



**Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

May 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM

New London, CT

This meeting was held virtually

In Attendance: Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, Richard Muckle, Barbara Crouch, Dr. David Brailey, Mercedes Alger, Dr. Richard Sanders, Dr. Kevin Booker, Jr., Dr. Tanya Collins, Michael Spellman, Lee Muller, Elizabeth Bumgardner, Lisa Lazarou

MINUTES

4:00 pm

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

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

4:01 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the Minutes from the April BOD Meeting
- Approval of the Minutes from the April Special BOD Meeting
- Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for April 2026
Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda
Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: B. Crouch; 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
Dr. Spera reports that ISAAC is at full enrollment for next year, with 319 from 14 different towns, applications including 89 applications after the lottery.
- 3b. CSDE Report Update
Dr. Spera reports that ISAAC is ready to submit the final report for this year to the CSDE Accountability & Support Department. He also states that this will be the last report for at least a year since ISAAC is heading into a Charter Renewal year. Dr. Spera expects a positive outcome as ISAAC continues to improve in all areas including having record breaking science test scores this year.
- 3c. Grant Update
Dr. Spera reports that ISAAC is still waiting for applications to the 21CCLC grant to open. Reports are that the application will be released soon, just waiting for CSDE approval to be released. On the other grant that we were awarded over 3 million dollars we are still waiting on the bond commission to be held for funds to be released.
- 3d. Legislative Update
Dr. Spera reports that the Governor has decided that every municipality will be receiving municipal additional funds and additional ECS funding towards the school. As part of that, 8.7 million dollars (\$700 per pupil) allocated to charter schools. Money for charter schools will not be distributed until June 2027.
- 3e. Hiring Update
Dr. Spera reports that an additional Math teacher, Lauren Kang, has been hired.
- 3f. Graduation – Monday, June 8, 2026, at 2 pm

4:15 pm

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. FINANCE

Treasurer L. Muller

- Finance Update - May Minutes
Profit & loss statements have been voted on and accepted. Budget overview will be presented In New Business.



4b. GOVERNANCE

Vice-Chair M. Spellman

- Annual Parent Representative – *Amanda Grundy*
- Annual Teacher Representative – *Lisa Lazarou*

Motion: To approve the Parent/Teacher Representatives for 2026-27

Moved: M. Spellman; 2nd: L. Muller Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none;

Abstentions: none Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

- BOD Election Ballot

- Elections at the June Meeting

Motion: To close nominations and to approve the election ballot of officers for 2026-27

Moved: E. Bumgardner; 2nd: L. Muller; 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

Motion: To approve budget as presented by Dr. Spera

Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: M. Spellman; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

5b. Annual Presentation of CSDE Profile and Performance Report

Dr. Spera

Dr. Spera presented the CSDE Profile and Performance Report to the Board.

5:00 pm

6. ADJOURN

Chairman R.F. Muckle

Motion: To adjourn

Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote