



Indiana State Board of Education

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Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Indiana Statehouse – Room 233
200 West Washington
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Business Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Board members Glenda Ritz, Neil Pickett, Dan Elsener, Jim Edwards, Sarah O'Brien, David Shane and Tony Walker were present. Cari Whicker, BJ Watts and Jo Blacketor were absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Elsener made a motion to move the Adjudications on the agenda to after the Discussion section, as it was important to hear from the Turnaround Operators on their updates prior to making a decision regarding funding. The Board unanimously approved this change in the agenda.

Upon a motion by Neil Pickett, seconded by David Shane, and a unanimous vote of the present members, the minutes from the May 1, 2013, Board meeting were approved, with a minor change as Mr. Pickett noticed an error on his vote on the consent agenda during the May 1 meeting.

Supt. Ritz updated the Board members on the ISTEP situation and the ongoing conversations with CTB. She then acknowledged the outgoing Board members, thanking them for their service. She presented Mr. Pickett and Mr. Edwards with certificates of appreciation, Ms. Blacketor's certificate was sent to her after the meeting. Mr. Pickett and Mr. Edwards then both spoke on their time serving on the Board, noting the important education issues that have been addressed and those that will continue to be worked on in the coming months.

There were no public comments offered.

Mr. Walker asked for an update on upcoming legislation actions and timelines on those items that require work of the State Board of Education. Mr. Elsener requested a memo or written list on these items, so that the Board can make sure to remain in compliance with the new statutes.

Supt. Ritz introduced Teresa Brown, the newly hired Assistant Superintendent of Outreach, and LeRoy Robinson, Director of Outreach, who will head the Department of Education's outreach efforts to schools across the state.

The Board moved into the Discussion portion of the agenda and a presentations from Tamra Wright and Brandon Brown from the Mayor of Indianapolis Office of Education and Innovation regarding their efforts with the Indianapolis turnaround academies that are now under their purview, was given to the

Board. Tamra Wright noted the importance of the SIG Grants for the turnaround academies, so that the schools can be adequately funded. Board members discussed the importance of the SIG Grants for the turnaround academies, and expressed the need for the schools that were taken over by the State Board to be funded sufficiently as they work towards success.

Turnaround Operators EdPower and Edison presented updates about the progress being made at Arlington High School (EdPower) and Theodore Roosevelt (Edison). Both spoke to progress being made in school culture, academic growth, community and parental engagement and challenges going forward. Both Marcus Robinson from EdPower and Todd McIntire from Edison spoke to the significant need for SIG Grants for their schools, so that they can ensure adequate staff, professional development, outreach programming and curriculum development for the students at their schools.

Board members talked extensively regarding the need for ongoing funding and support of the turnaround academies and asked Supt. Ritz to work with the Department of Education to provide adequate funding for the turnaround academies. Supt. Ritz noted that funding the turnaround academies is a priority for the Department.

The final discussion item on the agenda, the 2013 Child Count, was addressed. Becky Bowman, Special Education Director for the Department of Education, provided clarity to the Board members, noting that the Board has an obligation to monitor the child count, but that no action was required.

The Board held an adjudication hearing for IPS and Gary Schools, which was held on remand from the Superior Court. Supt. Ritz recused herself and appointed Mr. Pickett to chair the adjudication hearing and Gordon White from the Attorney General's Office served as counsel to the Board during the hearing. Danielle Shockey, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Department of Education's recommendation for repayment to IPS and Gary. Representatives from both IPS and Gary spoke in agreement with the Department's recommendation. Board members then discussed the recommendation and its ramifications. The final agreement reached by the Board members had three parts: 1) agreement to allocate to IPS and Gary the repayments as recommended by the Department, \$6,012,837.39 to IPS and \$1,393,054.61 to Gary Community Schools; 2) The State Board of Education reaffirmed as a priority the funding of turnaround academies at a level not less than that of the 2012-2013 school year; and 3) Obtain from IPS and Gary Community Schools agreements to dismiss and not pursue any claims against the state or any state officer or entity, the special management team, or the turnaround academy with regard to the distributions received by the special management team or turnaround academy during July – December 2013. Mr. Shane made the motion to move the three part motion, which was seconded by Mr. Walker. The Board voted unanimously for the final agreement.

Upon completion of the adjudication hearing, Supt. Ritz resumed the chair and moved the Board to the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was taken unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00.