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News and Notes for ISBA Members

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I hope the 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start for all school corporations, and your students, staff, and board! The end of summer marks the start of a busy season of multiple events planned to support our ISBA members. In addition, there are other timely news and notes that I want to share with you here.

2019 Annual ISBA-IAPSS Fall Conference

The 2019 Annual ISBA-IAPSS Fall Conference is almost upon us. Registration is still open for those not yet registered [HERE](#).

This premier conference, to be held on September 30-October 1, will spotlight programs, policies, and best practices regarding:

- Ushering in a New Era of Graduation Pathways and School Accountability
- Optimizing School Budgets and Financing
- Ensuring Safe, Secure, and Supportive Learning Environments for Hoosier Students
- Developing Educational Statesmanship
- Other Hot Topics

This is an excellent opportunity for professional development, continuing education, and board development. All attendees will either receive 25 CAP points (as a core meeting) for school board members or 9 PGP hours for administrators. Take advantage of this professional growth opportunity!

School Accountability Panel

The Indiana General Assembly debated legislation during the 2019 budget session that would have established the use of postsecondary performance metrics in the high school A-F accountability model. While that particular bill (House Bill 1404) died, a provision was added to House Enrolled Act 1002 (Public Law 143) to establish a School Accountability Panel to continue the discussion regarding which metrics to recommend to the State Board of Education and the legislature for inclusion in the high school accountability system. This Panel is meeting biweekly through October to develop its recommendations. To learn more about the composition of the Panel or to monitor the work of this body go [HERE](#).

Budget and Financial Oversight Resource Guide

In June 2018 ISBA issued the first edition of the Budgeting and Financial Oversight for School Board Members: Resource Guide that included a monthly checklist of items school board members should review at board meetings each month. As an illustration of the checklist, here were the action items recommended for September and October:

September

- Adopt budget to approve appropriations, tax rates, three-year capital projects plan and five-year bus replacement plan.

(November 1 is last possible date to adopt budget.)

- Adopt additional appropriations or appropriation reductions for current year.
- Publish Notice of Adoption.
- Review August financial statements.

October

- Review financial and budget variance letter for quarter ended September 30.
- Review bank accounts and investments as of September 30.
- Submit ADM count to IDOE.
- Submit textbook expenses to IDOE by October 31 for February reimbursement.

The second edition of this resource guide will be issued within days following the Annual Fall Conference and will feature many updates and new sections (largely prompted by laws enacted in the 2019 session of the General Assembly) to support your essential work in adopting a sound budget for your school corporation. You will be provided access to a PDF copy of the full report via an email blast during the first full week of October.

Upcoming Events

Registration is also live for the ISBA Fall Legal Workshops and the Fall Regional Meetings/Dinner. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more details and go to the Events page to register [HERE](#).