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IVA Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Online via ZOOM Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Thank-you and welcome: 7:14 p.m.
- Roll call: Eric Churchill, Joshua Ross, Richard Williams, Steve Porter, Karyn Pace, Howie Fitzgerald, Janet Moore
- Also present: Jacquie Bryant, James McGrath, Joanna Han, Cari Noble, Summer Sanders, Jason Baehr
- ABSENT: Dan Hertzler
- Items on the agenda: Consent Agenda (meeting minutes, EPA spending plan, instructional calendar for academy), SPED contract with Expatiate, COVID-19 action and budget approval for HS, outside playground update for HS

Going to switch the order of HS and MS items.

2. Reports

- General updates – HS – Summer Sanders and James McGrath
 - I. Addressing the continuing traumas of 2020.
 - II. Wrapping up with finals; they decided to have no final exams. Instead more collaborative projects that are relative to their lives, focus on reflection and character growth in variety of ways. Then due to protests, they decided to make all finals optional.
 - III. Spending time creating a response to our community, reflecting on the turmoil of racial tensions.
 - IV. Working hard to celebrate the graduation of our founding class on June 13, 1pm. Want to celebrate each individual student; keynote Speaker is Shaun King; highlighting character growth. It will be recorded and available on YouTube.
 - V. PPP Loans – the timeframe for submission has been extended which is good news.
 - VI. Stores and businesses around the high school are boarded up, but it doesn't look like any damage to IVA building. Devastating to the neighborhood. Been discussing what messaging we can put on our windows to support the community visually.

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- General updates – MS – Jacquie Bryant
 - I. All students have had a chance to process through systemic racism and ways to protest. Art class is discussing tagging/graffiti, having tough discussions.
 - II. Digital Promotion Service – June 11. Will be more personal than the drive through services of other schools. Finding ways to give students closure for the year. Jason Baehr will be giving the Danielle Montiel Award to a chosen student.

3. **Public Hearing**

Public input is important for the success of the school. Therefore, we would like to provide a forum for guests to address the school board on topics of relevance to the school. Public hearing items should be brought to the board chairman ahead of the meeting and the instructions for doing so are posted on the website. Typically, public hearings are for non-agenda items and are things that the public would like the board to consider.

4. **Understanding our Mission and Recognition** – Cari Noble

She discussed the challenges of staying true to the IVA model during the time of Covid and online teaching this spring. Cari also discussed the hardships and the benefits for teachers and for students (i.e. she gets to teach in pajama pants and gets more time in small groups with students). She also talked about the opportunities to be creative and solve problems regarding this fall. We all agreed that both the MS and HS have been amazing during this crazy time!

5. **Announcement of Closed Session Items**

Per gov't code 54956.8 items related to litigation may be done in closed session. We will move into closed session to discuss these negotiations at the end of the meeting.
Nothing in closed session

6. **Public Comments on Current Agenda Items**

Additionally, we would like to provide the public an opportunity to comment on agenda items, **which have been posted.**

If you wish to address the board ON AN AGENDA ITEM, and have not previously submitted a request, please fill out the provided forms and submit them to the secretary.

Nothing submitted.

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

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- April and May meeting minutes – have been removed from the Consent Agenda
- Instructional Calendar HS
- EPA spending plan

After reviewing the items on the consent agenda ahead of the meeting, are there any items directors would like removed from the consent agenda for full board discussion?

Any minor changes to be made to items remaining on the consent agenda?

The meeting minutes for two meetings were not in the Google files so we will vote on those at a future meeting.

Action Needed: James will review the recording, consider any changes to be made, and approve Minutes at the next meeting.

