FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
1200 SOUTH CLINTON STREET
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

5:00 p.m.   March 16, 2016

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Roll Call   The Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools met in a special session in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. President Mark GiaQuinta called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members in attendance:

              Members present: Mark GiaQuinta, Chairperson
                                           Stephen Corona
                                           Anne Duff
                                           Becky Hill
                                           Julie Hollingsworth
                                           Glenna Jehl
                                         Jordan Lebamoff

              Members absent: none

Graduation Requirements   Dr. Wendy Robinson, superintendent, reported to Board Members that the Indiana Department of Education is considering changes to the State graduation requirements. The Indiana State Board of Education heard recommendations from a taskforce at their meeting on March 16. The State Board voted to indefinitely pause efforts to raise the requirements for Indiana's General, Core 40 and Core 40 with Honors high school diplomas.

Growth Table   Dr. Robinson provided information about the approval by the State Board of Education of the growth table to be used as part of the State's A-F grading formula. The State Board approved growth table number 24 which will now be available for public comment for 30 days. The table may be found on the IDOE's website. Comments must be submitted no later than 4:40 EST on April 14, 2016. The table will be on the agenda for final approval at the State Board meeting in April.

State Assessments   Dr. Robinson provided Board Members with information about the Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE) Book II Pilot. Forty seven of our Fort Wayne Community Schools were selected to participate in a pilot test that would add, depending on the school, between 30 and 230 minutes to student assessments during a time when students are testing for IREAD and ISTEP+ Part 2. FWCS received notice from the IDOE of this pilot testing on February 17, after test schedules had been made in schools to begin regular testing on February 29. The pilot test is not to be graded, it doesn't count for students, teachers or school performance.

Dr. Robinson asked Board Members to support her in declining participation for FWCS in the Book II Pilot. A motion was made by Stephen Corona, seconded by Julie Hollingsworth, that FWCS respectfully decline to participate in the Indiana Department of Education's Book II Pilot. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Comments   Board Members asked that we inform local elected officials of this decision. We are not opposed to accountability.

Next
Meeting
The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center.

Signatures
No documents were signed by members of the Board at this special meeting.

Adjournment
and Dismissal
There being no further business and no speakers, upon a motion by Stephen Corona, seconded by Becky Hill, the meeting was adjourned and dismissed at 5:58 p.m.

President
Mark E. GiaQuinta

Vice President
Julie Hollingsworth

Secretary
Stephen Corona

Member
Anne Duff

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