

Indianapolis Classical Schools Board Meeting
via Zoom
April 21, 2020

Board members present were Patrick Chittenden, David Steele, Peggy Sabens, John Watson, Keith Steiner, Dave Sternberg, Adrian Miller, Mindy Cunningham, Dan Roy, Mark Nottingham, Brenda Roper, Mac McWhirter. Staff present were Janet McNeal, Juli Woodrum, Karen Lalioff, Robin Knop, and Dominique Wickware-Kelly.

Mr. Watson called the meeting to order and a quorum of the Board was present. The minutes of the prior meeting of the Board were reviewed and approved.

The finance committee provided a report. ICS applied for and received a loan pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program. The loan is for approximately \$1.6 million, \$1.2 million of which can be forgiven. A detailed proposal regarding the budget also was provided. Issues impacting the budget that were discussed included the desire to increase enrollment at Riverside, the desire add a dean of students at both Riverside and Herron, bringing building maintenance in-house to reduce the need to pay contractors, and salary increases for teachers of 4 percent.

A motion to approve the budget was made and unanimously approved.

The advancement committee provided a report. The need to continue fundraising efforts during the pandemic was discussed, including potential approaches.

No report from the education committee was given as the previously planned education committee meeting scheduled for March had to be postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Ms. McNeal provided the president's report. She discussed the desire the improve the engagement of students with virtual learning, especially at Riverside. Graduation will be virtual this year. US News ranked Herron 218th nationally among high schools. Our most at-risk students thrive on personal connections, which is the primary benefit of school, and virtual education does not offer the same personal interaction.

The meeting was adjourned.