

Hoosier Academy, Inc.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2016

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Board President Marske called the meeting to order at 5:37P.M. Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

Chairman Marske read the Board Mission: 1) make sure that our school accomplishes the outcomes it was chartered to produce (i.e. student achievement) and 2) Make sure that nothing illegal, unethical, or imprudent occurs.

B. Attendance:

Name	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early	Electronic Participation
John Marske	✓				
John Luta					
George Giltner	✓	✓			
Gary Meyer	✓				
April Turner					
Shawn Justice		✓			✓

Others in Attendance:

K12 Representatives	HA Staff	Community Members
Byron Ernest Patti Ashley Cindy Wright Dominique Franklin Jody Wilson Chris Chalker Kathy Coe Patsy Woods	Dana Smith Alissa Davis Jennifer Lyons Rachel Borrelli Jena Davis	Robert Scott Leanne Lamb Cheryl Clemens, virtual

C. Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Giltner motioned to approve the August 23, 2016 minutes. Mr. Meyer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Giltner, yes; Mr. Meyer, yes; Ms. Turner, yes; and Mr. Marske, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Meyer motioned to approve the Board training minutes from August 23, 2016. Mr. Giltner seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Giltner, yes; Mr. Meyer, yes; Ms. Turner, yes; and Mr. Marske, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

D. Adoption of the September Agenda:

Mr. Marske presented the September agenda with the proposed amendment of moving the Ball State Presentation to the top of the agenda. Mr. Meyer motioned to amend the September agenda so that the Ball State presentation will be moved to the front. Mr. Giltner seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Giltner, yes; Mr. Meyer, yes; Ms. Turner, yes; and Mr. Marske, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

E. Oral Communication:

No oral communication.

III. Hoosier Academy, School and Student Outcome

A. Ball State Presentation, Dr. Bob Marra

Dr. Ernest introduced Dr. Bob Marra, Director of Ball State's Office of Charter Schools to discuss with the Board the hearing that Ball State had with the State Board of Education earlier this month regarding Hoosier Academies Virtual. The presentation that was presented at the State Board hearing is available in Dropbox for the Board to review. The relationship that has formed with Ball State has really become a great relationship, and Dr. Ernest wants the public and the Board to know the faith that Ball State has in Hoosier and what we are doing to turn the school around.

Dr. Marra thanked Board President John Marske for attending the hearing and for providing insight for the State Board member regarding Hoosier Academies. He also thanked Cindy Wright with K12 for her partnership and teamwork. With Dr. Ernest sitting on the State Board, Cindy was the go-to person. Whatever information was needed, Cindy was right on it no matter where she was. That partnership with K12 really helped with the preparation. He then shared with the Board and staff members that were present that he has been asked numerous of times why Ball State just doesn't close Hoosier Academies Virtual. Dr. Marra believes in what the teachers are doing and believes in the school. Seeing some of the challenges, I want to thank the Board for being willing to take a chance on a new school that is all about serving students who come to Hoosier many challenges. Virtual education is tough, and I don't believe that a different authorizer is the answer. Ball State believes in the school- 97% of Ball State's graduate level programs are online; virtual education is on the forefront. He knows the challenges that Hoosier faces and needs to get the members of the State Board to look through the same lens.

Mr. Meyer asked what the next steps for Ball State are. Dr. Marra shared that the State Board will review the 2015-2016 Hoosier student data at the January meeting. Ball State in the meantime is reaching out to other states that have virtual schools to learn what they use to evaluate their virtual schools and knows that Ball State needs to go deeper into the Hoosier data. Mr. Marske shared that the State Board has three statutes that they have to consider by law when evaluating a school, but there are other things that they can consider, so having supporting data will be helpful.

Mr. Meyer asked how the upcoming election will impact the State Board members. Dr. Ernest shared that it will be the same board members that Ball State will meet with in January, but a new governor can appoint a new chair. Dr. Ernest also shared that there will be opportunities for parents to get involved. A strategy meeting will be meeting to discuss the specifics of how parents can get involved. Dr. Marra expressed reaching out to their local representatives and senators would be a good strategy for parent involvement.

There have been five schools that have been taken over by the State, and only one was removed from the F list. Manual High School, under Dr. Byron Ernest's leadership.

II. Hoosier Academy, Governance and Organization

A. Resolution 2016-22 Cyber Insurance Approval

The Finance Committee reviewed the cyber coverage after being advised from legal counsel that Hoosier needs coverage. The Finance Committee recommends Option 2, which has an annual premium coverage of \$12,161.

Mr. Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 2016-22 Cyber Insurance Coverage, Option 2, for Cyber Liability Insurance from Scholastic First Insurance, for the additional cyber liability coverage annual premium of \$12,161. Mr. Giltner seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Giltner, yes; Mr. Meyer, yes; Ms. Turner, yes; and Mr. Marske, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Resolution 2016-23 Communication Policy

Board President Mr. Marske reviewed the communication policy that will be included in the Board Training Manual. The Policy identifies the official spokesperson for the Board as the Head of Schools and Board President, but also states that if a Board member is speaking or writing to the media, legislators, and other officials, make it clear that their views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Board or of their colleagues on the Board.

Mr. Meyer motioned to adopt the Communication Policy as attached so long that the policy will be added to the Board Training Manual for future reference. Mr. Giltner seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Giltner, yes; Mr. Meyer, yes; Ms. Turner, yes; and Mr. Marske, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

III. Hoosier Academy- School and Student Outcomes

A. MTSS Manual Briefing, Jena Davis

MTSS Coordinator Jena Davis gave an update on the changes that have been made to the MTSS Operations Manual for the 2016-2017 school year. The high school MTSS Tier II process is identifying 9th and 10th grade students, or students in Algebra 1 and English I & II. Students who are identified as the bottom 20% were added to Tier II ELA or Math Intervention class where they earn a credit, and attending Live Class Connect sessions and exit ticket completion are worth 50% of the final semester grade.

Board President Marske asked if students can opt out of the intervention. Davis shared that there is a compact agreement that is sent out explaining why the support is needed and what specific requirements are tracked. It is highly recommended and encouraged, but they can opt out. Marske expressed that this data would be important for Ball State to collect and share with the State Board.

B. High Ability Grant, Dana Smith

Grants and Title I Coordinator Dana Smith informed the Board of High Ability Grant Fund that was opened to charter schools this year. Hoosier submitted a letter of intent and funding amounts will be sent to participating schools by the end of September. The High Ability Coordinators for Hoosier are Jody Wilson, the K-8 Academic Administration and myself. We are going through training provided by the IDOE at the end of the month, and will be establishing a High Ability Task Force to help with identification and services; curriculum and instruction; guidance and counseling; professional development; and program evaluation.

Board President Marske expressed that again, this will be good information for Ball State to use and share with the State Board.

IV. Hoosier Academy- Financial, Legal and School Operations

A. Financials, Patti Ashley K12 Finance Manger

The Finance Committee reviewed the August vouchers for Indy, Virtual and Insight. Some of the expenses included payments to K12, rent, custodial services, legal and copy machines.

Mr. Meyer motioned to approve the August 2016 vouchers for all three schools for audit. Mr. Giltner seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Giltner, yes; Mr. Meyer, yes; Ms. Turner, yes; and Mr. Marske, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Ashley reviewed the Forecast Presentation. Basic funding increased due to enrollment increase, and the overall school expenditures increased by less than 1% of the budget. There was a decrease in expenses due to delayed hiring. Assets saw an increase by 41% in cash balance (general funding); an increase in accounts receivable Title funding; and an increase in current assets prepaid expenses for upfront K12 charges. Cash flow saw an inflow of \$2 million in State aid and \$100k Grant funding. Cash flow saw an outflow in K12 payments, and increase in payroll.

Mr. Meyer motioned to accept the August financials for audit. Mr. Giltner seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Giltner, yes; Mr. Meyer, yes; Ms. Turner, yes; and Mr. Marske, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Community Report, Rachael Borrelli

Rachael Borelli highlighted the website data emphasizing the push that is made with families to visit the website page to find and gather information. Strong Start Super Sessions were held for all families; just another opportunity to provide face-to-face support for new and returning families. Community Events are posted on the school website; October's Orchard Day will take place at 9 locations statewide.

C. Enrollment Report, Kathy Coe

Total enrollment for Indy is 250; Virtual is 3427; and Insight is 680. Total enrollment for all three schools is 4357.

Hoosier Academy Indianapolis Enrollment 20165-2017 School Year

Total Enrollment

Grade	August	Sept
K	25	24
1	23	18
2	24	22
3	21	20
4	19	19
5	24	23
6	24	20
7	25	21
8	25	20
9	20	24
10	20	18
11	20	21
12	18	17
Grand Total	272	260

Hoosier Academy Virtual Enrollment 2016-2017 School Year

Total Enrollment

Grade	August	Sept
K	179	186
1	159	142
2	154	144
3	155	150
4	158	156
5	141	156
6	174	171
7	158	157
8	186	165
9	169	165
10	177	162
11	168	165
12	159	160
Grand Total	1903	1827

Total All Schools

Grade	Proctor-Med	Wesley VS	HS	Grand Total
1	32	180		212
2	33	147		180
3	35	154		189
4	34	150		184
5	34	170		204
6	33	174		207
7	38	217	10	265
8	35	187	26	248
9	44	185	32	261
10	35	483	112	630
11	35	331	171	537
12	37	304	107	448
Grand Total	290	1627	460	4377

Insight School of Indiana Enrollment 2016-2017 School Year

Total Enrollment

Grade	Enrollment	Staff
1	80	24
2	82	26
3	74	24
4	112	37
5	130	43
6	124	40
Grand Total	602	188

D. Compliance Report, Kathy Coe

The next big state report that we are currently working on is Membership. All other State reports have been completed.

E. Personnel Report, Nadina McFann

Virtual has hired four new positions- two have been elementary; one for middle; and one ELL teacher for both Insight and Virtual. Insight has hired five new positions- three teachers; one SPED; and one advisor.

V. Board Development

A. Items for next month:

- 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan
- Amendment to the Bylaws regarding an attendance policy

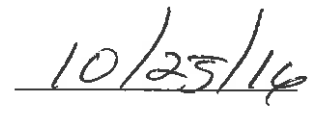
Next Board meeting is October 25, 2016, Franklin Rd, at 5:30pm.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:59pm

Signatures for Approval of the September 27, 2016 Minutes.




John Marske, Board President



Date



George Giltner, Board Secretary



Date