

State Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019 at 9:00AM EDT

Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room B

302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Board Members Present: Mr. BJ Watts (Chair), Ms. Kate Mote (Vice Chair), Mr. Gordon Hendry (Secretary), Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Dr. Maryanne McMahon, Dr. Steve Yager, Dr. David Freitas, Mr. Gregory Gastineau, Mr. Tony Walker, and Mrs. Cari Whicker

Board Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order

- a. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by a voice vote.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes from the January 9, 2019 by a voice vote.

IV. Statement from the Chair

- a. There was no statement made by the Chair.

V. Board Members Comments and Reports

- a. Dr. Yager requested for a status update from the board staff on Muncie Schools on their status-update presentation to the Board. Dr. Kwiatkowski from the SBOE staff responded that she would be contacting Muncie Schools and confirming with Dr. Yager when a presentation would be placed on the agenda.
- b. Mr. Walker expressed some discontent that an agenda item regarding Navarre Middle School was removed from the Board's agenda. He expressed the importance and benefit of solving school issues locally. Dr. Yager concurred and thanked Dr. Freitas for the time he had spent in South Bend working with the school district.

VI. Public Comment

- a. There were no public comments.

VII. Best Practices

- a. Dr. David Smith, Superintendent of the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, and Dr. Lockmeyer Miller gave a presentation on *Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation and Indiana University – Collaboratively Implementing 'Improvement Science' to Leverage School and District Improvement*
Presentation begins at 6:00.
- b. State Senator Andy Zay introduced teacher Shelly Fouts who presented *Meeting the Needs of All Students Through Flipped Mastery and Standards Based Grading*
Presentation begins at 25:45.

VIII. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda, with the exception of item D. Residential Treatment Facilities, which was removed from the agenda by unanimous vote, was approved by a voice vote unanimously.

- a. Special Education Child Count Verification**
- b. A-F Appeals**
- c. School Safety Loan**
- ~~**d. Residential Treatment Facilities**~~
- e. Approval of 511 IAC 7 Special Education Final Rules**
- f. Appointment of Executive Director**

IX. New Business – Action

a. Intervention – Matchbook Learning at Wendell Phillips School 63

- i.** Dr. Freitas asked that SBOE staff, as well as representatives from Matchbook Learning and Wendell Phillips, explain their collective levels of confidence as to Matchbook’s ability to deliver on promises made in the transformation contract.
- ii.** Dr. Freitas asked IPS to explain the application process for partners for school transformation. IPS runs a one year application process that began in July calling for letters of intent. A second layer of applications follows the release of state accountability data identifying schools in need of intervention. At this point, IPS holds focus groups, community meetings, and logistical conversations to determine if a partner would be the best fit for the school and community.
- iii.** Dr. Freitas suggested that representatives from each side of the partnership return to the Board once annually to report on their progress.
- iv.** Board members approved the partnership by a unanimous roll call vote.

~~**b. Intervention – Navarre Middle School**~~

X. Discussion and Reports

- a. CSUSA Transition Update** – Charlie Schlegel, School Transition Liaison and his colleague Joe Mount presented on behalf of the CSUSA Taskforce. Representatives asked to present their findings at the next Board meeting, but came before the Board to field any questions in preparation for next month’s presentation of their recommendations.
 - i.** Mr. Walker asked if a bill had been filed in the State Legislature during the current session to clean up the chartering process. SBOE’s Alicia Policy Director Kielmovitch confirmed that a bill was filed, containing several provisions addressing school chartering. The bill did not contain guidance about the exit from Turnaround School Operators, and Mr. Walker requested that the SBOE provide guidance on the inclusion of a provision addressing this specific issue.
 - ii.** Dr. Freitas commended Charlie and the taskforce’s work thus far.
- b. Assessment** – Charity Flores presented on the progress of statewide assessments. Most testing occurred on the first available date, January 23, 2019. Ms. Flores does not anticipate and challenges with testing windows.
 - i.** Mr. Walker asked what was unique about upcoming US Government proficiency testing. The response was that this assessment does not have

accountability measures associated to it and it was specifically designed to serve as an end-of-course assessment.

- c. **Graduation Pathways** – Andy Melin, Chief Innovation Officer for the Department of Education, updated the Board on the development of a middle school resource for the state, a new Innovation WebEx series, professional development training sessions, and the addition of online resources that are now provided to schools.
- d. **Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Plan/Social and Emotional Learning** – The DOE’s office of Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Health reported that the rollout of all materials, resources, competencies were released throughout the month of January. DOE staff will be receiving internal trainings to prepare for incoming external questions. A WebEx seminar about the information will be held on February 19. The DOE will be hosting “The Whole Child Summit” on February 27-28.

XI. Adjournment