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.Indiana School for the Deaf

School Board Meeting

November 15, 2016
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Alumni Building, Media Center

Minutes

Voting Members Absent:

Voting Members Present:
Kelly DiBenedetto
Dr. Ray Furner
Ann Reifel, Vice-Chairperson
Lucy Witte, Chairperson

Non Voting Members Absent:

Non-Voting Members Present:
Rep. Ed Clere
Traci Tetrick

ISD Staff:
Superintendent Dr. Geeslin

I. **Call to Order**: Chairperson Witte convened the meeting at 5:01 p.m., noting that requirements for a quorum were met.

II. **Approval of minutes:** Motion by Dr. Furner, second by Ms. Reifel to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

III. **Chairperson's Remarks:** Chairperson Witte reminded the board of the importance of conducting the meeting in a bilingual / bicultural format. Only one person will communicate at a time to ensure that all communities are fully informed of today's proceedings. Board members were also reminded to please raise their hands before speaking.

IV. **Superintendent's Report:**

- Due to the full agenda focused on topics related to the Educational Division, Superintendent Geeslin asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the reports submitted by the Chief Operations Officer, Student Life Director or Chief

Financial Officer. Hearing none the Directors were excused from the remainder of the meeting.

A. 1. Student Life Division –

- Ms. DiBenedetto requested a School Board tour of the Student Life Division.
  - ➢ Superintendent Geeslin will coordinate a date with Matt Krueger and report to the Board.

2. Education Division Report – Kim Kause, Director of Instruction

- Division report – no questions from the Board
- Action Plan Update-Section 2: A handout was provided to the Board members
  - ➢ Questions/comments by/from the Board members:
    1. Do all ISD students have access to an ASL class on a consistent basis?
       - Yes.
    2. When do you see completion of the ASL curriculum?
       - The mapping should be completed by June. The ASL standards continue to change and there is no curriculum that can be purchased. We are developing a list of ASL resources/applications.
       - Student IEP goals and progress. Answered by Kim Kause
- Curriculum mapping-Information provided by Marie Kellam
  - ➢ Question/comments by/from the Board members:
    1. What impact has curriculum mapping had on student achievement?
       - The instructional gaps are closing, there's a big difference in classroom instruction and it's helped our fluency. Within 3-4 years we will see a big difference due to the additional resources available and a good foundation provided in elementary school.
    - ❖ Chairperson Witte commended ISDs Educational Division staff on the progress made and teachers seeing the need for mapping. Would like to see how ISD compares with other schools.
    - ❖ DOE's website shows school to school comparison on key data. NWEA results are not available.
- Language assessments-Information provided by Andy Alka, Sandra Wascher and Brenda Smith
  - ➢ Questions/comments by/from Board members:
    1. The School Board would like to see student growth data.
       - Provided by Brenda Smith during her presentation.
    2. Is longitudinal data kept in student files?
       - Yes
    3. Would like to see the assessment information provided in an easy to read/understand graph by grade levels.
    - ❖ Chairperson Witte applauded the hard work ISD has invested in providing information to the Board. It was valuable and needed to be shared. Ms. Witte also shared that ISD uses the same materials as those used in public schools.
    - ❖ Ms. DiBenedetto would like to see similar data from other schools for the Deaf for comparison purposes.

3. Operations Report – Carl Brown, Chief Operating Officer
    - Division report: No questions from the Board

4. Financial Report – Jeremy Hawk, Chief Financial Officer
    - Financial report: No questions from the Board

V. Old Business:

1. ISD School Board membership in the Indiana School Board Association (ISBA) - ISD is not a school corporation and might not be eligible for membership. The ISBA Board of Directors will discuss this at their meeting in December. Representative Clere will follow up with ISBA. Ms. Tetrick suggested being a Member-At-Large.
2. Superintendent Association Membership – Superintendent will research possible membership and report back to the Board.

VI. New Business:

A. B. & C. - Discussed during the Education Division report to the Board

D. The School Board felt the Superintendent evaluation should be fair and comprehensive and focus on student achievement. Superintendent evaluations from other schools were also used as a comparison. Motion by Ms. DiBenedetto, second by Vice-Chairperson Reifel to accept the prepared evaluation form and that the Board will evaluate the Superintendent yearly by the Spring (April) meeting. Motion passed.

VII. Public comments:

- Bonita Ewan

VIII. Board comments:

1. Ms. DiBenedetto : Would like the Board to visit/tour Student Life and the dormitories.
    - Superintendent Geeslin will discuss this with Matt Krueger and provide a date at the next meeting.
2. Representative Clere: Requested a budget report detailing all extracurricular activities broken down by activity, including sports or any other activity at each level (elementary, middle school, high School) to explore how resources are allocated. Report is to include the number of students participating in each activity.

IX. Next meeting: February 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Building, Media Center

X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved by School Board – 05/16/17