

Board of Governors Regular Meeting
Irvington Community Schools, Inc.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Irvington Community Middle School

Pursuant to article II, section 5 of the bylaws of Irvington Community School, Inc. (the “corporation”), a regular meeting of the corporation’s Board of Governors was held on February 23, 2021, at the Irvington Middle School Gymnasium.

Carrie Kriech, Interim Chair and Vice-Chair, presided over the meeting and, finding that proper notice of the meeting had been given under I 5-14-1.5 et seq., called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The following board members were present and available to vote on matters presented to the board: Carrie Kriech, Interim Chair and Vice-Chair; Christina Arrom, Secretary; Richard Berger, Treasurer; Keith Huehls, Member; Jodi Lannan, Member; Amy Johnson, Member; Jwan Davidson, Member; and Jamie Scott, Member.

ICS leadership in attendance:

Tim Mulherin, Chief Executive Officer; Harold Allen, Chief Financial Officer; Chris Ashmore, Director of IT; James Welter, Director of Testing; Shari Coomer, HR Director; Deanna Dehner, ICES Principal; Loryn Venekamp, ICMS Principal; and Bob Bowser, School Resource Officer.

I. Opening Items

a. Record Attendance and Guests

Attendance was confirmed by roll call.

b. Call the Meeting to Order

With eight board members in attendance, KRIECH observed there was a quorum present to transact business and called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

c. Review and Approve January Meeting Minutes – Vote

Meeting minutes from the January 26, 2021, Regular Board Meeting were presented and approved. Motion to approve the minutes entered by BERGER, and second to motion was JOHNSON. No objections. Unanimous approval.

d. Board Retreat Final Details

KRIECH shared final details about the board retreat, which will be held on March 13, 2021.

II. CEO Report

a. Q3 Instructional Model Update

MULHERIN shared updates about Quarter 3 hybrid and virtual models across ICS. There will be a decision about Quarter 4 in coming weeks. Additionally, it is unknown when teachers will be offered COVID-19 vaccines for Indiana. Furthermore, we are assessing learning loss during the time of COVID-19 and the upcoming NWEA and I-Learn exams will be taking place in school.

ICS will be offering summer school this year and putting together a tutoring program. ICS hired a new social worker. Lastly, we had the first eLearning day in corporate history due to the snowstorm earlier this month.

b. 2017-2020 Organizational Initiatives Overview

MULHERIN reported that ICS made progress on many academic and cultural initiatives, yet almost all items came to a halt with the Covid-19 pandemic. Most all are in the process of being resumed or being reconsidered at this time.

c. Legislative Update

MULHERIN provided a legislative update on proposed school funding legislation that stands to impact public charter schools. At present, the legislation favors per-pupil funding increases for charter schools.

d. Signage Project Update

MULHERIN provided an update. Bids have been received and are under consideration. Bids are generally higher due to increases in material expenses.

e. Beloved Community Project Update

MULHERIN shared that ICS is creating an equity lens map and plan. This project directly involves the ICS leadership team.

On a somewhat related note, ICS has seen an increased need for communication materials to be translated into Spanish given the marked increase in the number of English Language Learners (ELL) at all three schools. To improve the quality of educational services for Hispanic students, ICS plans to hire an ELL Coordinator for the coming school year.

III. CFO Report

a. January Financials

ALLEN reported on the January 2021 financials. As is the longstanding trend, the balance sheet and assets are all stable. There are some internal goals which will be determined by the Financial Committee.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Governance Committee Report

i. Board Member Candidates: Lainey Collins and Tim Harris – Vote

JOHNSON entered the nomination for Lainey Collins and Tim Harris, and motioned to vote, ARROM seconds. Voting for each candidate was by roll call, with unanimous approval.

ii. Vote for new officers

JOHNSON reported the vote for new officers will be postponed until April or May 2021. KRIECH shared the board will be creating job descriptions

for the officers and statement of purpose for the committees in advance of voting on the new officers.

b. Advancement Committee Report

i. Flower Sale

SCOTT provided an update about the flower sales that will be taking place this spring.

ii. Discount Cards

SCOTT shared an update regarding the Irvington Discount Cards, Donors Choose reminders, and the golf outing has been postponed indefinitely.

c. Academic Committee Report

i. OIE's Proposed Accountability Model for High Schools

LANNAN provided an update to the board regarding several OEI-proposed changes to the high school accountability model.

V. Other Business

None

VI. Closing Items

a. Adjourn meeting – Vote

JOHNSON made a motion for meeting adjournment, which was seconded by BERGER. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. The next Board of Governors Regular Meeting will be held on April 27, 2021, in person, at the ICMS Gymnasium.