



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

March 12, 2024 at 3:00 pm via ZOOM

New London, CT

*This meeting was held virtually

In Attendance: Dr. Larry Fenn, Shannon Lougee, Lee Muller, Amy Geary, Richard Muckle, Brian Trost, Christina Schiano, Dr. Nicholas Spera, Dr. Larry Fenn, Michael Spellman, Tanya Collins, William Linsky

MINUTES

- 3:00 pm **1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER** *Chairman R.F. Muckle*
- 3:01 pm **2. ISAAC Increasing Educator Diversity Plan** *Dr. Nicholas Spera*
Dr. Spera shares ISAAC's Increasing Educator Diversity Plan developed by the Increasing Educator Diversity Committee to the Board for approval.
Motion: Approve the ISAAC Increasing Educator Diversity Plan
Moved: L. Fenn; 2nd: M. Spellman; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: None
Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote
- 3:15 pm **3. Requirements for Submitting Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2024-25**
- a. Participation in the Healthy Food Option**
Motion: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.
Moved: R. Muckle; 2nd: D. Brailey; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: None
Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote
- b. Allowance of Food and Beverage Exemptions**
Motion: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.
Moved: R. Muckle; 2nd: L. Muller; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: None
Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote
- 3:20 pm **4. Executive Session to Discuss the Negotiations with the Collective Bargaining Unit**
- *Motion: Move to Executive Session to discuss the negotiations for the collective bargaining agreement and invite Dr. Spera to join.*
Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: M. Spellman; Discussion: none; In Favor: 7; Opposed: none; Abstentions: 2
Motion Carries
Motion: to amend current agenda to include discussion to cancel next week's meeting.
Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: C. Schiano; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: None
Motion Carries

5. DISCUSSION TO CANCEL NEXT WEEK'S MEEETING *Added to agenda by unanimous vote*

Motion: to cancel next week's meeting.

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

Motion Carries

3:40 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman R.F. Muckle

Motion: to adjourn

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

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote