

Indianapolis Classical Schools Board Meeting
via Zoom
October 20, 2020

Board members present were Patrick Chittenden, Peggy Sabens, John Watson, Keith Steiner, Dave Sternberg, Adrian Miller, Mindy Cunningham, Dan Roy, Mark Nottingham, Mac McWhirter, David Steele, Brenda Roper, and Manuel Rodriguez. Staff present were Janet McNeal, Juli Woodrum, Jen Sommers, and Karen Laliuff.

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 Board was informed that the Executive Committee had approved the purchase of new air conditioning equipment since the last Board meeting. Purchasing the equipment new was only modestly more expensive than paying for it to be repaired.

The Board also was informed that Ms. Laliuff is serving as Title IX coordinator.

Ms. McNeal led a discussion of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the operation of the schools. Particularly given the need to quarantine in the event of possible exposure, Ms. McNeal explained that rising positivity rates would likely lead to disruptions in the schools' operation. Among other things, there has been, and will continue to be, a challenge with finding substitute teachers. Ms. McNeal also explained that the schools were not thought to be a place of widespread transmission, but what happens outside of school impacts the schools' ability to operate. Because of the fluid nature of the pandemic, the Board unanimously approved giving leadership the authority to decide whether to close either or both of the schools due to health issues.

Ms. Woodrum provided a financial report. Enrollment at RHS is having a positive impact on the budget. Insurance renewal is posing a financial challenge. The Board had a discussion regarding potential options for insurance.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Development Committee report. Since July 1, 2020, \$80,000 has been raised, and the hope is to get to \$100,000 soon.

Mr. Nottingham provided an update on the search for a site for the K-8. The search has been challenging. ICS is now working with ALO to identify potential locations. Many different sites have been identified, but each has its own challenges. A decision must be made soon about whether to move forward with a 2021-22 opening.

Ms. McNeal provided the president's report. HHS received a Blue Ribbon designation, which is a significant achievement. She reported on the successes and challenges of the hybrid model and gave an update on virtual participation and academic performance. Attendance is very strong at both schools, particularly when compared to peers. Participation has been strong as well.

The meeting was adjourned.