

Independence Classical Academy Governing Board

Board Meeting Minutes

August 23rd, 2023 @ 5pm – School Cafeteria

2902 S. Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL

Meeting called to order at 5:03 by board chairman Clay Becton. In attendance were EDO Sandy Howard, Board members Clay Becton, Carlos Frade, Jr., Lance Poole, Cathy Townsend, and Board-member elect Jason Revels (who was uncontested in election to replace Arthur Cross). Also in attendance were: EA Kacey Predix, Parents Eric Townsend, Michells Keim, John Sanchez, Jessica Russell, Justin Keim, Orlando Barrios, Melissa Giantinoto, SaraH Springston, and Monica Arbuz.

Approval of the June 2023 meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a MTA by LP and a 2nd by CT.

The board was reorganized and on the following terms:

Chairman: Clay Becton nominated by CT and 2nd by LP, 4-0

Vice Chair: Carlos Frade, Jr. nominated by CT and 2nd by LP, 4-0

Secretary: Jason Revels nominated by CT and 2nd by CF, 4-0

Treasurer: Lance Poole. nominated by CT and 2nd by JR, 4-0

Mrs. Howard welcomed Mr. Revels to the board and thanked him for his service.

New Business: The Schoolwide Improvement Plan was reviewed, discussed, and put forward for a vote to accept the plan. On a MTA by LP and 2nd by CF, motion passed 4-0. Out-of-Field notices were presented to the board for discussion and approval, and after a discussion on the teacher shortage and efforts to mitigate this moving forward, on a MTA by CT and 2nd by LP, the list was approved unanimously.

Baseball coach John Sanchez was in attendance and recognized to the floor by Chairman Becton as a discussion on baseball plans ensued (FHSAA application denied and looking to move into that next year) regarding transportation issues, uniforms, league play, coaching needs, funding, etc... After much discussion, Mr. Becton recognized Mr. Poole's ability to "speak the same language as Mr. Sanchez" and suggested he serve as a liaison with athletic growth and assist the coach with ensuring liabilities and legalities are covered as we proceed, as well as ensure the program supports the mission and vision of the board. Fall ball will be travel and Spring ball will be league play. Parents will need to coordinate travel amongst themselves or contract with Stork Transportation if needed to ensure participation. Eligibility will remain the same as all other sports (3.0 GPA, no discipline records, etc..).

Mrs. Howard presented an update on GC selection and the status of the facilities committee and provided the board with preliminary 1st plans for building and location.

Discussion on the upper campus and needs for location, size, etc...was held. No action needed.

Mrs. Howard provided the board with an update on expansion, accreditation (approved but not yet released to the public), and charter renewal timeline/process. Update on FSSAT/Capital outlay funding/improvement projects and deferred maintenance was provided and plans will be submitted to the board in December for approval. Discussion/update only, no action needed.

With no further business or speakers, the next meeting reminder was given for September 13th, 2023 at 5pm and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm. SJH 08.25.23