

Idaho Arts Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

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Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2016

Board Members Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance Status</u>
Matt Mesropian	President	Absent
Joel Taylor	Vice-President	Present
Jodi Daugherty	Treasurer	Present
Kaylene McDonald	Secretary	Present
Heather Neubauer	Board Member	Present
Chad Majors	Board Member	Present

Agenda: As Published

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Joel Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:37pm and started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. POLICY DISCUSSION (6:30pm – 7:00pm)

No policies discussed

A motion to approve the above policies as listed was entertained- a motion was made and seconded, all in favor- motion carries. Policies approved.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Student Presentations – None

B. Teacher / Advisor Reports - None

C. Donna Myers – Budget / Financial Information. Audit conducted by Quest CPAs, P.C. Audit went very well. GASB 45 only opinion noted. This was discussed last year. No significant deficiencies noted. No non-compliance issued noted. General fund has a positive increase. Recommendation from auditor to increase general fund with expansion. IACS received \$350,000 from Alberston's grant received. Expecting another \$450,000, Elementary reading curriculum ordered.

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- D. Director's Report – Jackie Collins - Reseeded lawn. Library floor is done besides a few touch ups. Repairs came in under budget. New doors were installed in old school building. Everything packed and moved to new building. Playground equipment should be in next couple of weeks. Road should be done by August 22. Bussing increase of 2-3 busses. Will no longer be able to accommodate high school students on elementary bus. IACS will no longer offer before school program. Water damage continues to be cleaned with an estimated cost of \$6000 with \$2500 deductible. Bond refinancing went well. Net savings of approximately \$568,000. Back log for some furniture which may not arrive by school opening. First IACS Gala in planning stage. Ribbon cutting ceremony for new elementary school is August 29th at noon.
- E. Principals' Report – Marie McGrath – Assessment from last year overall growth for all grades 3-10 ISAT. Some struggle with 8th grade which Marie is looking at. MAPS scores also show growth. Strategic plan – changed some demographic information. Discussed goals of strategic plan, strategies to achieve those goals and assessment of goals. See Strategic Plan 2016-17 for specific information.
- F. Elementary Report – Anthony Haskett – Changes to student handbook. See discussion under Action Agenda. Anthony will be sending out letter to parents regarding pick-up and drop-off procedures for both campuses.
- G. Elementary Report – Kendall Fleshman – None
- H. Approval of previous meeting minutes

A motion to approve the consent agenda was entertained- a motion was made and seconded, all in favor- motion carries. Consent agenda approved.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

- A. More property under consideration for purchase adjoining new school. Property will be \$2 per square foot for total cost of \$180,000. Build building at a later date. Would have a small frontage for later sale.
- B. New Teacher Hire – Special Ed Melissa Hegg
- C. Decision not to have new board member from Sun Valley at this time. She is not able to attend more than 6 meeting which is not feasible.
- D. Handbook changes:
 - 1. Title for principals.
 - 2. Grades K-6 no cell phones during the day.
 - 3. Changing grading scale
 - 4. Pick-up and drop-off procedures
 - 5. Allowing high school to be off campus once per month if they met certain requirements as set forth by the administration.

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A motion to approve the action agenda was entertained- a motion was made and seconded, all in favor- motion carries. Action agenda approved.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Next regular Board Meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

VI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION – the Board adjourned to Executive Session at

The board did not adjourn to executive session

This session is closed to the public. Session called as per state code: 67-2345. Section (b) (To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student)

1. An executive session is being called as per 67-2345. Section (b) (To consider the evaluation, of a staff member and to hear/review complaints brought against a staff member)
2. MSC to executive session
3. MSC to adjourn to regular session

Executive session adjourned at pm and returned to regular session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Idaho Arts Charter School Mission and Purpose

Arts Charter School's mission is to develop students with the academic achievements, skills, and attitudes necessary to succeed in elementary, middle and secondary school, and to be offered a post-secondary education and satisfying employment. Additionally, the school seeks to inspire students and develop artistic talents, attitudes and skills in students, promoting lifelong avocation in arts areas. The school seeks to develop an educated citizenry for the 21st century through academic programs, centered around a diverse arts curriculum, using focused investigations.

Instruction will be well grounded in Idaho Standards including the basics of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies, and will develop the habits of lifelong learning, curiosity, clear oral and written communication, creative thinking, effective use of technology as a tool, adaptability to new situations and new information, and problem-solving skills.

Students will gain these skills and abilities through a curriculum based heavily in music, drama, visual arts and dance. Students will develop personal habits and attitudes that lead to accepting responsibility for personal decisions and actions; academic honesty and the ability to face challenges with courage and integrity; a healthy lifestyle; empathy and courtesy for others; respect for differences among people and cultures; self-confidence and willingness to risk setbacks in order to learn; and the ability to work cooperatively with others.

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