



Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of Creative Inspiration Journey School of St. Cloud duly called and held on March 30, 2021 at 6:15 pm at 2030 Old Hickory Tree Rd., St. Cloud, FL 34772.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Dixon at 6:24 pm.

Jeff Dixon (President)  
Tom Pylant (Vice-President & Treasurer)  
Heather Leppard (Secretary)  
Susan Powers (Member-at-Large)  
Patty Marquis (IPS)  
Sherrri Schneider (IPS)  
Hanadi Itani (Parent Liaison)  
Michele Quinn (Principal)

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Introductions- N/A
- III. Celebrations/Recognitions-N/A
- IV. Approve Minutes- February 22, 2021

With the approval of the Directors present, Jeff Dixon acted as chair of the meeting and Heather Leppard recorded the minutes. On motions duly made and seconded, it was voted that the minutes of the meeting of board of directors from February 22, 2021 taken as read.

- V. Consent Agenda

Members are reminded to recuse from voting on any item that may be a conflict of interest.

- a. CIJS Calendar 2021/2022
- b. CIJS Board Calendar 2021/2022

Heather Leppard moved that we approve the Consent Agenda; Susan Powers seconded the motion. In a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

- VI. Non-Consent Agenda Items to be Voted On

- a. Approval to contract with Southcrest for expansion
  - i. We received bids from 3 companies for the proposed expansion of the building to accommodate middle school classroom space, as well as an addition to the library, kitchen, playground, barn, and basketball court. BCCG and Regatta/ DC Designs were significantly more expensive than Southcrest, whose current bid is \$2.86 million.

Heather Leppard moved that we contract with Southcrest for the expansion. Susan Powers seconded. In a unanimous Roll Call vote, the Board approved the motion.

- VII. Principal Report- N/A



VIII. IPS Reports-

a. Financials (S. Schneider)

- i. The EIDL Loan amount may increase from \$150,000 to \$500,000. Will keep us updated.
- ii. We are in the process of an audit from the National School Lunch Program, which may have an impact on May finances.
- iii. Discussion about the possibilities for staffing the required SRO position. There has been a change to the law recently that may lead to increased costs for CIJS-SC.
- iv. We will not be allowed to collect supply fees next year, which will also have an impact on the budget.

b. Summer Camp Update (P. Marquis)

- i. After surveying the families, we are moving forward with setting up summer camps (enrichment), which should also provide some additional funding.

c. Charter Application Update (P. Marquis)

- i. The District is allowing us to expand into 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year. We will need to reapply for a middle school charter next year in order to expand into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

d. Letter to District regarding IDEA Funds.

- i. We are considering taking the allocated IDEA funds for CIJS-SC and administer the services ourselves in lieu of services from the District. We had drafted a letter to the District in an effort to expedite the process but chose to wait to send it at this point to give the District another opportunity to reply. We have been trying to get the information on funding since January.

IX. Public Comments

X. Upcoming Meetings/Events

- a. Future Board Meetings: May 18, 2021 and June 15, 2021

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business to transact at the time, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Ann Leppard".

Heather Leppard, Secretary