



**Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

October 18, 2022 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM

New London, CT

This meeting was held virtually

MINUTES

In Attendance: Richard Muckle, Michael Spellman, Lee Muller, Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, Kevin Booker, Jr., Barbara Crouch
Dr. David Brailey, Elizabeth Bumgardner, Dr. Richard Sanders, Christina Schiano, Bill Linski, Brian Trost
Melanie Paterson, Dr. Larry Fenn, Erica Robb, Ruben Felipe, Claudia Phillips, Kara Neidhardt

4:00 pm

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Muckle

1a. Establishment of Quorum - *quorum establishment at 4:00 pm*

1b. Public Comment - *no public comment received*

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.

4:01 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman R. Muckle

- Approval for the September BOD Minutes
- Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for September 2022
- Acceptance of the Balance Sheet through September 30, 2022
- Acceptance of the Building Committee approval for the change order of the artificial turf design for \$9,073.85
- Approval of the 2023-24 ISAAC School Calendar

Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda

Moved: B. Crouch; **2nd:** R. Sanders; **Discussion:** none; **In Favor:** all; **Opposed:** none; **Abstentions:** None

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

4:03 pm

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Spera

3a. COVID-19 Update

No cases in the last 2 weeks. Mitigation strategies continue.

3b. CSDE Report Update

Dr. Spera, Chairman Muckle and Principal Linski going in front of CSDE subcommittee on 10/19/2022. The purpose of this meeting is to update them on our probation status. Will be speaking specifically about SpEd billing methodology.

3c. Grant Update

Title 1,2,3,4 and bilingual grant amount of money about the same.

3d. Legislative Update

Nothing new to report.

3e. Hiring Update

Hiring someone for Computer Education Class

3f. Construction Project Update

Steel is up and floor is down. Things are happening quickly. We are on schedule.

4:15 pm

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. FINANCE

Treasurer L. Muller

- Finance Update – October Minutes

Profit & loss statements were approved. Auditors were in the building yesterday. Vans are on standby, looking at November to June time frame. Received printer on enhancement grant. Financially and fiscally in great shape.



4b. SCHOOL BUILDING

Chairman Muckle

- School Building Committee Status Update

Dr. Spera has already spoken on this. Chairman Muckle asked contractor to break down schedule.

4:20 pm

5. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Muckle

5a. Discussion and possible action regarding the inclusion of STEM as an added focus (STEAM)

Dr. Spera presented different examples of what adding STEM would look like in our logo/letterhead. The word STEM would replace school and Middle School would be added to our name i.e. Interdistrict STEM, Arts & Communication Middle School. We are already implementing STEAM in our curriculum. As an added piece It would make sense to add marine science given our partnerships/grant with Mystic Aquarium and Project O. Discussion Ensued.

Motion: allow the administration of the school to move forward in researching and changing the school's name to include STEM as an added focus.

Moved: B. Crouch; **2nd:** K. Booker; **Discussion:** none; **In Favor:** all; **Opposed:** none; **Abstentions:** None

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

5b. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase or bid of a generator for food service operations

80-kilowatt generator, price range may be just under \$25,000 or just over, anything over needs to go to bid. 800 amp would be bought separately, price range \$5,000 -\$6,000.

Motion: proceed with purchase/bid of generator depending on price.

Moved: B. Crouch; **2nd:** L. Muller; **Discussion:** none; **In Favor:** all; **Opposed:** none; **Abstentions:** None

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

4:30 pm

6. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman R. Muckle

6a. 2022-2023 Board Goals

Dr. Spera

Dr. Spera presented slide show and provided explanation of district goals, school goals and teacher goals/SLOs

Motion: Approve the 2022-23 ISAAC BOD Goals as presented

Moved: B. Crouch; **2nd:** L.Fenn; **Discussion:** none; **In Favor:** all; **Opposed:** none; **Abstentions:** None

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

6b. Presentation from the Connecticut Charter Schools Association

Ruben Felipe Presents. Discussion ensued.

6c. Board Training with Shipman and Goodwin on November 16, 2022 BOD Meeting

5:15 pm

7. Adjourn

Chairman R. Muckle

Motion to adjourn meeting

Moved: B. Crouch; **2nd:** L. Fenn; **In Favor:** all; **Opposed:** none

Motion carries by unanimous voice vote