



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, November 6, 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**
Members Present: L. Putney, S. Barnson, N. Klimow, R. Nathanson, L. Wright, and L. Cramer
2. **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.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion made to approve the agenda by L. Wright
Motion seconded by N. Klimow
Unanimous approval
4. **Approval of Prior Board Minutes**
Motion made to approve prior minutes by N. Klimow
Motion seconded by L. Wright
Unanimous approval

Financial Organization

5. **Budget Update**
The board was presented a balance sheet and a profit/loss sheet completed through September 30, 2023. It was noted the school currently has a net income of \$200,694.27; a capital improvement balance of \$344,962.00, and an accounts payable of \$138,190.55. Currently the auditors are balancing accounts and looking at expenditures, so there is limited ability for the business department to do any work in Cougar Mountain – the accounting software. Questions were asked and a discussion ensued.
6. **ESSR Grant and SB 495 Updates**
Discussion was held and information was shared noting the deadlines for the above named grants. SB 495 currently pays for the Instructional Coaches, Academic Interventionists, the Social worker, Summer school, and Achieve 3000. All expenditures are reimbursable from the 1st – 15th of each month for the previous month's expenses. The ESSR grant will be completed in June 2024. These expenses pay for technology, paraprofessionals, instructional materials, and much more.
7. **Information Concerning New Federal/State Charter School Grant Availability**
The Governor's Office has put forth notification for a charter loan system for schools looking to expand. The particulars of the grant/loan are not finalized and put out to charters at this point.

There is a belief that more information will be forthcoming. The school will alert the board for further investigation and discussion.

8. Update on External Audit

Discussion was held concerning the external audit. There is a November 30th deadline. Mr. Malin is concerned that our school may not meet the reporting deadline. Many of the charter schools have used Ellsworth Stout for years as their external firms. The State of Nevada has approved firms that may provide external auditing services. The partners of Ellsworth Stout have broken off to form two separate companies. They took 11 of the charter schools with one set of partners and left the remaining for the other set. In September, the field representatives were to begin at Innovations, but had to place this on hold as our department had an illness and asked for a week's reschedule. This then seems as if the school was placed at the bottom of the list with the auditors just beginning the process. All of our records were submitted to the auditors on time and we are pushing for completion to meet the deadline. We are checking daily on the progress being made.

The positive news though, comes from our accountant. He completed the District's Financial Framework today and returned it to us for submission. The framework looks at the financial stability of the school and gives a point/color rating or designation for various categories.

1. Near Term Current Ratio – Innovations / green / meets standards
2. Unrestricted Days of Cash on Hand – Innovations / green / meets standards
3. Enrollment Accuracy – Innovations / yellow / does not meet standards – enrollment forecast accuracy is 95% or greater in the most recent year but does not equal or exceed 95% accuracy or greater for each of the last three years
4. Debt Default – Innovations / green / meets standards
5. Total Margin – Innovations / green / meets standards
6. Debt to Asset Ratio – Innovations / green / meets standards
7. Cash Flow – Innovations / green / meets standards
8. Debt Service Coverage Ration – Innovations / green / meets standards

Operational Organization

9. Human Resources

The following information was shared by the H.R. Director:

1. We have one staff currently out on FMLA – however the 12 weeks allotment has expired
2. We have an office worker out on FMLA until December
3. We have another staff member going out on FMLA after Thanksgiving until February
4. We are still looking for an Academic Interventionist to replace the one hired for the secondary school

Academic Organization

10. Continuous Improvement Plan

The school is working to update the Continuous Improvement Plan. Each plan has had various elements added to meet grant expectations and to ensure that goals established are being met. The district will now inspect the plans, give approval, be sent to the state for approval, and then be posted on the school's website.

11. Update on Academics

At this time, the school is preparing for the MAPS winter test. As directed the school has screened with a Reading Fluency Test to the students who scored in the 10th percentile or less. We have written literacy plans for students in 11th to 40th percentile. All students are getting tutors and those on RTIs and in the lowest 10th percentile are to be working with the academic strategist. The winter exam will begin November 13th and we will then be comparing the results.

12. Nevada Report Card Status

The board members were presented with the information from Nevada Report Card. They were walked through the information for gathering points by school, grade level, and subgroup populations. The school was a 2 star at the elementary and middle school last year and a 3 star at the high school. Discussion was held for what procedures were put into place to rectify the testing for the current school year. Discussion was held concerning the variables of the last two years for testing and COVID conditions.

13. Parent Engagement Events

Discussion was held concerning the academic evenings and the social evenings set forth by the school to engage parents in the learning process. The ultimate goal is to engage parents again so we can show them how to help their children at home and what their children need to do to be academically successful each year. The social evenings are to get the parents to enjoy being in the school as partners and to offer times for them to spend time with their children in an academic setting.

14. Other as Needed

Sec 1 is a security company utilized by the school to work to secure outside forces from entering the school to harm the school's staff, students, or families. At present, they have been very helpful in assisting to mitigate unsafe entries, to calming down parents who are agitated, and to keeping the campus free from vagrants who try to enter the school or damage staff member cars. The staff members feel safe this year as a result of this staffing and feel as if they can do their job free from distractions.

15. Public Comment # 2

Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised 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.

16. Adjournment

A motion was made by L. Wright to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by R. Nathanson
Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.