

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 24, 2022

Members of the State Board of Public School Education met at the CTE Conference on the 15th floor of the State Capitol and via Teams on Monday, January 24, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sonia Meehl at 1:01 PM with the following State Board members in attendance:

Mr. Josh Johnson

Dr. Jeff Fastnacht

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler

Chairman Sonia Meehl

Virtual Attendance

Mr. Burdell Johnson

Dr. Steve Holen

Lyndsi Engstrom

Also present: Allyson Hicks, Dr. Donna Fishbeck, Patty Carmichael, Luke Schaefer, CREA, and Janet O'Hara, RRVEC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Superintendent Baesler moved that the minutes of the December 20, 2021, meeting be approved. Dr. Fastnacht seconded the motion.

Board members recognized and welcomed new board member Lyndsi Engstrom.

REAs BIENNIAL AUDIT PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Meehl announced that Lyndsi Engstrom is employed by the CREA REA and questioned the committee if she should abstain from voting on the CREA audit. After much discussion, Superintendent Baesler motioned that board member Engstrom could fulfill her duties as State Board of Public Education Board member in voting on the issue of approving the audit of CREA. Dr. Fastnacht seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CREA - Luke Schaefer presented the framework for CREA audit. Kirsten Baesler moved to approve the audit report and presentation for the Central Regional Education Association presentation. Dr. Jeff Fastnacht seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RRVEC - Janet O'Hara presented the audit framework for RRVEC. Dr. Jeff Fastnacht moved to approve the audit report and presentation for the RRVEC. Mr. Josh Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW THE RECORD, DISCUSS, AND TAKE ACTION ON THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY FROM LAMOURE #8 TO LITCHVILLE-MARION #46 (CHRISTOFERSON ANNEXATION).

The Christoferson petition had no opposition at the county and did not involve the exchange of property, so the Board chose not to have a hearing on this matter. Chairman Meehl read the annexation for board members. This petition, unlike most, did not include the actual mill levies, it had the actual dollars of mills or dollars of tax levied. The petitioner is no longer responsible for the debt and taxes of the district detached from. Parents demonstrated interest in being active on the school board for the district to be annexed. Dr. Jeff Fastnacht motioned to approve Christoferson annexation, stating the least amount of land was included, the students are already attending the Litchville-Marion school district, the per student taxable valuation of the petitioned property is reasonable, and a parent demonstrated a desire to be on the school board in the district being annexed to. Other discussion noted were no opposition at the county hearing and both county reorganization boards approved. Dr. Steve Holen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET REVIEW

The NDDPI Fiscal Director Jamie Mertz, provided a budget update for the biennium on the State Board of Public School Education. State Board does not have its own separate appropriation from the legislature. It is expected to be funded by the normal operations of DPI and is 100% state funded. When creating the budget he reviewed the past five years. Discussed each line item. Currently, we are 25% through the biennium. 75% of the budget remains. No concerns were shared.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on learning continuum will be reported out in March or April. No annexations on the docket. Only REA audits remain on the agenda. February 28 meeting may be canceled.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, February 28, at 1:00 PM.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.