

Independence Classical Academy Governing Board
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11th, 2024 @ 5:00pm – School Cafeteria
2902 S. Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Vice-Chairman Frade, who led the meeting in Chairman Becton's absence. Also in attendance were Jason Revels, Lance Poole, & Cathy Townsend. Also in attendance was EDO Sandy Howard, and members of the faculty, staff, and public (see sign in sheet attached).

On a MTA by LP and 2nd by JR the agenda was approved unanimously after the removal of item #4 (Building Hope lease and approving resolution documents) due to the property not being ready to close, this item may be brought back to the board as soon as they are ready.

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

Public Comment: Arthur Cross appeared before the board relatively upset about a complaint filed by an employee that spoke ill of his child's accomplishments after working so hard the past few years. He asked the board to consider his words of encouragement and hold true to the mission of doing right by these kids and not let the words spewed by this individual carry any weight on our day to day operations. Mrs. Howard responded that her explanation of the complaint would be addressed as part of her report.

The school progress report was given to the board by Mrs. Howard only addressing the state complaint, as we were still waiting on PM2 data for additional information. Mrs Howard addressed the board and provided a written response to the allegations made and clarified that it was not only frivolous with no weight, but that all points can be disputed very easily and that the person filing the complaint obviously does not understand student progression, test proctoring, OR school procedure, and she was grateful she resigned when they did, and that this was a personal attack on her and the Business Manager and lacked any merit whatsoever. Mrs. Townsend voiced that so long as what has been done has been done across the board, she was fine with it. No other concerns were voiced. The tentative 25/26 school calendar was brought to the board for discussion (not approval) regarding fewer days while still meeting instructional minutes to try and incorporate more professional development and classical training to get feedback. Mrs. Howard suggested we develop camps for the teacher workdays to offer parents an avenue for the working families, and after discussion on brining it to teachers prior to board approval by Mrs. Townsend, no other discussion was held and a MTA Progress Report by LP and 2nd by JR, all in favor.

PTO Club Report was given by Mrs. Russell and updated the board on events planned activities.

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

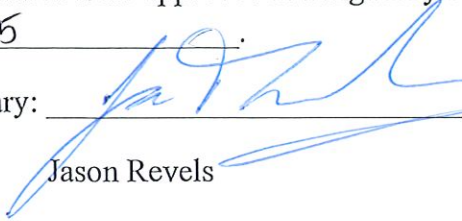
With nothing further from the board and no further concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm

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

1/23/25.

Board Secretary:



Jason Revels

Date:

1/23/25