



**Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

April 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM Link Available on Website

New London, CT

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

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MINUTES

4:00 pm

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R.F. Muckle

1a. Establishment of Quorum

1b. Public Comment - None

The Board of Directors welcomes public comment. Due to the nature of the virtual format of the meeting, all comments are to be submitted via email prior to noon at the day of the meeting. Comments may be made on almost any matter related to the operations of ISAAC and will be shared with the Board members in their packet. We shall not read or address any comments at this meeting. However, comments concerning individual students or staff members shall not be permitted.

4:01 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- Approval of Minutes from March Meeting
- Bid Waiver Request for Architectural Design for Classroom Addition

Motion: Approve all items on the content agenda

Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: K. Booker; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; The motion carries.

4:02 pm

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Spera

3a. COVID-19 Response Update and Future

We are looking to finish strong; About 26 more in-person classes left. 33% remote learners; Letter to the board and staff and parents about mitigation strategies; promotion coming up, ledgelight, guidance, laws. For next year; really have all plans in place since we don't know what will happen. No word from the CSDE in reference to remote learning.

3b. NEASC & Charter Renewal Update

NEASC: Principal Dunning and Dean Collins will be attending an accreditation seminar. The next step will be a self-study next year.

Charter Renewal Update: Going to a sub-committee meeting on May 18, the second this year. Data will be presented. Chairperson Muckle, Principal Dunning and Dean Collins will attend along with Dr. Spera attended information for all charters regarding special education billing reimbursement.

In reference to having a surplus, the state prefers that we have a zero surplus. Any surplus goes back to the district. All districts that we bill will receive a reduced bill in the months ahead.

3c. ESSER II and ARP Grant Update

ESSER II funds we received \$570,000. Everything we requested was approved. ARP funds have not been distributed yet. We are expecting to be over a million. This could lead to capital improvements.

3d. Legislative Update

Current Bill, Charter/Magnet Bill 948. Right now there is no equity in funding. We are funded \$11,000 per student, which is about \$4,000 less than what other districts are receiving. Letters have been sent to all representatives on the appropriations committee, the education committee and has been partnering with our charter association in advocating for equity in funding.

3e. Hiring Update

- ELA Teacher, Justine Tomon, replacement
- ELA Teacher, Mikaela Remondi
Both ELA Teachers speak Spanish.
- Bobby Harry, Safety Officer - Will be doing community service and wants to reach out to our students to become a part of this plan.



Director Booker asked questions in reference to the ESSER Grant positions, social emotional supports that meet the needs of our students, SBAC targets, and about the continuation of social distancing and the suite of mitigation strategies as outlined in the Executive Director Letter on April 7, 2021. Discussion ensued for all topics.

4:15 pm

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. FINANCE

Treasurer L. Muller

- Finance Update - April Minutes
- Year to Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for April 2021
- Grant Update - ESSER II Funds

4b. GOVERNANCE

Vice-Chair M. Spellman

- First Reading: Purchase Policy (Board Packet)
- Interviewing interested candidates Parent and Board Candidates by mid-May
 - Candidates to be Approved by Board at June Meeting
- BOD Leadership Nominations
 - Email Vice-Chairman to nominate yourself or someone else by 5/5

4c. EXECUTIVE

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- Negotiations of the three Administrator Contracts
- Classroom Expansion Project using American Relief Fund
- Negotiations for Teachers Bargaining Unit to begin in Mid-May

3:23 pm

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman R.F. Muckle

5a. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations with Administrator Contracts According to FOIA

- *Motion: Move into Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations with Administrator Contracts*
Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; In Favor: All; The motion carries.

- *Motion: Approve the contracts as negotiated by the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Executive Director, Principal, and Associate Principal.*

Motion to accept the contract as presented for Dr. Spera

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; The motion carries.

Motion to accept the contract as presented for Principal Dunning

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; The motion carries.

Motion to accept the contract as presented for Associate Principal Collins

Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: B. Crouch; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; The motion carries.

5:00 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman R.F. Muckle