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IVA Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2019

7:00 p.m.

3601 Linden Ave, Long Beach CA

Minutes

Board Members Present: Eric Churchill, Steve Porter, Edward Castro, Dan Hertzler, Josh Ross Janet Moore (arrived at 7:13pm), Karyn Pace (arrived at 7:14pm). **Absent:** Richard Williams.

Staff: James McGrath, Crystal Day, Jacque Bryant, Dama Perez, Summer Sanders

Community: three community members present

1. Call to order and overview

- Eric Churchill called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Reports

- MS (Jacque): next budget report will take into account a change in ADA; next week starts the new semester; 8th grade camp next week; outreach update for next year.
- HS (James): Feb 5th decision at LACOE about charter renewal for HS; presentation to LACOE went well

3. Understanding our Mission and Recognition

- Administrative Assistant Dama Perez was introduced afresh and shared her understanding of the vision of IVA.

4. Announcement of Closed Session Items

- Per government code 54956.8 items related to real property negotiations may be done in closed session. Board will move into closed session to discuss these negotiations to the end of business of items since there was no request to speak to this item.

5. Public Hearing

- Nothing submitted ahead of time.

6. Public Comments on Current Agenda Items

- Simon Park and Chi-Ah Chun were present on behalf of their daughter Chelsea Park for conflict between PE and competitive swimming. The concern is that the board approved a PE exemption for Chelsea that was never received. Instead, modifications were made to Chelsea's PE to accommodate parental concerns. These modifications were not acceptable to the family. The family would like an explanation of how the board decision from October 3 is consistent with receiving no PE exemptions.

7. Consent Agenda: (1) December Meeting Minutes; (2) check and credit card registers for both schools; and (3) the academy's community college course access.

Motion: Eric Churchill moved that board approves the consent agenda items.

Second: Dan Hertzler

Discussion: No discussion

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed:

Abstentions:

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8. Business items

a. Marketing

MS – no report

HS – no report

b. Academic Oversight:

MS – PE Exception. Eric Churchill reported on the history of this decision stemming from an October 3rd board meeting.

Motion: Eric Churchill moved to allow a single exception to the board's October 3rd decision to stop the process of allowing PE exemptions effective November 6th to Chelsea Park effective immediately.

Second: Dan Hertzler

Discussion:

All in favor: Eric Churchill, Steve Porter, Edward Castro, Dan Hertzler, Janet Moore

All opposed: Karyn Pace.

Abstentions: Josh Ross.

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MS – SARC Report

Motion: Steve Porter moved to approve the MS SARC report.

Second: Dan Hertzler

Discussion:

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed:

Abstentions:

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HS – SARC Report

Motion: Steve Porter moved to approve the HS SARC report.

Second: Dan Hertzler

Discussion:

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed:

Abstentions:

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HS – Local Indicator's Report: James submitted this late. This doesn't come with many consequences, though it isn't best for accountability with LACOE.

Motion: Karyn Pace moved to approve the Local Indicator's Report

Second: Janet Moore

Discussion:

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed:

Abstentions:

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c. **Finance:**

MS – Low performing student block grant.

Motion: Eric Churchill moved to approve the utilization of funds of the CDE's Low Performing Student Block Grant.

Second: Karyn Pace

Discussion:

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed:

Abstentions:

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HS – December Financials

Motion: Eric Churchill moved to approve the December financials.

Second: Janet Moore

Discussion:

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed:

Abstentions:

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d. **Disciplinary:**

Nothing to report.

e. **Policy:**

HS – Revised employee handbook

Motion: Eric Churchill moved to approve the HS Employee Handbook

Second: Dan Hertzler

Discussion: Eric noted that there is a lot of highlighted text in handbook. The highlighting marks the changes of the handbook.

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed:

Abstentions:

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f. **Board Governance:**

MS/HS – still looking for board members, especially from the high school community.

g. **Facilities:**

HS – closed session discussion.

h. **Leadership Oversight:**

No business.

i. **Fund Development:**

Janet Moore is moving forward with the fund development plan. The committee is Janet Moore, James McGrath, Josh Ross, and Richard Williams.

9. Comments on items considered in open session

- Chi-Ah Chun commented on the PE exemption decision and tried to explain why this has been so hurtful to their family. Ms. Chun tried to meet with Ms. Bryant about the exemption and Ms. Bryant did not respond. Their concern is about the process and not the decision.

10. Move into Closed Session

- Move into closed session at 8:40pm

11. Report of closed session items

- In accordance with Cal. Govt. Code Section 54957.7 report on actions taken in closed session
 - No actions taken within closed session
 - Future updates from James on facilities and James will consult with Edward.

12. Return to Open Session

- Returned to open session at 9:11pm

13. New Items of Business for Future Approval

14. Call to adjourn and next meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm
- The next scheduled meeting is TBD

Respectfully submitted: *Steven L. Porter*

Steven L. Porter, Vice-Chair

Approved: 4/3/19