

# IDAHO ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Board Meeting

December 11, 2023

## Board Members Attendance

Name	Position	Attendance Status
Kaylene McDonald	President	Present ▾
Joel Taylor	Vice President	Present ▾
Stephan Bosch	Board Member	Present ▾
Heather Neubauer	Board Member	Present ▾
Jeff Gunstream	Board Member	Present ▾
Jared Mattravers	Board Member	Present ▾
Esperanza Poblano	Board Member	Present ▾

## Agenda: As Published

### I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Board President Kaylene McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. CONSENT ITEMS (Action)

A. Approve Agenda - December 2023

B. Approve Minutes - November 2023

Motion to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved. None opposed.

### III. INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. Director's Report- Ed Longfield

1. Mr. Longfield addressed end statements one (scores), two (arts), three (culture). He will present data in February again after some interim testing and finals at the secondary campus. Mr. Longfield presented the iReady (Math) data from K-5. Fall and winter scores were compared and compared growth at each grade level. Good growth and teachers have interventions for those that need them. Mr. Longfield reviewed iStation (Reading) data from the fall and winter. Good growth at each grade level. Red level is decreasing and Green is increasing. Growth is important. IACS K-5 is making good progress. End statement one is to outperform the state on assessments. Making good progress in ELA for this goal.
2. Mr. Longfield reviewed 5 years of ISAT data. Red line is a goal of 60% proficiency. Blue is IACS and green is the state. ELA is a stronger performer than math for IACS. Reviewed each grade level 3-8 and highschool in ELA and Math. The school is focusing on math as it is an area of concern across all grade levels. High school ISAT data ELA is strong and Math is below the state average. The ISATs changed to 11th grade test in 2022-2023 and not all students took the assessment . In 2023-2024 all 11th graders will take the ISAT.
3. SAT data for 2023 was reviewed. SAT going forward is an optional assessment so this will probably be the last year of all students taking it unless they all OPT IN.
4. Mr. Mattravers stated we can see improvement. He asked if we are satisfied with the progress being made. Intermediate principal Rob O'Neal stated that he is happy with the progress that is being made and the rate of growth is sufficient and data shows that we are improving. Middle School Principal Lauren DeNinno stated that in the long haul we are headed in the right direction. High School principal, Ken Chapman, stated that he is hopeful in what we are doing with his plan around instructional practice, planning, grading, etc to see the impact it will have over the years.
5. Mr. Lonfgield told the board that the administration is working on systems that will help us sustain changes. We have a lot of holes that we need to fill. It will take time but it is in our 3 year

plan. Mr. Longfield stated the transient nature of what we see in education and we have to figure out a way to stop the revolving door and assess the kids that are here. Lots of mobility in the world.

6. Dr. Marie McGrath, Director of Phoenix Connect, presented how Phoenix Connect is supporting end statement one and how the after school programs are supporting our academics. Spanish class is popular. Board Game and Chess club. Generation Pound is a rhythm movement class supporting early literacy skills. Book clubs at both campuses and using the element of literature. Cheerleading is popular at the secondary campus. Parenting class is wrapping up with 20 parents participating in the class on parenting Neurodivergent children. Submitted a grant proposal for \$20,000 to support our book bin program.

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Financials**

1. Amy Blanes presented the financials for the month of November. We have received 62% of our state funding for the school year. It is based on November ISEE data. We were at 95% attendance. The enrollment and attendance issue is across the board in Idaho. We are currently at a 1:0 debt service ratio. We are monitoring our expenses and reducing expenditures. Still looking at capital expenditures that can be moved. Legislature will be in session soon and education finance is a top topic. Amy reported the legislature is looking at a possible general fund increase, distributing additional funds, modernizing the funding modules, increasing transportation funding, and increasing SPED funding. It is reported that 37 % of students in the state are considered special education. Amy reviewed the proposed budget from the Idaho School Board Association. Board President, Kaylene McDonald, asked if we have been able to identify and move any capital expenditures. Amy Blanes reported not at this time.

Motion to approve Financials as submitted was made and approved motion was seconded and approved. None opposed

**B. Resignation of Board Secretary (Jeannette Vasquez)**

Motion to approve resignation and approved motion was seconded and approved.

**C. Appointment of Board Secretary (Andi Arnold)**

Motion to approve appointment and approved motion was seconded and approved.

**D. Policies:**

1. #2140 - Student and Family Privacy Rights
2. #2425 - Parental Rights

Motion to approve Policies as submitted. Motion to approve Policy 2140 Student and Family Privacy Rights and Policy 2425 Parental Rights was made, motion was seconded and approved. None opposed

**V. PATRON INPUT**

**A.** No patron input

**B.**

**VI. INFORMATION**

**A.** Input for future agenda items

**B.** Next Regular Meeting - January 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION 74-206 (1) (b)**

1. C. 74-206(1)(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; This session is closed to the public. Session called as per Idaho state code: 74-206.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

1. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session
  1. Motion made and regular session adjourned at 7:12 pm
  2. Executive session entered at 7:12 pm
  3. End executive session at 7:41
  4. Enter regular session at 7:41
  5. End regular session meeting at 7:44

## Idaho Arts Charter School Mission and Purpose

Idaho 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.