



Innovations International Charter School of Nevada

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Innovations International Charter School of Nevada will conduct a public meeting on: Monday, September 11, 2023, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the following location:

1600 E. Oakey Blvd. and

Zoom Meeting

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This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020.

Members of the public are invited to attend. Please note the following:

Time for public comment is provided at the beginning and at the conclusion of the meeting. Individuals wishing to provide public comment should fill out a Visitor Card, which will be numbered in order received by the school's Registrar/Office Manager. Time Limit: A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Board's President will be imposed on public comments in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available. Public comment cannot be restricted based on viewpoint.

Innovations' Governing Board reserves the right to take agenda items out of order, items may be removed or delayed from the agenda at any time, and two or more items may be combined for consideration.

Board Members and Staff of Innovations International Charter School may participate via telephone conference call.

Innovations is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public who has a disability and wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the school in writing, at 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89104, or via email at becky_poole@iicsn.org or call 702-216-4337.

Agenda

1. Call to order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Members Present:

D. Bayot

L. Putney

L. Wright

R. Nathanson

N. Klimow

S. Barnson

3. Public Comment # 1

Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. See NRS 241.020. A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Board President, will be imposed on public comments. The Board President may allow additional public comment at his/her discretion. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter not on the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion Made to approve the agenda: N. Klimow
Motion Seconded – D. Bayot
Unanimous Approval

5. Approval of Prior Board Minutes

Motion Made to approve the minutes – R. Nathanson
Motion Seconded – N. Klimow
Unanimous Approval

Financial Organization

6. Budget Update

B. Poole presented the board members with a P & L sheet and with a Balance Sheet that was current through August 31, 2023. The Balance Sheet shows the following:
\$852,950.16 from DSA
\$479,990.00 from grant money
Thus showing after expenditures, a \$423,213.17 balance for August 2023

B. Poole presented the board members with a Balance Sheet for the month. This indicated the same net income of \$423,213.17 as well.

7. ESSR Grant Updates

Discussion was held concerning the status of the ESSR III Grant. The final expenditures of this grant need to be made by 9/30/2024. There is an upfront cost to the items for the school with a reimbursement of funds made through the district. Currently, Innovations is waiting for \$171,928.20 reimbursement from the district for costs incurred. The school is currently down to \$840,000.00 left in the grant to be expended.

8. Update on External Audit Status

The school is working with Velez and Hardy CPAs accounting firm for the external audit. The auditor field work will begin the first part of October. Paper work has been prepared for the audit with supplementary work being submitted as requested.

9. Title I Budget Update

Title I funds have been made available to the schools. Innovations is using its funding for tutoring, the before school program, and the after school program. An additional set of funds, approximately an additional 10% will be added after January. These funds will be used for a summer academy program.

10. Title I 1003 (a) Grant Mandates for High School

Innovations' high school is on the CSI list (Comprehensive Support and Improvement) school. A grant was written to Title I and our high school was identified to receive the grant. Subcategories of this grant have been predetermined. We will work to meet the guidelines and the academic challenges to meet the standards of the grant as we work with auditors and oversight staff this year.

11. Fundraising

V. Hofeldt is working as the organizer and main contact person for all fundraisers. We are completing last year's candy sales and have begun an online shopping fundraising event. This kicked off before Labor Day. All funds raised will be used to assist students and student programs at both campuses.

Operational Organization

12. Human Resources

- **Open Positions**

K. Malin noted that our staffing for both campuses is almost complete. We are seeking to hire one academic strategist for ELA for the elementary. All other positions have been filled.

- **Long Term Subs**

K. Malin also noted that we have 9 long term substitute teachers working for us at various levels and in various subject areas across both campuses.

- **Contract Presentation – Action Item: Board Approval Required**

K. Malin presented the following:

The school has:

- (3) administrators
- (2) counselors
- (1) social worker
- (4) special education staff
- (1) ELL Facilitator/teacher
- (35) licensed staff (inclusive of the long term substitutes)
- (2) Instructional Coaches
- (1) Academic Strategist
- (9) Instructional paraprofessionals
- (17) non-instructional support staff
- (1) licensed staff on FMLA

In calculating the salaries encompassing the above staffing, the following information was shared with the board members.

Licensed staff: 2.1 million dollars

Licensed staff PERS: \$686,000

Licensed Staff Insurance: \$427,000.00

Additional fees are added for support staff, support staff PERS, and support staff insurance.

Action Item:

Motion made to accept the contracted teachers and the fees associated L. Wright
Motion seconded N. Klimow
Unanimous approval

- **Feedback on Security Team**

Feedback has been presented by staff, student, and family members concerning the Security Team hired to protect both campuses. The overall comments have been supportive and positive. The team members are supportive and work well with the staff to ensure all are safe. The school is pleased to be able to work with them.

Academic Organization

13. Update on Academics

- **MAPS data**

MAPs exams are to be given three times/yearly to students in order to measure academic progress in reading. Innovations uses these exams for all students in grades K-12 for reading and mathematics. The data from the exams show students baseline positioning, monitor growth. Currently, the first MAPs exams show an average of 10.65% of the students are placing in the bottom 40th percentiles for reading. These students must receive intensive instruction, tutoring, and monitoring for growth. The school's RTI plans assist with this.

- **Brigance data**

The Brigance is given to students in kindergarten as an entry level screener. Multiple categories have appeared as areas of concern for the Innovations' students. These are: (a) personal information, (b) letter recognition, (c) number recognition and counting, (d) fine motor skills, (e) writing and fine motor skills, and fluency. These may be some of the same students who are struggling with the MAPs as well. RTIs and training for staff are being used to ensure student growth.

- **Professional Development Update**

The school has been busy with professional development since August. The following have been presented to the staff:

1. Achieve 3000
2. Next Wave
3. Dyslexia
4. Boardworks
5. Google
6. AB 219
7. Title I 1003 (a)
8. A.L.I.C.E. – school safety
9. Go Guardian
10. Epi Pen and Narcan
11. Drone Legends

12. Title I Budget
13. Title I Parent Engagement

- **New curriculum**

New curriculum was purchased for the secondary campus this year. The following contents were ordered:

1. Music
2. Social Studies
3. Mathematics
4. Science
5. Rosetta Stone
6. Slooh Astronomy

Consumable curriculum items for the elementary campus were also ordered. The following contents were ordered:

1. Reach for Reading
2. Writing Highway
3. Everyday Math
4. Slooh Astronomy

In addition, ESSR money was used to purchase supplementary materials. These are as:

1. Next Wave STEM
2. Stemfinity
3. Drone Legends

- **Technology**

Innovations is very pleased to be able to roll out its full level of technology this year. The following items will be in use:

1. Chromebooks
2. 3-D printers
3. 3-D laptops
4. VR Glasses
5. Drones
6. Robots

Each of these items is associated with curriculum for student and staff use.

14. Student Discipline – Meeting will move to a closed session to remain confidential

Action Item: Vote on how to proceed

15. Public Comment # 2

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16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.