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

April 17, 2024 at 4:00 pm

New London, CT

This meeting was held virtually via ZOOM

In Attendance: Shannon Lougee, Richard Muckle, Erica Robb, Christina Schiano, Dr. Nicholas Spera, E Dr. Richard Sanders, Dr. Larry Fenn, Tanya Collins, William Linski, Mercedes Alger, Lisa Lazarou, Kevin Booker, Dr. David Brailey

MINUTES

- 4:00 pm **1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER** *Chairman R. Muckle*
- 1a. Establishment of Quorum – quorum established.
 - 1b. Public Comment – No public comment
- 4:01 pm **2. CONSENT AGENDA** *Chairman R. Muckle*
- Approval for the February BOD Minutes
 - Approval for the March Special Meeting BOD Minutes
 - Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for March 2024
 - Acceptance of the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2024
- Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda*
Moved: R. Sanders; 2nd: S. Lougee; 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
Dr. Spera updates board on the renewal process. Members of the Board express frustration with the treatment of ISAAC from CSDE. The Board instructed Dr. Spera to pursue legal action with Shipman & Goodwin. Discussion Ensued.
 - 3b. Grant Update
We received a \$20,000 grant which will help offset the cost of Chromebook for incoming 6th graders. Waiting hear on grant for touch tank from the community foundation.
 - 3c. Legislative Update
We are still pursuing our goal for an expansion for 4th and 5th grade. We have submitted all requested documents and are waiting for legislation and the CSDE to approve.
 - 3d. Hiring Update
Nothing to report. We continue to recruit for open positions for next year.
 - 3e. Budget Process Update
Erica continues to work on budget. Budget will be presented at the next Board meeting.
 - 3f. Recruitment Update
We have over 300 applications, 150 of which are out of district applicants.
- 4:15 pm **4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 4a. FINANCE *Chairman R. Muckle*
 - Finance Update – April Minutes
Year to Date Profit and loss has been approved. Updates previously shared by Dr. Spera in Executive Director report.

4:25 pm

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman R. Muckle

5a. Spring Culture & Climate Survey Results

T. Collins, L. Lazarou, & M. Alger

Mrs. Collins shares presentation with results from our most recent Student Survey, Parent Survey, and Staff Survey.

Union representatives also provide live feedback. Mrs. Alger was recognized as ISAAC Teacher of the Year.

5b. Results from a Doctoral Study featuring ISAAC

Dr. David Brailey

Dr. Brailey shares results from study done by colleague on food and security based on research done at ISAAC.

5c. Graduation – Monday, June 3, 2024 at Mitchell College

Dr. Spera

4:45 pm

6. ADJOURN

Chairman R. Muckle

Motion: Adjourn

Moved: D. Brailey; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: None

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote