

Hoosier Academy Board Minutes

October 27, 2015

Preliminary:

A. Call to Order: John Marske called the meeting to order at 5:40pm

Marske noted that this is the first time the board is meeting outside of Indianapolis, in Ft. Wayne, he reviewed the process: we have a total of six board members, thrilled to be here, and what we are trying to do is get more representation throughout the state since we really are a state school. And by our bylaws, whenever we have a meeting we need to have a majority of board members physically present and others can participate online. The only real change is whenever we need to vote, we will do a verbal roll call vote. We have six board members with four present so we do have a quorum.

Marske read and reviewed the mission of the school board: *“to make sure that our school accomplishes the outcomes it was chartered to produce and make sure that nothing illegal, unethical, or imprudent occurs.”*

B. Roll Call: John Luta, virtual; John Marske, present; George Giltner, virtual; Gary Meyer, present; Ron Brumbarger, present; April Turner, present.

Staff Present: Melody Coffey, teacher; Jennifer Waterman, LDM; Ashely Green, teacher; Liz Breeden, teacher; Jenn Lyons, teacher; Kathy Coe, operations; Dominique Franklin, academic administrator; Amy Martin, parent; Jamie Garwood, BSU; Chris Chalker, academic administrator; Patsy Woods, special education director; Andrea Ettenberger, academic administrator; Byron Ernest, HOS; Cindy Wright, K12; Ted Gonzalez, K12; Rachael Borrelli, community coordinator; and Dana Smith, Title I. Virtual: Leanna Lamb, parent; John Luta, board member; and George Giltner, board member.

C. Approval of September 29, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes:

Gary Meyer motioned to approve the September 29, 2015 minutes. April Turner seconded. : The motion passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Luta: YES, Marske: YES, Giltner: YES, Meyer: YES, Brumbarger: YES, Turner: YES. Motion passed 6-0.

D. Approval of September 29, 2015 Annual Board Meeting Minutes:

Ron Brumbarger motioned to approve the September 29, 2015 annual board meeting minutes. Gary Meyer seconded. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Luta: YES, Marske: YES, Giltner: YES, Meyer: YES, Brumbarger: YES, Turner: YES. Motion passed 6-0.

E. Adoption of October Agenda: John Marske motioned to a change in the agenda. Item 5 under Board Development, we cannot vote on a new board member because the background check has not yet been completed.

Gary Meyer motioned to approve the updated agenda. April Turner seconded. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Luta: YES, Marske: YES, Giltner: YES, Meyer: YES, Brumbarger: YES, Turner: YES. Motion passed 6-0.

F. Oral Communications:

Parent, Amy Martin wanted to thank the school for everyone that they have done. It is a great fit for her son who was bullied at his old school and not doing well in school. He is now getting good grades and is on the Junior National Honor Society.

Hoosier Academy- School and Student Outcomes:

A. Reauthorization Update: Dr. Byron Ernest

Dr. Ernest updated the board on the next phase in the reauthorization with Ball State stating the following:

The on-site visits for Ball State will be November 17th, 18th, and 19th. We are working on putting together a schedule for that with Jamie Garwood.

The application was turned in on time, October 1st with all documents attached.

We are also working on some off-sites visits for parent forums.

Yesterday, a group of administrators and teachers spent the day reviewing the documents submitted in the application making sure that everyone is prepared for the upcoming visits. They created questions from the application and then worked on responses for them.

Ron Brumbarger thanked Dr. Ernest for all of the hard work that has and is going in for the renewal.

Hoosier Academy- Financial, Legal and School Operations:

A. Community Report: Rachael Borrelli

Rachael shared that one of our parents, Letrisha Weber, was in Washington D.C. presenting an award to Todd Rokita, Indiana's 4th District representatives, for his efforts in supporting parent options at the national level. She is also meeting with Luke Messer, Indiana's 6th District representative, and has scheduled a meeting with Andre Carson. Letrisha is a member of PAC and has done a lot to educate Indiana's representatives on Hoosier Academies.

Borrelli highlighted the October community events which included: statewide orchard day; statewide library day; Comic Book in a Day at Nickle Plate Art Center; Geometry Scavenger Hunt downtown Indianapolis; Anti-Bullying with Mr. Mojo and All Pro Dad's Breakfast at Catio.

Upcoming events include Hoosiers Read Together at Barnes and Nobles throughout the state; Pacers game; Ball State Museum of Art; Marengo Caves; High School US History Tippecanoe Battlefield and Conner Prairie Follow the North Star; and Indiana State Museum.

As always, the board members are welcome to attend any of the events.

B. Enrollment Report: Kathy Coe

Kathy Coe presented the enrollment numbers for virtual and hybrid. The virtual is 3,891. There is a waitlist and when a seat becomes available, the family is notified that there is a seat for them and they have 48 hours to respond.

Hybrid is 251 and 4th grade has one waitlist.

C. Compliance Report: Kathy Coe

Kathy Coe shared that state reports are up to date and they are currently working on textbook and certified employee.

The quarterly financial Review is due at the end of the month, and shared the reports needed for Ball State are due on the 15th of each month.

D. Personnel Report: Kathy Coe

Kathy Coe presented the board with student teacher ratio and explained that the numbers will even out once the two new virtual high school teachers begin; physical education and science.

E. Financials: Ted Gonzalez

Gonzalez asked if any questions over the payment vouchers from last month. Gary Meyer to motioned to approve both hybrid and virtual vouchers. April seconded. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Luta: YES, Marske: YES, Giltner: YES, Meyer: YES, Brumbarger: YES, Turner: YES. Motion passed 6-0.

Gary Meyer motioned to accept the financial report for audit. Ron seconded. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Luta: YES, Marske: YES, Giltner: YES, Meyer: YES, Brumbarger: YES, Turner: YES. Motion passed 6-0.

IV. Hoosier Academy-Committee Reports:

John Marske shared that with these new committees, we need to be aware that they are all subject to the Open Door Laws; there needs to be a 48 hour notice, as well as at least 2 members physically present.

Gary Meyer wanted clarification on if that only applies when conducting business.

Ron Brumbarger commented that meeting an hour before the board meeting might work.

Marske reiterated the importance of scheduling committee meetings regardless of a meeting or not so that time is always open.

Meyer stated that we need to sort this out; we should rely on the committees to come with recommendations and come to the meetings to present both sides.

Ron Brumbarger motioned to approve Resolution 2015-8, revisions to school handbook. April seconded. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Luta: YES, Marske: YES, Giltner: YES, Meyer: YES, Brumbarger: YES, Turner: YES. Motion passed 6-0.

Brumbarger added that another set of edits will likely come in the near future on a notification policy on harassment. Indiana does not specify what a reasonable timeframe is for notification; thus making it hard to determine.

Personnel Update:

John Marske shared that personnel is working with Insperity to discuss the possibilities of different options for insurance; particularly a health savings account.

Academic Update:

April Turner shared that the academic committee is hoping to organize a teacher forum.

Being no further business, Gary Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm

New Business:

Ron Brumbarger added a piece of new business and asked a Junior National Honors Society virtual student who was in attendance of the board meeting what he liked best of Hoosier; Tom replied the flexibility; it allows me to do my work when I want and I can go back and watch recordings of lessons.

Next board meeting November 19, 2015 at Franklin Rd, Indianapolis, 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadina McFann

Signatures for approval of October 27, 2015 Minutes:

John Marske, Board Chair

John Luta, Board Vice Chairman

George Giltner, Board Secretary

Ron Brumbarger, Board Member

Gary Meyer, Board Treasurer

April Turner, Board Member