



Kelly DiBenedetto
Chairperson
School Board
1200 E. 42nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Indiana School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting

November 13, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Alumni Building, Media Center

Minutes

Voting Members Absent:

Amy Waggoner

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Rep. Ed Clere

P. J. McGrew

Voting Members Present:

Kelly DiBenedetto, Chairperson

Dr. Ray Furner

Andy Leffler

Terri Miller

Ann Reifel, Vice Chairperson

Lucy Witte

Non-Voting Members Present:

Patrick Rhodes

ISD Staff:

Superintendent Dr. Geeslin

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Di Benedetto convened the meeting at 5:03 p.m., noting that a quorum was met.
- II. **Approval of minutes:** Motion by Vice-Chairperson Reifel, second by Ms. Witte to accept the October 16, 2018 minutes as printed. Motion passed.
- III. **Chairperson's Remarks:** Chairperson DiBenedetto reminded the board of the importance of conducting the meeting in a bilingual / bicultural format. Only one person will communicate at a time and are asked to raise their hand to be recognized before speaking to ensure that all communities are fully informed of today's proceedings.

The Indiana School for the Deaf is a bilingual educational environment where students belong, excel and thrive academically and socially.

IV. Superintendent's Report:

- Showed the video produced by Team 8 about ISD. Video is not ready for public release and was well received by the School Board members.
- A. 1. Education Division – Kim Kause, Director of Instruction
 - Division report – no questions from the Board
- 2. Student Life Division – Matt Krueger, Student Life Director
 - Division report – no questions from the Board
- 3. Operations Division Report – Jeremy Hawk, Director of Operations
 - Division report – no questions from the Board
 - Financial report – no questions from the Board

V. Old Business:

- A. Student 2017-2018 Data – Kim Kause
 - a. Provided detailed information:
 - i. student demographics
 - ii. testing (ISTEP/ILEARN, NWEA, ISTAR, ECA, ASL Assessment) data
 - iii. student growth & predicted growth
 - iv. ISD progress
 - b. Ms. Witte congratulated Kim for the excellent data provided which helps the Board understand ISD's students' progression much better.

VI. New Business:

- A. 2019-2020 School calendar – Superintendent Geeslin
 - Still waiting for Washington Township's school calendar. ISD's calendar may be a blended schedule of Washington Township's and Fishers calendars. Superintendent Geeslin hopes to have the calendar available at the January meeting for a School Board vote. Chairperson DiBenedetto commended Superintendent Geeslin for trying to make everyone (including 60 different school districts) happy and keep the staff/students safe during the State Fair.

VII. Public comments: None

VIII. Board comments:

- Ms. Witte – Attended an event recently and ran into Adam Horst (former State Budget Agency Director & School Board member). Reminded him of Governor Daniel's charge to ISD's board and that everyone on the board continues to do their due diligence. Mr. Horst extended his congratulations and wished the school well.

IX. Next meeting: January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Building, Media Center

X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Chairperson DiBenedetto at 5:50 p.m.