

MINUTES

State Board of Education Business Meeting

April 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM EDT

Indiana State Library, 315 W. Ohio Street, History Room 211

Indianapolis IN 46204

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Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair (by phone), Mr. Pete Miller, Secretary, Ms. Erika Dilosa (by phone), Mr. William Durham, Jr. (by phone), Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. David Freitas (by phone), Mr. Greg Gastineau, Mr. Pat Mapes, Ms. Kristin Rentschler and Mr. B. J. Watts.

Board Members Absent: None.

I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes for the March 03, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

- a. March 03, 2021 - [Memo](#)

IV. Statement from the Chair:

- a. Dr. Jenner welcomed the Butler University student teachers who virtually attended the board meeting.
- b. Dr. Jenner congratulated Mr. Pat Mapes, Superintendent of Perry Township Schools, on Douglas MacArthur Elementary School being selected as the recipient of the 2021 National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) Founder's Award. As well, Mr. Mapes extended his congratulations to the teachers and students.
- c. Dr. Jenner announced recent self-reported Indiana school data.
 - i. 99% of Indiana schools attending in-person or hybrid settings.
 - ii. 95% of schools reporting 5 days per week in-person.

- d. Dr. Jenner announced assessment participation.
 - i. ISTEP+ - Approximately 91% of High School juniors have completed Math and ELA assessments.
 - ii. WIDA – 94% of English language learners completed.
 - iii. IREAD – 97% of 3rd grade students completed.

V. Board Member Comments and Reports: Mr. Miller acknowledged students and teachers hard work during the pandemic’s challenging times and the strides Indiana schools have taken to grow successful in-person learning numbers. Mr. Gastineau stated Hamilton Southeastern Schools are at 61% in-person learning. He commented on the teachers wearing two hats, teaching in the classroom and virtually. “I am so proud to be a teacher in the State of Indiana.”

VI. Public Comment: None

VII. Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

- a. Latch Key Waiver request: Milan Community Schools - [Memo](#)
- b. Third-Party Accreditation Petition: Seventh-Day Adventist Schools - [Memo](#)
- c. Common School Loan Amendments: Penn Harris Madison; Washington Schools - [Memo](#)
- d. School Year 2021-2022 Membership Count Dates - [Memo](#)
- e. Adoption of Updated Praxis Tests and Recommended Cut Scores - [Memo](#)
- f. Nonpublic School Accreditation Process - [Memo](#)
- g. Cedarville Elementary School v. SBOE – Cause No.: SBOE-1020-000943 - [Memo](#)
- h. Options Charter School – Carmel v. SBOE – Cause No.: SBOE-0920-000945 - [Memo](#)

VIII. New Business

- a. Waiver of Consequence: Trinity Christian School - [Memo](#) : Chad Ranney presented. Trinity Christian School has three consecutive years of D or lower. Data shows the majority of students have demonstrated academic improvement from the prior school year. SBOE staff recommended approval of the waiver. Approved 11-0
- b. HEA 1003 Flexibility Waivers: North Lawrence Community Schools; Covington Community School Corporation; Bloomfield School District - [Memo](#) : Chad Ranney presented. Schools requested waivers from instructional day requirements in order to count school days by minutes. Also, schools requested waivers from the school corporation annual performance reports. SBOE staff recommended approval of the waivers. Approved 11-0.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.