



Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 21, 2025 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM

New London, CT

This meeting was held virtually

In Attendance: Richard Muckle, Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, Dr. Kevin Booker, Barbara Crouch, Dr. David Brailey, Amanda Grundy, Shannon Lougee, Erica Robb, Tanya Collins, Michael Spellman

MINUTES

4:00 pm

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- 1a. Establishment of Quorum – *quorum established*
- 1b. Public Comment – *no public comments*

4:01 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- Approval of Minutes from April BOD Meeting
- Bid Waiver for Furniture – Ethan Allen
- Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for May 2025 & Budget Line Transfer
- Approval for Payment to G. Donovan Construction for \$192,478.69

Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda

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Moved: B. Crouch; 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. Lottery Update

Full enrollment for 2025-2026 SY

3b. CSDE Report Update

Recent visit to observe our human resource practices, visit was successful. Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Geary and Mrs. Alger will also be meeting with the subcommittee of the state board as part of the renewal process to go over our suspension rate, which has decreased.

3c. Grant Update

We will be looking to renew our 21CCLC grant this upcoming school year. We also applied for a debt repayment grant that is available for charter schools only.

3d. Legislative Update

We have been watching the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) bill which originally had a schedule for Charter schools to eventually get 100% funding in ECS dollars in 4 yrs. Recently when the bill went to appropriation the language regarding charters was removed. We've reached out to our senators, Senator Summers and Representative Nolan in hopes that they will be advocating for us.

3e. Hiring Update

We are adding 4 certified teachers to our building next year. We will be at a total of 60 employees.

4:15 pm

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. FINANCE

Dr. Spera

- Finance Update - May Minutes

The finance committee has approved today's budget overview and made a recommendation for that to be voted on.



4b. SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dr. David Brailey

*Construction is coming to completion. Main entrance should be open by the end of the week.
We will have ribbon cutting for the building addition on August 18, 2025, at 2pm.*

4c. GOVERNANCE

Vice-Chair M. Spellman

- Annual Parent Representative
Amanda Grundy returns as parent representative
- Annual Teacher Representative
Shannon Lougee returns as teacher representative
- BOD Election Ballot
 - Elections at the June Meeting

Motion: To close nominations and to approve the election ballot of officers for 2025-26

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

4:30 pm

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman R.F. Muckle

5a. Executive Director Budget Overview

Dr. Spera

Dr. Spera presents the budget proposal presentation to the board.

Motion: Motion to accept budget for 2025-2026

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: D. Brailey; Discussion: conversation ensued.; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

5b. Parent Survey Data

Tanya Collins

Mrs. Collins shares the results of the parent survey in a presentation to the board. Results show over 90% parent satisfaction.

5c. Possible Executive Session

Motion: To move into an executive session to discuss a pending claim and invite Dr. Spera

Moved: K. Booker; 2nd: B. Crouch; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

5:00 pm

6. ADJOURN

Chairman R.F. Muckle

Motion: To Adjourn

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote