



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

November 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM

New London, CT

This meeting was be held virtually

In Attendance: Michael Spellman, Dr. Larry Fenn, Shannon Lougee, Tanya Collins, Lee Muller, Amy Geary, Dr. David Brailey, Richard Muckle, Barbare Crouch, Erica Robb Christina Schiano, Dr. Nicholas Spera

MINUTES

- 4:00 pm **1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER** Chairman R. Muckle
 1a. Establishment of Quorum 1b. Public
 Comment – no public comment
- 4:01 pm **2. CONSENT AGENDA** Chairman R. Muckle
- Approval for the October BOD Minutes
 - Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for October 2023
 - Approval of the Executive Director’s Goals for 2023-2024
- Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda*
Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: L. Muller; 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. CSDE Report Update
Had our charter renewal visit, received 8-page report with few action required items; received commendations on our inviting space, staff focused curriculum, special education and bilingual focus, Erica Robb commended on the fiscal aspect.
- 3b. Grant Update
We will become eligible for a \$1.25 million expansion grant if/when our additional 60 seats for 4th & 5th grade are approved. This is a federal grant.
- 3c. Legislative Update
7 senators and representatives visited the school yesterday including the top 3 senators in the education committee and members of the appropriation committee. Governor Lamont was in the area and also made a stop at ISAAC. The 3 things that were brought up to the legislative team were our wish to secure 60 more seats for 4th/ 5th grade; our need for more funding; and lastly that as school we have a loan. They will be returning to tell us how they can help.
- 3d. Hiring Update
Hired a retiree to fill our English teacher position, this is a .8 position.
- 3e. Construction Project Update
The construction project is officially done!
- 3f. Future Grades 4 & 5 Expansion Project Update
Dr. Spera explains the plan for 4th & 5th grade if we were to receive the 60 seats.
- 4:15 pm **4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 4a. FINANCE Treasurer L. Muller
- Finance Update – October Minutes
Profit & Loss statement shared in consent agenda
Motion: to pay \$140,266.77 for the final construction project bill
Moved: R. Muckle; 2nd: B. Crouch; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: None
Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote
- 4b. SCHOOL BUILDING Chairman Muckle
- School Building Committee Status Update
Final meeting held today. Construction is complete.

4:20 pm

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a. Accountability Index Review

Dr. Spera shares presentation

5b. Board Training with Shipman and Goodwin

Attorney Ritter training presentation with updated school laws.

5c. Discussion Regarding the December Meeting Date and Time

Chairman R. Muckle

Dr. Spera

Attorney Jessica Ritter

Dr. Spera

5:00 pm

6. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn

Moved: M. Spellman; 2nd: L. Muller; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: None

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

Chairman R. Muckle