

ISBA Fall Conference

September 23 - 24

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I was able to attend a portion of the ISBA fall conference on 9/23. Unfortunately work obligations limited my ability to participate in the full two day conference this year. Highlights:

- Served as WLCSC representative to ISBA Delegate Assembly.
The agenda included routine business such as adoption of delegate reports, minutes, budget, etc. Committee reports included the nominating committee as well as the legislative committee. The bulk of the conversation at the meeting was related to determination of the ISBA legislative priorities for the upcoming year. Those priorities include items such as:
 - 1) funding/tuition support, Pre-K program expansion, Summer school, complexity index, ELL, Special Education etc.
 - 2) Indiana Secured Schools Safety Grant
 - 3) Student Support Services & Teacher Retention
 - 4) TIF districts
 - 5) Referendum Issues
 - 6) General education matters such as curricular matters, stop arm violations & online high school transcript tracking.
- Attended the General Session. As the Region 4 representative to the Awards Committee, I was very pleased to see the presentation of the Lorin A Burt Award and Outstanding Board Member Award. There were excellent applications to both awards and the committee worked diligently to make selections.
- Attended Session “2024 Legislation Issues for Capital Projects”. It offered a very good recap of different strategies for working through funding concerns for capital projects.

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