

Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 16, 2022 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.

MINUTES

PRESENT: R. Muckle, M. Spellman, B. Crouch, L. Muller, K. Booker Jr., E. Bumgardner, C. Schiano, Dr. Spera

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson M. Spellman

1a. Establishment of Quorum

1b. Public Comment

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 on 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.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairperson M. Spellman

- Approval of Minutes from December BOD Meeting
- Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for February 2022
- Approval of the Board of Directors Bylaws Revisions
- Approval of the revisions to Policy 9314 and Policy 9310
- Acceptance of the updated ISAAC Organizational Chart

Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda

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

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Spera

3a. COVID-19 Re-Opening Update

Masks are now optional. There has not been an increase in possible cases.

3b. CSDE Report Update

The CSDE asked that charter schools use IAB (Interim Assessment Blocks). ISAAC has been using them. The goal is to utilize these assessments as a model for other charter schools to do the same.

3c. Grant Update

Applied for a \$315,000.00 additional grant for the possible purchase of vans.

Waiting to hear about the security grant that was submitted about a year ago.

3d. Legislative Update

Dr. Spera provided testimony at the latest meeting. He submitted his testimony in writing in reference to Bill #SB948 which is about funding all public school students based on their learning needs not based on what type of school they attend. Also providing construction funding. Allowing charter schools to be involved in the construction funding process.

3e. Hiring Update

Approved the Organizational Chart.

We will be moving from VNA Nursing Program to our own nurse and nurse's aide. This will save us about \$30,000.00 next school year.

There is a Social Studies position that will open next year. Mr. Barron will be retiring at the end of this school year. We have hired Mr. Irvine.

We hired a long-term sub for Art, Emily Feltes.

3f. JCJ Architecture Construction Project Update

Approved by zoning, did the RFP, which was submitted to The Day Newspaper and the DAS system. Today, eight construction companies showed up in person with 2 calling to say they couldn't make it. A great meeting took place. The bids will be received at the end of March. The School Building Committee will review the bids received. The expectation is that we will be able to move into the new classrooms during spring break in April 2023.

3g. Food Service Update and Cafeteria Upgrades

We are on target. Equipment has been arriving. The permit was received. It is expected that after spring break we will have a brand new kitchen.

3h. NEASC Accreditation Update – Collaborative Conf. Visit - Oct 17-18, 2022 (Oct 20-23, 2024)

The dates for the visit have been established as Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 17 and 18. The committee will be staying at the Holiday Inn and will probably want to meet with the Board on Monday.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. FINANCE

Treasurer L. Muller

- Finance Update - March Minutes
 - No significant items to note.
 - The budget will be distributed for review in advance of the May board meeting in order to discuss at the May meeting. The expectation is to vote on the budget at the June board meeting.

4b. GOVERNANCE

- March Minutes – Bylaws and Policy Revisions

Vice Chairperson M. Spellman

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson R. F. Muckle

5a. Requirements for Submitting Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2022-2023

1. Participation in the Healthy Food Option

Motion: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: L. Muller; Discussion/Comments/Questions: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions; None. The motion carries.

2. Allowance of Food and Beverage Exemptions

Motion: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: L. Muller; Discussion/Comments/Questions: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions; None. The motion carries.

5b. Establishment of the School Building Committee

Chairperson R. F. Muckle

Motion: Establish a School Building Committee for the purpose of planning and overseeing the expansion project of ISAAC

Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion/Comments/Questions: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions; None. The motion carries.

Chairperson Muckle appoints the following to this committee: M. Spellman - Vice Chairperson; L. Muller - Treasurer; Dr. Spera, B. Trost, T. Rodriguez, E. Robb and Mr. Muckle

Motion: Approval of the above members to the School Building Committee

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion/Comments/Questions: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions; None. The motion carries. The meetings will take place bi-weekly on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

5c. NEASC Standard 4 Self Study

Associate Principal Collins reported on how the staff voted on the different standards of the self study.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTOR TRAINING

Attorney Jessica Ritter, Shipman & Goodwin

Attorney Ritter presented different scenarios relating to the bylaws for a question-and-answer section.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson M. Spellman

Motion: Adjourn the meeting

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