<i>Motion: Eric moves to approve the consent agenda items, inclusive of the EPA spending plan and the HS and MS Instructional Calendar.</i>
<i>Second: Richard</i>
<i>Discussion: Evidentiary use of minutes; several things were missing from the Apr. 22 Minutes regarding the PPP loan application. James proposes including four reasons for applying for the PPP Loan.</i>
<i>All in favor: all</i>
<i>All opposed: 0</i>
<i>Abstentions: 0</i>
<i>Item#</i>

7. Business Items

Marketing

IVAMS: N/A

IWAHS: N/A

Academic Oversight

HS:

- SPED contract with Expatiate. We’ve worked with them for two years and their bid was thousands less. They’ve been a good resource to help work through the SPED lawsuits. Good working relationship with HS. James recommends we accept the contract that locks us in for a low rate for three years. We can terminate the contract with 120 day notice. This will cost \$35K but we will see a 10K reimbursement. It’s a 10% increase.

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<i>Motion: Eric makes a motion to renew the contract with Expatiate for a total amount not to exceed \$35K per year.</i>
<i>Second: Howie</i>
<i>Discussion</i>
<i>All in favor: all</i> <i>All opposed: 0</i> <i>Abstentions: 0</i>
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MS: N/A

Finance

HS:

2020 – 21 Budget Approval – Joanna Han

- Takeaways from the May Revise:
 - LCFF decrease. Not as bad as we thought. We expect to see a new budget in June.
 - STRS and PERS have decreased.
 - CARES Act – \$4.4 million discretionary funding to LEAs, projecting additional dollars for both schools.
 - Program cuts, except SPED
- Huge budget deficits in the state.
- Impacts for our schools –looking back to 08 financial crisis. We think this budget crisis will last for several years.
- Cash deferrals – showed us what to expect – turbulent up and down.
- CARES funding – There will be extra money for SPED and extra money per ADA. High school will likely qualify for this extra ADA money which is very good news. MS doesn't qualify for this funding.
- Not recognizing PPP as a grant yet. Being conservative until forgiveness comes in.
- Academy has adjusted its payroll expenses for a savings \$206K.
- Lots of good work has been put into the HS budget.
- Much is still up in the air with more federal funding, PPP forgiveness, unforeseen expenditures, other grant possibilities, SPED funding, etc.

Covid-19 Action Report – James

- This is in place of LCAP Report.

<i>Motion: Eric makes a motion to approve the Covid-19 Operations Report.</i>
<i>Second: Janet</i>

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<i>Discussion</i>
<i>All in favor: all</i>
<i>All opposed: 0</i>
<i>Abstentions: 0</i>
<i>Item#</i>

<i>Motion: Eric makes a motion to approve the 2020 – 2021 HS budget.</i>
<i>Second: Josh</i>
<i>Discussion</i>
<i>All in favor: all</i>
<i>All opposed: 0</i>
<i>Abstentions: 0</i>
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Board governance

- Appointment of Janet Moore. Janet was put into a Zoom waiting room while we discussed and voted. Following the vote, Janet re-entered the Zoom meeting.

<i>Motion: Eric makes a motion to approve the re-appointment of Janet Moore to a two-year board term.</i>
<i>Second: Howie</i>
<i>Discussion</i>
<i>All in favor: all</i>
<i>All opposed: 0</i>
<i>Abstentions: 0</i>
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- Board response to the current racial tensions in our community – Steve
The letter needs a bit more work, but the board will get a copy of the letter before it is sent out to our community.
- The Board Websites for the MS and HS need updating.

Facilities

HS:

Outside Playground Update:

James and his staff reassessed the need for the outside space. They also consulted the county and realized that due to the continued risks of Covid-19,

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access to the space would be limited next year. So, James updated the landlord that we would not be using the outside playground next year.

MS:

Rent Update:

Eric, Howie, and Jacquie met with the landlord and requested the 10% increase in rent in the contract be eliminated this next year. The landlord came back with a 5% increase next year. Also, the landlord will not charge for cleaning fees for April – August which is a \$7K savings. New rates go into effect Aug. 1, 2020. These were good negotiations.

Leadership Oversight –

N/A

Fund Development

N/A

8. Comments on items considered in open session - none

9. New Items of Business for Future Approval - none

10. Announcements - none

11. Call to adjourn – 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Karyn Pace, Board Member

Approved: August 26, 2020 Board Meeting