



# News Release

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## Center Grove School Board Members Strengthen Their Skills at the ISBA Summer Board Member Academy

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (July 8, 2014)—School board members and administrators from around the state, including representatives from the Center Grove Community School Corporation in Greenwood, attended the Summer Board Member Academy at the Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel, Indianapolis, IN on July 7-8, 2014. This seminar, sponsored by the Indiana School Boards Association, introduced new school board members to the many facets of boardsmanship along with reinforcing these principals to numerous veteran board members and school administrators who attended.

A full scheduled was featured during this two-day seminar covering topics such as effective board meetings and foundational principles for board members, 2014 Indiana General Assembly Actions: Policies Required and Policies to be Considered, Basics of Budgeting, Understanding the Employer's Duty to Accommodate Disable Employees, and Individual Board member Legal Rights v. Ethical Responsibility. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz offered the opening general session by giving a Department of Education update. A panel consisting of Westfield-Washington Community Schools and Franklin Township Schools reviewed their experiences on "Bus Transportation and the Issues that Arise". Seamus Boyce, Esq., and Monica J. Conrad of Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim addressed the issue disproportionality in student discipline and discriminatory practices. "A Behind the Scenes Tour of Offering Bonds..." was explained by Jane Herndon, Esq. of Ice Miller LLP and Todd Samuelson, CPA, HJ Umbaugh and Associates. Other topics covered were A-F Accountability, School Safety and the S.R.O., Failed Referendums and the Aftermath, Issues Surrounding the Decision to Close a School, Open Door Policy, Indiana Standards, and the "Perfect Interview".

Local board members attending were Carol Tumey, vice president, Rob Richards, member, and Dr. Rich Arkanoff, superintendent.

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