

## **Ball State College Republicans**

### **Minutes for January 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Speaker: Dr. Brad Oliver**

#### **Executive board members present:**

**Chairman:** Joshua Marsh

**Vice-Chairman:** Joshua Taulbee

**Treasurer:** Anthony Cook

**Secretary:** Morgan Dean

**Public Relations Chair:** Emily Schebler

Meeting began at approximately 7:06pm

- A representative from Dance Marathon came in and talked to the group. The deadline for registering is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds go to Riley's Children's Hospital.
- Joshua Marsh began the meeting by introducing the speaker, Dr. Brad Oliver.
- Dr. Oliver grew up in West Virginia
- He went to school at Indiana Wesleyan University
- He went to the Congo for a teaching opportunity
- "They see education as a vehicle of transportation to the transformation of their country"
- Dr. Oliver got his doctorate from Ball State
- Dr. Oliver began sharing a powerpoint with the group which included:
  - Indiana has a shared government system
    - Governor
    - State Superintendent
    - Indiana General Assembly
    - State Board of Education
    - Department of Education
  - Disjointed and contentious nature of the board
    - Structural questions
    - Process questions
    - Authority questions
  - Education has become political
  - Dr. Oliver expressed that he did not support No Child Left Behind
  - Dr. Oliver discussed the "Iread" tests, of which there are three.
- The group got a picture with Dr. Oliver
- The meeting concluded at approximately 8:05pm