

Independence Classical Academy Governing Board

Board Meeting Minutes

October 9th, 2024 @ 5:00pm – School Cafeteria
2902 S. Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Chairman Becton. In attendance were Jason Revels, Lance Poole, Carlos Frade, Jr. & Cathy Townsend. Also in attendance was EDO Sandy Howard, & Academic Director Jeffery Russell.

On a MTA by CF and 2nd by JR removal of the IRSC Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement was stricken from the Consent agenda as the agreement was being still being negotiated for specific pathways, the agenda was approved unanimously.

On a MTA by JR and a 2nd by CF, the August 2024 meeting minutes as presented, were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None

The school progress report was given to the board by Mrs. Howard. After a comment by Mr. Revels in regard to the financial update, as to what happens when we hit \$1m in reserves, can it be invested or allocated to future projects. EDO Howard confirmed that no it cannot be invested, as it is public funds, a foundation from private donors would need to be used for those purposes, as well as things like scholarship accounts. The quick answer was you would NOT hit \$1m in reserves, as it would make more sense to keep up with a healthy fund balance well over the required minimum but use those funds to offer higher teacher pay, better benefits, purchase athletic or transportation equipment, and other things that would lead to the ultimate rise of the academy. MTA approve Progress Report by JR and 2nd by CT, all in favor.

The consent agenda approved unanimously, on a motion by JR and a 2nd by LP to approve the following items as presented: FY24 Final Audit Approval, and the Final TSIA Report Approval.

The September 25th Board Meeting was pushed back until tonight in order for the current resolution and updated lease with new figures anticipating a July 2026 completion date could be reviewed by legal and as figures have been released and documents reviewed by both legal teams, the current contract are being presented to the board for approval tonight, in order to continue with the project. The Lease & updated Board Resolution (previously approved earlier in the year but has been updated with new figures and construction being pushed back a year) with Building Hope was presented with changes and on a MTA by CF and a 2nd by JR, with no questions for legal or EDO, both were approved unanimously.

A calendar of events was presented to the board for upcoming dates of importance.

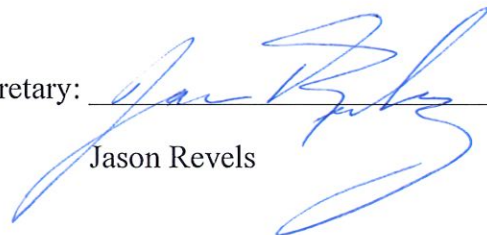
Reminder to the board that the November meeting is pushed back to November 13th due to the entire leadership team being at the Florida Charter School Conference the week prior to Thanksgiving. Mrs. Townsend asked the EDO to text her with a reminder of the date change. October 29th Mrs. Howard will be speaking to parents on the importance of engagement and active learning, as opposed to digital learning-how to reach your children and get them closer to learning gains through educational communication. With nothing further from the board and no further concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm

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The above minutes were approved at a regularly scheduled, publicly held meeting on

11-13-24

Board Secretary:


Jason Revels

Date:

11/13/24