

Hoosier Academy, Inc

Regular Board Meeting

January 26, 2016

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, five of six board members are present, Board Chairman John Marske called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Mr. Chairman read the board mission: *to make sure that our school accomplishes the outcomes it was chartered to produce and to make sure that nothing illegal, unethical, or imprudent occurs.*

Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
John Marske	Board Chair	✓			
John Luta	Board Vice Chair	✓			
George Giltner	Board Secretary	✓			
Gary Meyer	Board Treasurer	✓			
Ron Brumbarger	Board Member	✓			
April Turner	Board Member		✓		

Others in Attendance:

K12 Representatives	HA Staff	Community Members
Cindy Wright Jennifer Waterman Kathy Coe Chris Chalker Dominique Franklin Andrea Ettenberger David Barnes Patti Ashley Jennifer Waterman	Jennifer Lyons Brian Nash Sara Brooks Nivan Sadda Patsy Woods Rachael Borrelli Melissa Strange <i>virtual</i>	Leanne Lamb <i>virtual</i> Melissa Toth <i>virtual</i> Robert Scott

**C. Approval of the Minutes:**

Mr. Luta moved to approve the adoption of the December 17, 2015 minutes. Mr. Meyer seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Brumbarger abstained his approval of the December minutes because he was not present at the last board meeting.

#### **D. Adoption of the January Agenda:**

Chairman Marske added an item to the agenda under the Charter Renewal Update, a resolution to accept the renewal letter from Ball State. Mr. Brumbarger moved to approve the January 26, 2016 agenda as revised. Mr. Luta seconded. The motion passed.

#### **E. Oral Communication:**

Chairman Marske spoke on behalf of the board and congratulated the administration and the teachers on getting reauthorized.

#### **Hoosier Academy-School and Student Outcomes:**

##### ***A. Charter Renewal Update: Dr. Byron Ernest***

Dr. Ernest highlighted the renewals for Hoosier; Virtual is a two year authorization, Hybrid is a five year authorization, and the new Insight school is three year authorization. Planning for the new school began over break and Ball State has looked at Central Michigan's approach to alternative schools. The partnership between Ball State and Hoosier has become a positive working relationship. We have also had meetings with Ball State, the Department of Ed and us as to how we can form a partnership. Our Outreach coordinator with the DOE is meeting with our administrators twice a month. Planning for the new school with staff begins tomorrow with Cindy Wright to look at schools that are successful with this model. Our plan is to have a framework for the next board meeting to show what the new school will look like.

Dr. Ernest provided an overview for Insight. Grades 7-12, and high school students will be identified based on credit deficiency; how many credits behind. Students who would qualify right now for Insight is 70% of the virtual high school population. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be determined by looking at NWEA and ISTEP scores. Students who would qualify right now for Insight is around 49%-50% of the middle school population.

Insight will be a new school for the state of Indiana which will have its own data as well as own financials. Ball State's expectations for Insight has not been established yet; they are waiting on enrollment. The letter indicating the performance conditions will come after the March deadline, and a new letter will be sent to correctly say 7-12 alternative school. Per Ball State, student caps will be set as an organizational cap which is 4,400 students, then set the school caps once we have identified our students. Hybrid's cap is 312 students, and teachers will not be going back and forth between the schools.

Chairman Marske read Resolution 2016-12, approving the letter from Ball State subject to the conditions in the second letter, as well as allowing authorizers and administration

to being working and planning the implementation subject to the conditions that will come in the second letter.

Mr. Brumbarger moved to approve resolution 2016-12 so long as we amend the resolution number to 2016-1. Mr. Meyer seconded. The motion passed.

#### **Hoosier Academy- Financial, Legal and School Operations:**

##### ***A. Community Report: Rachael Borrelli***

Borrelli presented to the board the January community events: Tales for Tails which was organized through Title I where parents were also given tips on reading strategies; Moms Coffee and the hybrid elementary field trip to the State House where they got to meet Governor Pence. Yesterday teachers and parents were at the State House for School Choice week. Teachers taught at the State House, parents met with legislators, and toured the building. Borelli highlighted Hoosier enrollment by showing a student by county population map. Lake County has 404 students with over 1,000 students in Northwest Indiana. Another huge area is Allen County with 225 students. Because we have students all over the state, there is also a family directory that parents can opt into when they enroll to connect with other families, as well as a Hoosier Facebook page which is managed by marketing.

