



Lucy Witte
Chairperson, School Board
1200 E. 42nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Indiana School for the Deaf
School Board Meeting

March 21, 2017
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Alumni Building, Media Center

Minutes

Voting Members Absent:

Dr. Ray Furner

Non Voting Members Absent:

Traci Tetrick

Voting Members Present:

Kelly DiBenedetto

Ann Reifel, Vice Chairperson

Lucy Witte, Chairperson

Non-Voting Members Present:

Rep. Ed Clere

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 not met.
- II. **Approval of minutes:** Due to lack of a quorum approval of the November 2016 and January 2017 meeting minutes tabled until the April 25, 2017 meeting.
- 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. Chairperson Witte introduced Sharon Sloan attending the meeting for Traci Tetrick. Ms. Sloan shared her background, unique connection to ISD and her position with the Indiana Department of Education.
- IV. **Superintendent's Report:**
 1. ISD hopes to have a full School Board at the April meeting. Superintendent Geeslin has been in touch with the Governor's office and it looks promising.

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

2. Invited Carl Brown, Operations Director and Nick Maynard with Citizens Energy to present information on the Dig Indy project.
 - Will use a 350' x 350' area for shaft construction at the southeast corner of campus. An area measuring 150' x 150' will permanently house mechanics for the shaft. Citizens Energy will restore all areas of campus disturbed during the construction. Project could take up to 4 years to complete. Construction could possibly begin the end of 2017 or spring of 2018. Indiana State Fair is aware of the construction. Everything is still in the planning stages.
 3. Congratulated ISD staff for hosting a successful Regional Academic Bowl competition. ISD placed first and will travel to Washington, DC to compete for the National title at Gallaudet University.
 4. It's possible that ISD will have funds (staff vacancies) available to use towards purchases (new computers, new dormitory furniture, maintenance equipment, iPads for students) that would not otherwise be possible. Purchases must be submitted between now and May 15.
 5. ISD continues to be optimistic that the State Budget Agency will provide funding for an updated Visual Communication System..
 6. ISD just went through the AdvancEd accreditation and we are waiting to hear the results of their review/audit.
 7. The Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS) is limited to ONLY Superintendents of public schools (ISD is not). Only members of IAPSS can serve as members at large, attend meetings or seminars/workshops.
 8. Shared ISD's 2017-2018 school calendar (drafts) with the School Board. There are some differences between ISD's and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired calendar. The calendar has not been shared with the LEAs yet. Chairperson Witte suggested Superintendent Geeslin attend the local round table meeting and also ask to be on the agenda so the LEAs are aware of ISDs potential school calendar.
 9. The Indiana Department of Administration would like a statement from the School Board regarding the demolition of Simpson Hall for their records.
- A. 1. Student Life Division – Matthew Krueger, Student Life Director
- Division report – no questions from the Board
 - Mr. Krueger will provide several dates, after spring break, at the next meeting for the School Board to choose from to visit the dormitories.
2. Operations Division Report – Carl Brown, Operations Director
- Division report – no questions from the Board
3. Financial Report – Jeremy Hawk, Chief Financial Officer
- Division report – no questions from the Board
4. Education Report – Kim Kause, Director of Instruction
- Division report: No questions from the Board
 - Recognized/commended ISD staff for their hard work preparing for the AdvanEd accreditation visit and Midwest Regional Academic Bowl competition

- ISD collaborated with the Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education for this year's Transition Fair Day held at the Indiana Government Center.
- Shared information on Action Plan Section 4
- Andy Alka, Middle/High School Principal, and Mr. Kovatch shared information on the Teacher RISE evaluation system
- Dawn Crock and Marie Kellam-White shared information on ISD's Progress Monitoring tools
- Question/comments by/from the Board members:
 1. What steps does ISD take to encourage parents to give permission so that students can reach their occupational goals?
 - ISD contacts the parents by phone and mail several times. ISD also reaches out to the LEAs for assistance. If necessary ISD has also contacted Child Protection Services.
 2. Is ISD responsible for generating student goals?
 - Yes, ISD develops the goals based on present levels and the information is "fed" into the IEP. Districts then approve the IEPs. LEAs are always included in the cases conference, either in person or by phone.
 3. What support can the Board do/offer to support ISD's progress monitoring efforts?
 - ISD is researching purchasing *Pivot* software that will generate more graphs and provide assistance in documenting progress. ISD will be able to write more meaningful, measureable goals.

V. Old Business:

- A. Citizens Energy Dig Project – information shared during Superintendent report
- B. ISD member of Ind. Superintendent Association – information shared during Superintendent report
- C. Vote required-2017-2018 school calendar – tabled
- D. Vote required: April 25 School Board meeting – School Board members present agreed to meet on April 25
- E. Vote required: technology purchases – tabled
- F. Vote required: Simpson Hall – tabled
- G. School Board visit to Student Life dormitories – information shared during Student Life Division report

VI. New Business:

- A. Action Plan Update: Section 4 – shared during Education Division report
- B. Overview of ISD's Progress monitoring tools – shared during Education Division report
- C. Overview of ISD's Teacher RISE evaluation system – shared during Education Division report

VII. Public comments: None

VIII. Board comments:

Chairperson Witte : Recognized ISD's hard work providing valuable information to the Board. This helps the Board to better serve the school and students.

IX. Next meeting: April 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Building, Media Center

X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approved by School Board-05/16/17