

Idaho Arts Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

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Regular Board Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2016

Board Members Attendance

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

Agenda: As Published

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Mesropian called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm and started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No policies were discussed.

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

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Previous Minutes Approved

A. Student Presentations – None

B. Teacher / Advisor Reports - None

C. Donna Myers – Budget / Financial Information.

Will not meet \$172,000 goal but will stay under budget. Insurance was high, but will be adjusted next year. Library floor was budgeted for \$14,000 but actual cost will be \$10,000. Elementary reading curriculum for next year will be \$52,000 which is half of surplus. The other half of surplus will be put into savings or spent on supplies for the new school.

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Revenue for 2016-2017 went down; however, still a 0 base budget. There is a \$3,000 loan payment for property built into the budget. Expansion grant is expected be about \$800,000. Budget is approved.

- D. Director's Report – Jackie Collins - Janne Goetz is taking over bookkeeping and needs to be added to signature card. Need to add some board members to the signature card in case of emergency. The property across the street is listed at \$120,000 and the owners are firm. It will cost approximately \$66,000 to remove asbestos. Due to costs and limitations of what can be done on that property, IACS may consider buying more property at Broadmore or put 5th and 6th grades at new school in the future. In the next 3 to 4 years the middle school will be over for students with all the new incoming elementary students. This year's campaign was directed at elementary, but the high school has a waiting list due to the campaign

Jackie is going to sign document for dual enrollment with the district for sports. Fees will stay the same. The fees are the highest in the valley. The school may entertain helping with fees if they were lower, but that is unlikely. Parent suggested the student could apply for a scholarship through the school and if grades go down then they lose the scholarship.

- E. Principals' Report – Marie McGrath – ISAT scores for 10th grade math went from 16% proficient to 40% proficient. The test given is at an 11th grade level. Graduation was June 6th and 44 students graduated. College acceptance went from 38% to 60%. Erin and Marie attended a fast forward training program and they will have a parent class that will help parents and students navigate the program.
- F. Elementary Report – Anthony Haskett – Elementary raised almost \$2,400 for Red Nose Day. Lauren Menger has been teaching ballet and the ballet class performed at the last assembly. PTO held an elementary sock hop which they would like to do next year as well as other events.
- G. Kendall Fleshman – Go Fund Me for playground equipment has so far raised \$4,000.
- H. Approval of previous meeting minutes
Previous minutes approved.

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

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IV. ACTION AGENDA

- A. The IACS charter was revised to say “up to two community members” may be on the school board.
- B. Refinancing options were discussed. By refinancing, we will save over 500,000 and we will see that in the first 3 years. Interest rates are so low right now that it makes sense to refinance now. Can lower interest rate from 6.85% to 4.49% on the 2008 bond with no added duration. Same maturity and schedule. Two different options: spread the savings level basis every year \$36,000 a year savings, or push the savings into the first 3 years and save \$500,000-\$525,000 and the payment stays the same the remaining 19 years of the bond. We could save that money and use it for building at a later date. Then we could get another bond to make up the balance or see if refinancing would make more sense at that time. Bonds will have a 10 year call provision. Historically, the likelihood of it being called in is pretty slim. We would have to pay 25,000 up front. Have not signed an agreement with Building Hope but did send our charter. Approval was given and documents signed to continue business with Building Hope, Baird, and the refinance agreement.

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, August 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the school.

VI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not adjourn to Executive Session

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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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.