

HOOSIER ACADEMY BOARD MINUTES

August 26, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Board Treasurer John Luta at 5:32 PM, Tuesday, July 22, 2014. Board members present: John Luta, Dynelle Pelsey-Bowyer and Stacie Porter Bilger. John Marske and Lesley Neff were absent.

Staff Present: Dr. Byron Ernest, Head of School; Dominique Franklin, High School VS Academic Director; Dr. Chris Chalker, High School/Middle School HY Academic Director; Patti Herron, K-8 VS Academic Director; Sue Davis, K-6 HY Academic Director; Patsy Woods, SPED Coordinator; Kathy Coe, Operations Manager; Paul Runyan, High School HY Counselor; Teachers Brian Nash, Lyndsay Sheridan, Amber Mason, Nivan Saada, Jennifer Lyons Elizabeth Breeden and Sara Brooks; and Rachael Borrelli, Community Events Coordinator. K12 attendees: Leslie Schott, Finance; Jennifer Waterman, Marketing; and Keith Isom, Regional IT. Virtual attendees: Stephanie Hargens, Deputy Regional Vice President; Rachel McDonald, Wendy Downing, and Amanda Coddens.

Approval of July 2014 Minutes:

Dynelle Pelsey-Bowyer moved that the June Board Minutes be approved as written. Stacie Porter Bilger seconded. The motion passed.

Adoption of August Agenda:

Pelsey-Bowyer moved that the August Board Agenda be adopted. Bilger seconded. The motion passed.

Oral Communication:

A Learning Coach addressed that there is confusion regarding Class Connections and asked what is required.

ISTEP Results:

ISTEP data was presented to the board. Bilger asked for more depth, e.g. the same student tracked over multiple years.

ECA Results:

ECA data was presented to the board. Steps to Change ECA Metrics for Virtual HS:

- Beginning the year fully staffed with dedicated virtual teachers and administrators
- Hired Academic Team Leads specialized in English and Math
- Ongoing Instructional Coaching- reviewing lesson plans, classroom observation and feedback, analyzing student data
- Data Driven Instruction: Implementing USA Test Prep in Algebra, English 10, Biology (6 week benchmarks and individualized remediation activities)
- Revamped the curriculum for English and Math Labs with USA Test Prep assignments, interim assessments and individualized remediation
- Adjusted the virtual schedule to provide dedicated times for Math Lab, English Lab, and Subject Area Interventions
- Mandatory Class Connect Sessions for students earning less than 90% average

- Data Team Meetings
- Homeroom duties have changed to allow teachers more time to focus on ECA classes (Algebra, English, Biology)

Assessment Plan for 2014-15:

The 2014-15 Assessment Plan with established goals was presented to the board.

Early Entrance to Kindergarten Policy

The policy was presented to the board. The Kindergarten Policy Committee included kindergarten teachers and administrators. Standard assessments will be used to evaluate the students.

Bilger moved to accept the Early Admission Kindergarten Policy. John Luta seconded. The motion passed.

IVY Tech:

Dual Credit Information and Guidelines for the Ivy Tech program were shared with the board.

Bilger moved to accept the Ivy Tech Dual Credit Policy as presented. Dynelle Pelsey-Bowyer seconded. The motion passed.

Enrollment Report:

Kathy Coe presented an updated August enrollment report.

Community Report

Rachael Borrelli presented a report of recent and upcoming community events.

Compliance Report

Kathy Coe presented a current report on compliance submittals.

Personnel

Kathy Coe updated the board on new hires and resignations.

Financials:

Leslie Schott presented the financial reports and account payable vouchers for both the hybrid and virtual programs.

Pelsey-Bowyer moved to accept the financial reports for audit and approve the AP vouchers. Bilger seconded. The motion passed.

Insurance:

Dr. Ernest presented a proposal for additional insurance per the board request to cover betterments that we have made on our buildings.

Bilger moved that the additional insurance be approved. Pelsey-Bowyer seconded. The motion passed.

Bilger moved to adopt the initial insurance options. Pelsey-Bowyer seconded. The motion passed.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

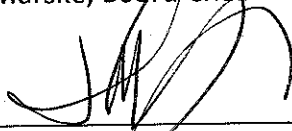
Next Board Meeting: September 23, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorded by Kathy Coe / Transcribed by Norma Jean Graves

Signatures for approval of August 26, 2014 Minutes:

John Marske, Board Chair



John Luta, Board Treasurer

Lesley Neff, Board Secretary

Dynehle Pelsy-Bowyer, Board Member

Stacie Porter Bilger, Board Member