



International Academy Governance Council Special Meeting Minutes

Hosted by Birmingham Public Schools

Meeting Location: Birmingham Schools

31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

November 9, 2022

6:00 PM

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

A. Call to Order

The International Academy Governance Council meeting was called to order by Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent of Huron Valley School District at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

- Huron Valley: Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
- Bloomfield Hills: Mr. Patrick Watson, Superintendent
- Birmingham: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Superintendent
- Rochester: Dr. Robert Shaner, Superintendent
- Troy: Ms. Christine DiPilato, Deputy Superintendent
- Clawson: Mr. Billy Shellenbarger, Superintendent
- South Lyon: Mr. Steven Archibald, Superintendent

Members Absent:

- Avondale, Berkley, Lake Orion, Royal Oak, Waterford, West Bloomfield

Other Members of the Audience:

Ms. Lynne Gibson, Head of School, Principal Okma campus; Ms. Joanne Juco, International Academy IB Coordinator; Mr. Anthony DeGrazia, Assistant Principal of International Academy Okma; Mr. Patrick Griffin, Interim Principal East campus; and attorney Gary Collins from Collins & Blaha P.C.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Robert Shaner and supported by Mr. Patrick Watson that the IA Governance Council approves the November 9, 2022, meeting agenda as amended; calling a closed session to discuss the Letter of Agreement (Item C.).

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Patrick Watson, Dr. Paul Salah, and Dr. Robert Shaner.

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 4 – 0

III. Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Paul Salah and supported by Dr. Embekka Roberson that as permitted in the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267, Section 8 (c), the International Academy Governance Council shall go into closed session to discuss a Letter of Agreement between the IA Governance Council and International Academy Teachers.

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Patrick Watson, Dr. Paul Salah, and Dr. Robert Shaner.

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 4 - 0

IV. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Dr. Robert Shaner and supported by Mr. Patrick Watson that the IA Governance Council approves the September 14, 2022, meeting minutes.

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Patrick Watson, Dr. Paul Salah, and Dr. Robert Shaner.

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 4 – 0

It was moved by Mr. Patrick Watson and supported by Dr. Embekka Robertson that the IA Governance Council approves the September 14, 2022, Closed Session meeting minutes.

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Patrick Watson, Dr. Paul Salah, and Dr. Robert Shaner.

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 4 - 0

V. Letter of Agreement

It was moved by Dr. Robert Shaner and supported by Mr. Patrick Watson that the IA Governance Council approves the Letter of Agreement as presented, between the IA Governance Council and International Academy Teachers.

Ayes: Dr. Embekka Roberson, Mr. Patrick Watson, Dr. Paul Salah, and Dr. Robert Shaner.

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried 4 - 0

VI. Public Comment (agenda items)

Madonna Hughes
Robert Connors

Katja Fisher
Sandra Kassa
Dr. Penelope Higgs
Catherine Hennessy

VII. Principal's Report

A. Report by Lynne Gibson, Head of School

Lynne Gibson provided tri-campus happenings that included welcoming the interim East associate principal, recognition of National Merit Semi-finalist and commended students, IA's Diploma Program high acquisition rate, successful dances and upcoming school plays. Joanne Juco discussed the recent two-day IB training for all staff and science curriculum updates. There was a reminder that graduation will occur on June 4th at Pine Knob at 4:00pm.

VIII. Public Comment (non-agenda items)

There were no requests for public comment.

IX. Other

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the closed session meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
Huron Valley School District