



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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May 11, 2016
9:00 a.m. (EDT)

Indiana Statehouse, Room 233
200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Sarah O'Brien (Vice Chair) and Mr. Edward Melton.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Superintendent Ritz called the meeting to order, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and roll was called. The roll reflected Mrs. Sarah O'Brien (Vice Chair) and Mr. Edward Melton absent.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- The following changes were made to the agenda and the amended agenda was approved by the Board:
 - Discussion Item B. Accountability Update, was moved up to the first item under discussion.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board approved the minutes for the April 15, 2016 meeting by a vote of 10-0.

IV. STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR

- Superintendent Ritz made the following announcements:

- The Department had just finished up an Advanced School Safety Academy. Superintendent Ritz stated that they had over 900 registered for the two day conference and 868 certified school safety specialists. She went on to state that the academy session was a success for student safety, and that it's the best training session in the nation.
- Susan Gargano was recognized as the 2016 food service employee of the year.
- Harrison Primary Center in South Bend was recognized for their 2016 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program.
- The Department released 78 promising practices so far, including one on alternative academy, one on personalized teacher development, student led conferences, one on interpreter call center, high quality digital lesson planning, as well as others.
- The Department received a 5 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education for a program in partnership with Indiana University to help address teacher shortage in special education.
- The Department hired someone to oversee the blue ribbon commission and the Department held a summit with higher education to begin the conversation about teacher shortage.
- The Department held its first statewide teacher recruitment conference for students currently enrolled in high school.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- Dr. Kwiatkowski stated that it is National Nurse's Week and congratulated all nurses in Indiana for making a huge difference in Indiana schools.
- Dr. Ernest said he met with District 9 principals in Franklin and that it was a great meeting about the new ESSA law, and related issues like implementation and the ISTEP assessment going forward. Dr. Ernest also stated he is looking forward to the first meeting of the ISTEP panel on May 24, 2016.
- Mr. Hendry recognized Purdue University for implementing a tuition freeze for the fifth year in a row. He stated that this is important with nationwide tuition rising.
- Dr. Yager raised the issue of Board working sessions, and after discussion the Board decided to individually add items to the working sessions that members feel need to

be discussed. The Board also decided to deliberate on the length of these sessions going forward.

- Dr. Freitas added that he thought meeting the day before regular Board meetings will be important for deep dives into important issues; he also cited the Ohio Board of Education, for example, as another Board that has working sessions.
- Superintendent Ritz raised the issue of the June 27 meeting regarding ESSA, where stakeholders will discuss ESSA and the flexibility components. She invited Board members to attend. She also mentioned that CSSO will be there to present.
- Dr. Kwiatkowski stressed the importance of looking at teacher evaluation regarding ESSA.
- Dr. Freitas recommended looking at the foundational issues first in the working sessions and then moving from there.

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

- There were no members of the public that signed up for general comment.

VII. BEST PRACTICES – INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION – STUDENT SUCCESSES

- Candice Dodson and Jason Bailey, from the Department, presented. They spoke about the work the Department is doing with instructional technology. Highlights included a discussion of grants to promote instructional technology, surveys, the Go Open Campaign (open resources for students), that the Department is leading the future ready movement, and work with national organizations supporting technology integration.
- Ms. Dodson spoke about work to help students understand what it means to be a good digital citizen. She said the Department started a program for student digital leaders. Ms. Dodson also mentioned a related conference for students once a year, and digital curriculum support for districts.

- The team spoke about a new technology plan that was launched in March, and went through some specific information and statistics, including Wi-Fi access and student access to technology, technology platforms, and bandwidth.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- Five items appeared on the consent agenda.
 - A. Initiate [Rulemaking for Virtual Charter Schools](#)
 - B. Approval of [Governing Body Change-MSD Washington Township](#)
 - C. Approval of [Governing Body Change-Kokomo School Corporation](#)
 - D. Approval of [Common School Loans](#)
 - E. [Special Education Child Count](#)
- Mr. Hendry expressed the importance of electing local board members in general elections and stated that he appreciated legislation making it a requirement. Upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

IX. ADJUDICATIONS

- None

X. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION

- A. *Approval of new Teacher Licensure Programs for Indiana University Southeast*
 - Dr. Freitas asked about the shortage of music educators, and the location of IU-Southwest's location – being close to Kentucky. He asked about whether there would be out of state tuition; Mr. Scott Bogan, Coordinator of Educator Preparation, said he would check on that information. Upon further inquiry from Dr. Freitas regarding reciprocity, Mr. Bogan stated that there is reciprocity between Kentucky and Indiana, although there are different test requirements.
 - Dr. Freitas also stated that he felt it was good that the program had early field-based experiences, which is important because it requires freshman in their first year to have real world experience. Mr. Bogan added that early placement is part of CAEP accreditation.
 - Upon a motion and second, the Board approved Indiana University Southeast's program by a vote of 10-0.

XI. DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**B. Accountability Update**

- Maggie Paino, Director of Accountability for the Department, addressed the Board. Ms. Paino informed the Board regarding the report card released to schools showing what the grades look like using present data on the new system. Ms. Paino said it helps the Department field questions about how the new calculations work. She added that the data was laid out using the three domains.
- Ms. Paino also spoke about webinars to help the field better understanding the new rule, calculations, and the report card, including a webinar of the new growth model in late May.

A. Assessment Update

- Sholonda Trice, Assistant Director of Student Assessment, addressed the Board. She gave an update on the IREAD-3. Ms. Trice also gave an update on the release of the assessment scores. She also spoke about ISTEP part II participation rates.
- Rich Young with Pearson spoke next. He reiterated that part II testing ended last Friday. He said the call volume was lower than what they expected. He also stated that he believed things were going reasonably well in the field. Mr. Young stated they would continue to work with the Department to make improvements for next year.
- Upon inquiry by Mr. Hendry, Mr. Young stated that Pearson is still looking at when the grades would be released; he estimated close to the second or third quarter in June or July. Mr. Watts asked if there was a way to get the results by the end of the school year so schools could celebrate their achievements in that school year. Mr. Young agreed and said its Pearson's goal. Mr. Hendry asked how the assessment is going so the public knows, and Mr. Young stated that it is going pretty well; he also agreed to share the report card with the Board once Pearson received it.

XII. BOARD OPERATIONS

- Not discussed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Upon receiving a motion and second, the Board voted 10-0 to adjourn.