

Irvine International Academy

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6 p.m.

Board Meeting Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL – 6:03 P.M.

At this time, members of the public may seek clarification about any item on the agenda or address the Board regarding any item to be considered on the Open Session Agenda, or comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board may not take action or discuss any subject that is not on the agenda, but wishes to allow time for public participation in its meeting

2. ROLL CALL

Doug Husen - present

Glenn Rogers - present

Ethan Kay - present

Brett Freeman - present

Ed Watson – present

Jolene Smith – absent

Miller Zhuang - absent

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. APPROVE LAST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Action: Motion – D. Husen Second – G. Rogers

Vote:

Ed Watson - aye

Ethan Kay - aye

Brett Freeman - aye

6. UPDATE FROM SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL SCOTT

- Planning Grant for \$100K has been spent and approved for reimbursement.

- State investigation for the after school program was cleared after there was an allegation of illegal operation/unlicensed care. The result of the investigation assures parents and the community that the allegations were false.

- IIA encountered its first Covid case. It came from outside, not within the school. Ms. Geshti handled the protocols properly, including communication with parents, County and State. IIA followed everything correctly.
- Musical instruments were purchased with the Larry and Helen Hoag Foundation donation. IIA purchased \$550 per piano and, in total, the school spent \$5,772 on the electric pianos. All the other instruments and everything else included cost \$14,646.39.
- Reserves of IIA funds cannot be used for classroom aides but PTO offered to cover for teacher aides.
- Transitional Kindergarten will happen for next year because of OCDE mandate. If a school has a kindergarten, there has to be a TK. We are planning to have four Kindergarten and one TK.
- Jog-a-thon fundraiser will happen. This is an event that will take place in December during the PE hours.
- 108 computers were ordered and will be delivered soon. Renaissance Star, an assessment tool, was also ordered and we will be utilizing it soon.
- School psychologist has been hired and is already on-site.
- School website will be updated with a new developer.
- Prop 39 is done yearly and it is due again this year. Documents have been sent to lawyers. It is due on 10/29 and it is pending until a few numbers are worked out. 325 signatures were collected this year, 95% responded to return next year.

7. FISCAL AND BUSINESS UPDATE

Finance committee chair Ethan Kay reports that everything is on track and IIA is good to go. He will be meeting with the PTO president to find the parent representative for the Finance committee. Job description will be drawn up.

8. BOARD AGENDA

8.1 The Board will have a training with Nick Driver, consultant and trainer for Charter Schools. Nick Driver spoke on the 700 Form that is filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission. Board members are required annually to file this form April 1st of every year and when they enter office, and once again when they leave office. Their authorizer is OCDE and will be requesting copies. The other relevant document is the Conflict of Interest code and this dictates what needs to be reported on the 700 Form. This also reports if any stock is invested in IIA. Form 700 will be submitted to Superintendent for school filing and the County by the end of the week. Board members agree to submit.

8.2 The Board will consider for approval: Professional Development with the University of California, Irvine with Young-Suk Kim and Rebecca Goldstone. 1st and 2nd grade teachers will participate in a teacher professional development conducted by Dr. Kim and Dr. Goldstone. This is a good opportunity to partner with UC Irvine's School of Education. They have had success in other schools. Teachers will receive stipend, substitute teachers will be compensated, and trainers may be doing in-class and outside of class. No risks in the study and all meetings will be held in IIA. Formal letter of understanding will be drafted and sent out.

Action: D. Husen Second: E. Kay

Vote:

Glenn Rogers - aye

Brett Freeman - aye

Ed Watson – aye

8.3 The Board will discuss: Student Immunization and State Exemptions. School will follow State Law. Legal choices are available to parents who may or may not agree with the State mandate. This is a parent-choice school so options are open for parents for legal exemptions if mandated vaccination is authorized. IIA is getting ahead with data gathering so that the school is not simply reacting. Issue has to address now and when policy is in place, the board can react more fully at that time.

8.4 The Board will discuss and consider for approval: K12 Special Education Services as a vendor for school psychologist and Special Education. This agency was contacted to \$85/hour (2 days a week for 4 hours) for the School Psychologist and \$105/hour (12 hours/week) for the Special Education teacher. These hires will meet our IEP requirements to service our students. Our former Special Education teacher who left earned \$100K and these two candidates will require less than that cost. Effectual Education is not off the table but K12 is another option that we can benefit from.

Approval for the School Psychologist

Action: D. Husen Second: G. Rogers

Vote:

E. Watson – aye

E. Kay – aye

B. Freeman – aye

Approval for the K12 Special Education for Principal Chuang to interact with the Agency and interview for a candidate that fits the school's budget.

Action: D. Husen Second: B. Freeman

Vote:

E. Watson – aye

G. Rogers – aye

E. Kay – absent

9. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Board member B. Freeman asks how to address problem student behavior brought up by the parent with the school psychologist who is now on-site. Superintendent Scott will address this issue.

Board member E. Watson brought up the issue of the school website and to make sure everything is above-board. Superintendent will address this issue.

Board member E. Kay reminds the board to streamline and implement the online payment for the After School program.

Board member E. Kay asks when the Education committee will be initiated. Chair Board D. Husen will begin the process with Board member E. Watson.

Principal Chuang reminds board that OCDE will be auditing IIA. School would like to keep board members to be on the loop. Marybeth Chen will send the OCDE letter with deadlines for all the board members.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Action: G. Rogers Second: E. Kay

Vote:

E. Watson - aye

Brett Freeman - aye

D. Husen - absent

Posted By: Marybeth Chen

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Link to the record video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cX4b-XLZE0>

