry invited Dr. Sandi Cole to provide background on the recognition.
 - Dr. Ryan Snoddy, Superintendent of Northwestern School Corporation, and educators from the corporation thanked the Board for the recognition and recalled the collaborative process used to develop their system.
 - Mr. Hendry introduced and read the [resolution](#).

- Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the resolution.

B. Resolution to Recognize Zionsville Community Schools as an Exemplary District for Educator Evaluation Systems

- Dr. Cole provided background on the recognition.
- Dr. Scott Robertson and Jenny Fraley from the school corporation thanked the Board for the recognition and provided an overview of the process used in development of their system.
- Mr. Hendry introduced and read the [resolution](#).
- Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the resolution.

C. A-F Appeals

- Superintendent Ritz recused herself from voting on the appeals, since the appeals relate to decisions of the Department of Education.
 - a. Central Christian 10-22016
 - Daniel Pride, school administrator, presented to the Board information relating to the appeal of their A-F placement for the 2014-15 school year. He detailed changes being made at the school to improve student outcomes.
 - Dr. Freitas asked Board General Counsel Brian Murphy, as hearing officer, if there were any flaws found in the process. Mr. Murphy stated Board staff recommends upholding the grade placement and denying the appeal. He further stated the General Assembly provided a remedy from lower ISTEP+ scores by enacting hold harmless legislation, which was used in placing the school into its accountability rating.
 - The Board voted unanimously (10-0) to uphold the original grade placement and deny the appeal.

- b. Randolph Southern School Corp 6-12016
 - Donnie Bowsman presented information to the Board concerning their appeal.
 - Board members encouraged staff to explore opportunities to raise the concerns presented during this appeal to the legislature.
 - The Board voted unanimously (10-0) to uphold the original grade placement and deny the appeal.
- c. Gary Lighthouse Charter 3-12016
 - Erma Lardyell spoke to the needs of children with disabilities.
 - The Board voted unanimously (10-0) to uphold the original grade placement and deny the appeal.

The Board took a short recess.

D. Final Approval of Growth to Proficiency Table

- Judith DeMuth, Superintendent of Monroe County Community School Corporation and representative of the Indiana Urban Schools Association, read a letter to the Board asking for a delay in approving the table.
- Jason Johnson and representatives of the Indiana Association for the Gifted thanked the Board for the difficult work of developing the new accountability system. They voiced concerns about the proposed tables in relation to high ability students.
- Scott Simpson asked about the use of percentiles in the growth to proficiency table.
- Cynthia Roach, Sr. Director of Accountability and Assessment with the State Board, and Maggie Paino, Director of Accountability with the Department of Education, made a [presentation](#) summarizing public comment and answered questions raised in public comment and testimony and by Board members.
- Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously (11-0) to give final approval to the [Growth to Proficiency Table](#).

The Board Recessed for lunch.

G. SBOE Intervention (taken out of order)

- a. Arlington, George Washington, Emma Donnan, Emmerich Manual, T.C. Howe
 - Dr. Lewis Ferebee, Superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools, presented to the Board on proposed interventions for Emma Donnan Middle School and George Washington, Emmerich Manual, and T.C. Howe High Schools.
 - Superintendent Ritz read the [resolution](#) concerning intervention at those schools.
 - Upon receiving a motion and second, the Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the resolution.
- b. Roosevelt College and Career Academy
 - Superintendent Ritz read the [resolution](#) concerning intervention at Roosevelt College and Career Academy.
 - Mr. Melton thanked the Board members and community leaders who participated in the recent public hearing on Roosevelt.
 - Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the resolution.
- c. Broad Ripple Magnet High School
 - Superintendent Ritz read the [resolution](#) terminating turnaround status for Broad Ripple Magnet High School.
 - Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the resolution.

E. Selection of SBOE Member to Serve on the ISTEP Panel

- Mrs. O'Brien nominated Dr. Byron Ernest to serve on the panel. It was seconded.
- The Board voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the nomination.

F. Approval of Science Standards

- Mr. Hendry thanked the Department of Education and many people who worked for more than a year to develop the new [K-8](#) and [high school](#) science standards.
- Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the standards.

XI. DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

A. Assessment Update

- Dr. Michele Walker, Director of Assessment with the Department of Education, provided an assessment [update](#) to the Board.
- Mr. Rich Young from Pearson updated the Board on the implementation of the ISTEP+ assessment. The hand-scoring process is underway for scoring Part I of the assessment. IRead-3 results will be available on Monday.

B. Accountability Update

- Not discussed.

XII. BOARD OPERATIONS

- Not discussed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Upon receiving a motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote.