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Department of Education
James Whitcomb Riley Conference Room
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The meeting of the Indiana State Board of Education convened at 1:05 p.m. Board members Dr. Tony Bennett, Jo Blacketor, David Shane, Mike Pettibone, James Edwards, Vicki Snyder, Steve Gabet, and Daniel Elsener were present. Sarah O'Brien, Dr. Gwendolyn Griffith-Adell, and Neil Pickett were not present.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Elsener moved for approval of the minutes. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Statement of the Chair

Dr. Bennett thanked Board members for attending the Education Roundtable meeting. Two national experts, David Coleman, Founder, Student Achievement Partners; and Matt Gandal, Executive Vice President, Achieve, appeared before members of the Roundtable and discussed Common Core State Standards and cut scores for End of Course Assessments. Dr. Bennett said these are two very important issues that Board members will be asked to approve later in the meeting and also thanked Wes Bruce, Chief Assessment Officer for his hard work.

Dr. Bennett said the Department of Education (DOE) will bring information to the Board in the next couple of months about school corporations whose superintendents did not hold the school corporation accountable for fulfilling the 180 day school year requirement. DOE staff are in the process of collecting information, investigating those reports, and discussing recommendations on how to address this issue.

IV. Spotlight on Learning

V. Board Member Comments

Mr. Elsener discussed the grant received by Marian University to create an academy to prepare school administrators. The university was also notified that the Kern Family Foundation, Madison, Wisconsin, will give Marian University a sum of over $500,000 and they are in the process of recruiting talented people who want to be a part of this leadership academy. Mr. Elsener said a number of national experts will be involved, and Marian University is very grateful for this opportunity.

VI. Adjudications and Hearings

VII. Public Comments

Public comments were provided by Dr. Pavel Polanco-Safadit.

VIII. Discussion

Dr. Stacey Hughes, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Dr. Gina DelSanto, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and Jackie Dowd, Adult Education Director. Dr. Hughes said the DOE is working with DWD in administrating adult education services and work place skills so those skills are better aligned.

Dr. DelSanto discussed programmatic and structural changes, including the following:

- Increased funding.
- Transition of administration.
- Regional systems.
- Performance funding.
- Division of labor.
- Focus on occupational certification.

Dr. DelSanto said adult education funding has been increased by over $500,000 by bringing in Workforce Investment Act dollars.

Mr. Zaring said Board members received a list of proposed discussion items. The DOE's legislative discussion will be provided to the Board as soon as there is a clear picture of what is going to happen in the next General Assembly session. The DOE is working on a timeline and metrics for indicators for everything related to its strategic plan.

Board members were also given an accountability timeline. Mr. Zaring said the Department has not yet received federal approval of the proposed waivers that would allow newly identified schools to wait until the second semester to offer choice.

Mr. Zaring said the Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) have not been signed. School corporations involved are currently discussing and considering them. One of the corporation's involved has scheduled a public session with its community to present the MOA, get signatures, and send it to the DOE.

As this process moves forward, Board members will be kept up to date.

Anna Shultz, Reading Consultant, provided an update regarding Read On, Indiana! Board members were given a Third Grade Reading Plan proposal, which now includes information on any fiscal impact that might be involved. A component of the proposal is that school districts will submit to the department a Reading Plan for their district. Ms. Shultz said a template for the Plan schools will be provided will be discussed at the September meeting.

An additional requirement of the law is the development of Indiana's reading framework. The framework will be a template of what reading instruction should look like in terms of instruction and assessment, leadership, professional development, and goals. Opportunity schools were selected; training was conducted in late June; and participants were trained by the Consortium on Reading Effectiveness, which took the lead in writing Indiana's reading framework. The reading framework will be available online this fall.

Dr. Hughes discussed fiscal impact and said the reading standards and the reading framework will have no additional fiscal impact to schools. However, a school that currently does not have a core reading program that teaches the five components of scientifically-based reading instruction (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension) will need to purchase one.

Funding sources available to schools will include remediation funding and summer school funding.

IX. Consent Agenda Items

A. Mr. Zaring presented a request for certification of an amended governing body selection plan for the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation. [Agenda item VI, A]

B. Mr. Zaring presented a request for approval of amendments to textbook adoption lists. [Agenda item X, I]

C. Mr. Zaring presented a request for approval of corrections to Adult Education allocations. [Agenda item X, J].

Mr. Pettibone moved for approval of the consent agenda items. Mr. Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Action

A. Mr. Zaring presented a request for adoption of the Common Core State Standards.

Mr. Pettibone moved for approval. Mr. Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Mr. Bruce presented a request for approval of achievement standards for the Indiana Modified Achievement Standards Test. Mr. Bruce introduced Dr. Ed Roeber, Professor, Michigan State University, and Chair of the Technical Advisory Panel.

Mr. Pettibone moved for approval. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Mr. Bruce presented a request for approval of achievement standards for End of Course Assessments in Algebra I and English 10.

Mr. Shane made a motion to adopt passing scores for the Algebra I and English 10 End of Course Assessments as reflective of the current performance level descriptors. Dr. Bennett made a recommendation that the Education Roundtable, DOE, and the Commission for Higher Education develop a report comparing the Algebra I End of Course Assessment to the skill level required to enter college level math course work without remediation. In addition, the

Commission for Higher Education and DOE should ask the Education Roundtable to consider raising cut scores before the normal six year period is complete. Dr. Bennett's recommendation was accepted a part of the motion. Mr. Elsener seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Mr. Bruce presented a request for approval to move to online assessments by requiring schools to administer ISTEP+ online at their highest grade level in 2010-2011. Schools will have the option of substituting another grade or adding grades. Schools with inadequate capacity will be excused.

   Mr. Gabet moved for approval. Mr. Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Mr. Zaring presented a request for approval of LSA Document 09-995, changes in the names of school improvement and performance categories under IC 20-31-8.

   Mr. Shane moved for approval. Mrs. Blacketor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Mr. Zaring presented a request for approval of a rulemaking process for rules scheduled to expire January 1, 2011.

   Mrs. Blacketor moved for approval. Mr. Gabet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Mr. Zaring presented a request for approval of proposed language and a rulemaking process for new rules to establish procedures for technical assistance and intervention under IC 20-31-9.

   Mr. Edwards moved for approval. Mr. Gabet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Board Operations

Dr. Bennett said he and other DOE staff will be going around the state starting August 4, to 10 different locations, to talk about DOE initiatives.

Mrs. Blacketor moved for adjournment. Mr. Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.