



Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM

New London, CT

This meeting was held virtually

In Attendance: Richard Muckle, Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, William Linski, Tanya Collins, Kevin Booker, Jr., William Linski
Dr. Richard Sanders, Melanie Paterson, Erica Robb, Christina Schiano, Barbara Crouch, Amy Geary
Elizabeth Bumgardner, Michael Spellman

MINUTES

4:00 pm

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R.F. Muckle

1a. Establishment of Quorum - *Quorum established.*

1b. Public Comment – *No 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.

4:01 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- Approval of Minutes from April BOD Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from April Special BOD Meeting
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- Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for April 2023
- Acceptance of the \$25,000 Grant from the Community Foundation for the Aquarium Sci Program
- Acceptance of the Bid Waiver for Something Fishy Aquarium Services
- Approval of the Contract for the Aquarium Science Lab Project with Something Fishy for \$46,500

Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda

Moved: M. Paterson; **2nd:** M. Spellman; *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. Lottery Update

We are currently full for next year, with a robust waiting list.

3b. CSDE Report Update

We have submitted our final report in terms of the gains that we've made according to the monitoring tool that we use (AimsWeb, IEB).

Inquired about where we are with are name change.

3c. Grant Update

\$25,000 grant towards aquarium science program received from Community Foundation.

Currently awaiting a response from the mental health grant, we should hear back in a week or two.

3d. Legislative Update

The Charter Association has been advocating for more funds but in that they've including the Danbury Charter funded which is a point of contention between the legislators.

3e. Hiring Update

Hired a science teacher with a major in marine science, Tiffany Perry

3f. Construction Project Update

One section of brick is complete. Target date for completion is June 30th.

4:15 pm

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. FINANCE

Treasurer L. Muller

- Finance Update - May Minutes

4b. SCHOOL BUILDING

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- School Building Update
Construction is moving a long

- 4c. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The committee met and discussed withdrawal from NEASC, programing and moving towards STEAM and strategic planning.

4d. GOVERNANCE

Vice-Chair M. Spellman

- BOD Election Ballot
 - Elections at the June Meeting
*Richard Muckle for Chairman
Michael Spellman for Vice-Chairman
Barbara Crouch for Secretary
Lee Muller for Treasurer*

Motion: *To close nominations and to approve the election ballot of officers for 2022-23*

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

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

4e. CURRICULUM

Dr. David Brailey

- Curriculum Update
*Teachers have been working on submitting and revising curriculum for next year.
New courses for next year will be approved in August. Those courses are the aquarium science course,
A video game coding course, robotics course, civics communications course, communications course, and an
invention convention. We are also looking to add honors for 7th grade students next year.*

4:30 pm

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman R.F Muckle

5a. Executive Director Budget Overview

Dr. Spera

Dr. Spera presented budget PowerPoint detailing budget goals and plans.

Motion: *to approve budget as presented*

Moved: M. Spellman; **2nd:** E. Bumgardner; **Discussion:** none; **In Favor:** all; **Opposed:** none; **Abstentions:** None

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

5b. Culture and Climate Survey Presentation

Associate Principal Collins

Ms. Collins presented PowerPoint with results of our Culture and Climate Surveys

5c. Strategic Planning Meeting Schedule for 2029

Dr. Spera

Dr. Spera will be speaking to teachers and board members to get their input for the strategic plan. Part of the plan is for 6th graders to have math every day. A draft of the plan will be presented to the board in August/September.

5:00 pm

6. ADJOURN

Chairman R.F. Muckle

Motion: *to adjourn*

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

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote