

IDAHO ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Board Meeting

August 14, 2023

Board Members Attendance

Name	Position	Attendance Status
Kaylene McDonald	President	Present
Joel Taylor	Vice President	Present
Ron Hill	Treasurer	Absent
Heather Neubauer	Secretary	Present
Jeff Gunstream	Board Member	Present
Jared Mattravers	Board Member	Present
Esparanza Poblano	Board Member	Absent

Agenda: As Published

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. 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)

1. Approve Agenda - June 2023
2. Approve Minutes - June 2023

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

Motion to approve Minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. INFORMATION/REPORTS

1. Director's Report- Ed Longfield

- a. Audit--The Board heard from the independent auditing firm Quest C.P.A.–Kurt Fulke, on a conference call, discussed the annual audit of Idaho Arts Charter School. The general consensus from the firm was that the school is in good financial standing. There were no material issues, however, the income to debt ratio was lower than anticipated due to program and organizational expansion.
- b. Beginning of Year: Mr. Longfield shared his “School Year Opening” presentation with the Board. Big ideas included sharing the Board of Education “Ends Statements” with the staff, expectations for the culture/climate of Idaho Arts, empowerment, innovation, and design expectations, and excellence in all things. He encouraged each individual to consider their own “heart health” prior to entering the school every day—to be kind, to demonstrate positivity, to love all students and serve them.
- c. Mr. Longfield also shared the Building and Grounds report—an in depth/detailed list of all of the activity of the facilities staff lead by Mr. Dan Abbot. The list of repairs/maintenance was provided and it was extensive.
- d. Dale Burk, Director of Academics and the Arts, shared how he intended to achieve the 3 Ends Statements directed by the Board. This included the adoption of new curriculum, forming functioning Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), and setting up accountability mechanisms that are formative in nature.
- e. Dr. Marie McGrath presented information regarding the Phoenix Connect Program and how it is addressing the three Ends Statements directed by the Board of Education. She listed a number of events that children and parents enjoyed including an Ice Cream Social, Book Mobile visit, and summer connections of IACS families. Dr. McGrath shared the good news that IACS was awarded a \$150,000 grant to utilize in the Phoenix Connect program to pay for after school programming. Future ideas/programs include the development of an IACS pre-school program.

IV. ACTION ITEMS (THIS SECTION ALSO FOLLOWS AGENDA)

1. Financials
 1. Kurt Fulke- Audit Report - Motion to approve as submitted and approved motion was seconded and approved.
2. Ron Hill Resigned from School Board
 1. Stephan Bosch to replace Ron Hill- Motion to approve as submitted and approved motion was seconded and approved.

2. Securing Our Future Grant Proposal-Dr. McGrath discussed the components of this grant including the prioritization of perimeter fence repairs at the elementary campus, enhancing the Public Address system at the secondary campus. Motion to approve the Securing Our Future Grant Proposal as submitted and approved, motion was seconded and approved.

C. Policies

1. Policy # 3340 Corrective Action and Punishment.
2. Policy # 3340 P Corrective Action and Punishment
3. Policy#5750 Employing Retired teachers and Administrators
4. Policy# 4105 Public Participation in Board Meetings.
5. Policy#4105 F Request to address the Board (Form)

Motion to approve Policies as submitted and approved, motion was seconded and approved,

V. PATRON INPUT (3-minute time limit per patron)

1. No Patron Input

VI. INFORMATION

1. Board Member Input for Future Agenda Items
 1. None at this time
2. Next Meeting September 11,2023, at 6:30 Idaho Arts Charter School Secondary Campus

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.
2. If executive session board member will add time enter and exit and etc

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session
 1. Motion made and regular session adjourned at 7:31pm

2. Executive session at 7:31 pm

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.

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IACS - Work Session 6 pm- Aug 14, 2023

Mr. Longfield introduced the 2023-24 Administrative team to the Board of Education:

Lauren DeNinno- Middle school Principal

Stephanie Waterman- Primary Assistant Principal

Heather McKeever - K-2 Principal

Robin O'Neal- Principal

Dale Burk- Director of Academics and Arts

Dr. McGrath- Phoenix Connect

Mr. Longfield also introduced the idea of improving the IACS staff personal leave/sick leave policy—specifically eliminating the distinction between “personal” and “sick” leave and calling it “annual leave.” Included is the idea of giving every staff person 1 day of annual leave for each month worked. The topic

of having too many staff members being absent around holiday breaks was discussed with multiple view points shared. The policy remains in discussion phase.

Board President McDonald discussed the resignation of Director Ron Hill and the possibility of appointing Stephan Bosch to serve Mr. Hill's term. Rationale—Stephan was the only other individual to run in May of 2023, lost by 2 votes, and is willing to serve.

Board President McDonald also discussed having a Board of Education training (lead by Idaho Association of School Boards) on August 21, 2023—the majority of the members stated that they'd welcome training. President McDonald stated that she would reach out to IASB to set something up for Aug. 21.

Work session ended at 6:30 pm