



Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 16, 2020 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM

New London, CT

*This meeting was held virtually in accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Members: R. Muckle, B. Crouch, L. Muller, L. Bumgardner, K. Rollins, D. Brailey, M. Paterson, T. Wynn-Melendez, L. Cabrera, K. Booker - Absent: Mr. Spellman - Ex Officio: Dr. N. Spera - Guests: T. Collins, D. Dunning, E. Robb, C. Blackshaw, S. LaFrance, M. Kuczenski, B. Zegarzewski, W. Linski, N. Rodgers, L. Lazarou

4:00 pm

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Muckle

1a. Establishment of Quorum

1b. Public Comment

The Board of Directors welcomes public comment. Individuals or groups may speak for a maximum of three minutes per person/group and twelve minutes per subject. Comments may be made on almost any matter related to the operations of ISAAC. However, comments concerning individual students or staff members shall not be permitted, per Board Policy 9418b "Meeting Conduct"

- C. Blackshaw, Visual Arts Teacher: Recommendation to post the Zoom link for the Board Meetings.
- M. Kuczenski, Social Studies Teacher: Recommendation to post the board meetings for the benefit of those who can't attend.
- N. Rodgers, Language Arts Teacher: Recommendation for separation between Administration and Human Resources.

4:02 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman R. Muckle

- Approval of Minutes from [November 11, 2020 - Minutes](#)
 - Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: L. Muller; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None - The motion carries.
- Approval for an e-vote for possible VERIP agreements
 - Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: D. Brailey; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None - The motion carries.
- Approval of 2021 Board of Directors Dates - [2021 ISAAC Board of Directors Meeting Dates](#)
 - Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Rollins; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None - The motion carries.
- Approval of Coronavirus Grant Funds and Expenditures
 - Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: E. Bumgardner; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None - The motion carries.
- Approval of all redline revisions, technical changes to existing Board Policy as recommended by Shipman and Goodwin
 - Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: E. Bumgardner; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None - The motion carries.

4:03 pm

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Spera

3a. Reopening of School Update, COVID-19 Response Update, and Future

3b. NEASC & Charter Renewal Update

3c. Coronavirus Funds Update & Safety Upgrades

3d. New Happenings at ISAAC (Wellness Committee, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Honor Roll)

- T. Wynn-Melendez asked for consistency in reference as to when report cards go out. Principal Dunning proceeded to explain. Further discussion ensued.

4:20 pm

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

K. Rollins



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4b. FINANCE

Treasurer L. Muller

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- Principal Dunning discussed the proposal of a new literacy program (The Wilson Program) for ISAAC. A discussion ensued.
- Approval of 2021-2022 ISAAC Billing Rates
 - *Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Billing Rates*
 - Moved: K. Rollins; 2nd: D. Brailey; Discussion: T. Wynn-Melendez asked if there was a document that the Board could review. A discussion ensued; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions: None

4:40 pm

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a. Assignments to Sub-Committees by Board Chairman

- L. Bumgardner: Academic Excellence; T. Wynn-Melendez: Academic Excellence; Mr. Spellman: Governance Committee
- K. Rollins asked for a document specifying the committees and the board members who participate in each.

5b. Additional ISAAC Support Staff for New Literacy Program

- *Motion to approve the New Literacy Program (The Wilson Program) and the three new support staff positions as recommended by the Executive Directors*
 - Moved: B. Crouch; Second: D. Brailey; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions: None; Motion carries.

5c. Authorization to Enter into Operational Contracts - This is an annual request that is needed in order for ISAAC to contract with various agencies and departments.

- *Motion: That Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, Executive Director, is authorized to make, execute, and approve on behalf of ISAAC, any or all contracts or amendments excluding loans, effective until December 31, 2021*
 - Moved: K. Rollins; 2nd: L. Muller; Discussion ensued in reference to specifics and clarification; In Favor: R. Muckle, B. Crouch, L. Muller, L. Bumgardner, K. Rollins, D. Brailey, M. Paterson, L. Cabrera, K. Booker; Opposed: T. Wynn-Melendez; Abstentions: None - The motion carries.

5d. Approval of Policies from Shipman and Goodwin for the COVID-19 Pandemic:

5000-C19: Use of Private Technology Devices by Students; 5000-C19: Policy Regarding Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety; 1000-C19: Green Cleaning Programs; 4000-C19: Policy Regarding Employee Use of the District's Computer Systems and Electronic Communications

- *Motion to Approve the COVID-19 Policies as suggested by Shipman and Goodwin*
 - Moved: T. Wynn-Melendez; 2nd: E. Bumgardner; Discussion ensued; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions: None - The motion carries.

5e. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Topics According to FOIA

5:50 pm
Muckle

6. ADJOURNMENT *Chairman R.*

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: E. Bumgardner; In Favor: All; Opposed: None