##### ***Enrollment Report: Kathy Coe***

The board received the regular monthly enrollment report. Coe presented the enrollment numbers and total for January. The total enrollment for hybrid for the month of 255, which is down one since last month. The total enrollment for virtual number is a little higher today, 3,730. We always anticipate losing students at semester, but have a good pool of waitlisted families and have exhausted the waitlist. Count Day is next week and the grand total for Hoosier Academies is 3,835.

## Hoosier Academy Indianapolis Enrollment 2015-2016 School Year

### Total Enrollment

Grade	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>256</b>

## Hoosier Academy Virtual Enrollment 2015-2016 School Year

### Total Enrollment

Grade	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
K	177	159	180	120	122	134	130
1	168	159	151	156	155	155	178
2	151	138	168	168	158	151	164
3	206	235	211	248	234	227	254
4	120	164	162	166	169	165	163
5	119	148	177	180	173	172	135
6	202	248	238	254	254	235	250
7	117	163	161	164	169	166	160
8	139	137	145	169	155	167	161
9	204	413	471	464	475	467	478
10	184	457	567	553	544	572	540
11	181	333	408	384	369	363	337
12	126	117	166	162	279	268	239
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2907</b>	<b>3680</b>	<b>3995</b>	<b>3710</b>	<b>3656</b>	<b>3680</b>	<b>3724</b>

### **B. Compliance Report: Kathy Coe**

Coe presented the reports spreadsheet. The spreadsheet states the names of the reports, the due date, and when submitted. Course completion and certified positions are in the

working stage, membership is due next week. Form 9 has been signed off and ready for submission, the quarterly report has been submitted, and all things reported to the state also get reported to Ball State.

**C. *Personnel Report: Kathy Coe***

No terminations, three new hires for high school, special ed. social studies and English and 4 ½ people on leave and hired a permanent sub for anticipated leaves.

**D. *Financials: David Jenkins***

David Jenkins, finance director for K12, introduced Hoosier's new finance manager, Patty Ashlyn. She has a great background and has experience in higher education.

Jenkins showed the December vouchers for virtual and hybrid which was reviewed with the finance committee.

**Mr. Meyer moved to approve the December 2015 virtual and Indy vouchers as presented knowing they were reviewed by the finance committee. Mr. Giltner seconded. The motion passed.**

The Com Core monthly bill was questioned. It is a recurring bill. Coe shared that it is a new contract, 2014, and that there are covered under E-Rate rebates on Com Core costs.

Jenkins showed the actual vs budget forecast for virtual and hybrid which was reviewed with the finance committee. There were no major changes between last month and this month's forecast. Hybrid showed a legal bill, but that will be shared with both schools.

**Mr. Meyer moved to accept the December virtual and Indy financials for audit. Mr. Giltner seconded. The motion passed.**

**Hoosier Academy- Committee Reports:**

**A. *Personnel Committee***

No report

**B. *Board Advisory Committee***

No report

**C. *Academic Committee: George Giltner***

Mr. Giltner presented the academic report as attached and introduced the Flex School Program to the board. The Flex Program is for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to take a lower course load with verification of employment or college enrollment. Some of the guidelines state that a student must attend school for three hours of instructional time,

enrolled in three classes minimum. There are currently seven students who are interested in this program, but will benefit others.

**Mr. Meyer moved to approve the Flex Program with the advice of legal review to determine placement of the program. Mr. Brumbarger seconded. The motion passed.**

*D. Finance Committee*

No report

**Hoosier Academy- Board Development**

Board Retreat is scheduled for February 12, 2016. Dr. Marra will spend an hour reviewing the board evaluation and what is important to Ball State. Dr. Ernest would like for the Focused Leadership Academy to begin the retreat, and Robert Scott will review Open Door Laws and board procedures.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Signatures for approval of January 26, 2016 Minutes:

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John Marske, Board Chair

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Date

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George Giltner, Board Secretary

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Date