

Independence Academy Charter School Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes: April 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

- Sherry Price called a Regular Work Session to order at 5:08 pm.

Present:

President: Sherry Price

Member: Brad Thompson

Member: Hadassa Berger

Member: Abbie Siegmund -Tardy

Public comment

- None at this time

Staff and Student celebrations

- Both the IACS survey and the D51 survey were both very positive with good feedback. IACS made changes to scheduling and classes based on that feedback.

Regular Business

- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved Regular Meeting Minutes from March, 2020.
Motion: Brad Thompson
Second: Hadassa Berger
Vote:4-0
- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved Financials for March, 2020.
Motion: Hadassa Berger
Second:Brad Thompson
Vote: 4-0
- The Board reviewed and approved the purchase of 350 Chromebooks from District 51 for approximately \$130,000.00.
Motion: Brad Thomson
Second:Hadassa Berger
Vote: 4-0
- The Board approved for Tom to use the remainder of the equipment budget on the purchase of a Brush Hog and another mower for facilities maintenance.
Motion: Brad Thompson
Second: Hadassa Berger
Vote: 4-0
- Discussion around the school closure due to COVID 19:

- Per Governor Polis Orders we will not return to school for the remainder of the 19/20 school year.
 - IACS is working on a modified learning plan for the fall 2020/2021 school year.
 - IACS is working on preparing for extended distance learning by investing in one to one Chromebooks for grades fourth-eighth and planning less technology based work for primary grade levels. The board would like to see if Mill Levy funds can be used for purchasing Chromebooks. The other option is to use cash on hand funds to invest in the Chromebooks. The district has provided a May 1st deadline to order the Chromebooks.
 - The board requested that IACS check into childcare services to support families and provide them with resources.
 - The school will check into purchasing thermometers for classrooms in the fall 2020.
 - Informational meeting will happen on Thursday April 30th at 6:00 pm via zoom. The meeting will include information about schedules, electives, grading....
 - The executive director mentioned a few parents' requests that the school year end early. The board disagreed and will continue through May 14, 2020.
- Building Project Updates
 - Building project is moving forward. Everything is looking good for building design.
 - On board for getting the GMP in June. CECFA has extended everyone's closing date until the end of June.
 - Lisa will fill out the Tax Diligence form for CECFA.

Report from Family Council

- None at this time.

Executive Director's Report

- IACS retention rates are up. We have almost filled middle school and will continue to work on filling those spaces.
- Teachers and administration will continue dual planning for both distances learning and contact learning to ensure a prepared plan either direction.
- IACS purchased another sanitizing fog machine which should be in before returning in August.
- The final week of school will be utilized for picking up personal items, return technology and instruments, as well as pick up spring pictures and yearbooks. A schedule will be posted in the May newsletter. Teachers will be put on a rotation for helping with final pickup.
- The annual art fundraiser is being postponed until September of 2020.
- A virtual continuation will be held on May 21st. Students will pick up their items prior to the ceremony. IACS would also like to hold a BBQ celebration on July 24th to celebrate with 8th grade in person.

- Lisa will have a projected 2020/2021 budget in the coming weeks. The budget will be adjusted once PPR rates are announced.
- Items were added to the agenda for the next board meeting: Utilizing our Preschool program as childcare to support families. Transitioning Lacey Webers position into a help desk position if distance learning continues.

Adjourned 7:13 pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting May, 2020 at 5pm via zoom meeting