



JAMES IRWIN CHARTER SCHOOLS
December 14, 2005

Board of Directors Meeting

In Attendance

Board Members:

Steve Tolle, President	Michelle Sears, Secretary
Rudy Gomez, Vice President	Joe Dorris
Bryan Raile, Treasurer	

Dr. Don Zimmerman was in attendance as CEO
Tammy Themel was in attendance as COO

Call to Order

Steve Tolle called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm with a reading of the Mission Statement: *Our mission is to help guide students in the development of their character and academic potential through academically rigorous, content-rich educational programs.*

Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Shilling, Mr. and Mrs. Mallioux, Ms. Kathy Miner, Mr. Stephen Verdon, Mr. and Mrs. Raab, Ms. Kim Griego, Cindee Will, Elizabeth Berg.

Minutes

The Minutes for November 30, 2005, were presented for approval. Rudy made a motion to approve. Joe seconded it. Vote: Steve, aye; Rudy, aye; Bryan, aye; Joe, aye; and Michelle aye. Minutes approved.

Board Correspondence/Comments

None

Public Comments

None.

James Irwin Educational Foundation

Steve nominated Rudy for the vacancy on the JIEF Board. Rudy accepted nomination. Bryan seconded motion. Vote: Steve, aye; Bryan, aye; Joe, aye; and Michelle aye.

CEO Report

Dr. Zimmerman Reporting:

Enrollment- JICS lost 18 students due mostly to transportation, discipline issues, moving, and issues of academic rigor.

MS Report, from Mrs. Lis Richard:

December Board Report for the Middle School

8th Grader, Nathan Mallioux, presented his Science project, a Fallout Shelter, to the Board.
14 7th Grade Students and teacher Ms. Condor presented The Nervous System and Digestive System to the Board.

MS CSAP-Lis stated that the MS SAR Report Card was incorrect. She refuses to accept the score of Average-Declining. She also refuses to accept responsibility for distribution of the reports to the JICMS Community. Lis is putting together a report and rebuttal.

Top Three Priorities for January 2006

1. Math Department – Training needs
2. School Site visits
3. Getting ready for CSAPs

Choir will be featured on Channel 13, Monday December 19. They will be seen in the “Kids First” section of the news all day and evening.

6th grade science classes (118 students) are participating in a demonstration by CU Boulder science professor. This is based on the current unit of study – environmental science and also covers geography standards.

JICMS PTO Fundraisers in November:

\$7,294.00 Total Profit November

Walmart Donation

\$2,250.00

Recess

The Board recessed at 7:15 p.m. for a JIEF Meeting.

Reconvene

The Board reconvened into public session at 7:31 p.m.

**ES Report, from Mrs. Elizabeth Berg:
December Board Report for the Elementary School**

Top Three Priorities in January 2006

- 1) Teacher Training
- 2) Student Data Evaluation
- 3) Gearing up for CSAPs

Focus on Positive:Negative ratio

Taking your own P:N data

P:N Data on one student

Pacing: 12 responses/min.

- Friday staff training:

DI Correction Procedures

The DI Learning Paradigm

- Jan. 6: *High Performance Writing*

Training with Terry Dodds

Friday Assemblies

-History, Poetry, Grammar,

Geography, Science

-\$2250 from Walmart (from
a happy parent/manager)

**HS Report, from Mr. Kim Will:
December Board Report for the High School**

For the rest of the year the priorities are

1. To work on faithful implementation of Direct Instruction. It still needs to be consistent.
2. To draft a high school budget for the 2006/7 school year, one that includes money to send four faculty to Oregon for DI training.
3. CSAP and ACT goals per class and per student for March testing. How do we go from #23 in the state to top five?

We are currently celebrating the CSAP results. 10th Grade Reading ranked #1 in the State for 05 year. SAR Report Card improved from High to Excellent.

“Into The Woods”, a play, will be in the spring.

On January 3rd at 3:00 PM, JICHS will host a math verticality “Round Table.” There are about six schools attending (CSS, FVS, TCA, St. Mary’s) and a math professor from UCCS who has recently been appointed to the Governor’s Colorado Education Alignment Council. The goal is to discuss the fourth year of math starting 2006/7 and look at math verticality in all our schools.

Grant Proposal and Contract Authority Policy

Dr. Zimmerman presented the Board with Contract Authority DJ/DJAA-J and asked the Board to grant immediate policy approval in order to approve a Grant Consultant Contract. After discussion, the Board decided to keep the 3-Reading policy currently in effect for all new and proposed policies (ref JICS Policy BG-J) and agreed to view the proposed consultant contract. Bryan made a motion

to approve the 1st reading of Contract Authority DJ/DJAA-J. Rudy seconded it. Vote: Steve, aye; Rudy, aye; Bryan, aye; Joe, aye; and Michelle aye.

Mike Kopp of ForwardThink Strategies, Ltd., presented Dr. Zimmerman, CEO, with a Grant Consultant Proposal in the amount of \$4500. According to the contract *“Mr. Kopp will target the Daniels Fund and three other foundations which show high potential for funding the JICS project selected...Mike Kopp will conduct an interview with Don Zimmerman and/or other key staff via conference call to determine funding priority and thus, the project to be developed for the four grants that will be submitted as part of this proposal.”*

Discussion about Grants, Grant Policies (currently none are in effect), consultant funding, JICS procedures, etc., took place.

Rudy made a motion to approve the Contract with ForwardThink Strategies, Ltd., in the amount of \$4500. Joe seconded it. Joe also recommends that parents/stakeholders be aware that they can contribute to a Grant Consultancy Fund if they would like to. Vote: Steve, aye; Rudy, aye; Bryan, aye; Joe, aye; and Michelle aye.

Board Meeting Schedule

Dr. Zimmerman proposed a new Board meeting schedule. He restated that Board meeting were moved to the fourth Wednesday of each month to better receive financial reports and fit Board Members schedules. Michelle told Dr. Zimmerman that the new schedule has been made to reflect this and the dates are available on the JICS website.

Policy Review and Development

Community Use of School Facilities KF-R-J 1st Reading. Joe made a motion to approve the policy with changes. Bryan seconded it. Vote: Steve, aye; Rudy, aye; Bryan, aye; Joe, aye; and Michelle aye.

Pledge of Allegiance IMDBA-J 1st Reading. Rudy made a motion to approve the policy with changes. Steve seconded it. Vote: Steve, aye; Rudy, aye; Bryan, aye; Joe, aye; and Michelle aye.

Field Trips IJOA-J, 2nd Reading, with no changes to include stipulation by Rudy to be referenced in procedures. (Ref JICS Board Minutes of 11-30-05: Rudy stipulated that he would like the Board to be kept informed of all overnight trips.)

The Board was also presented with the following procedures for review:

GCBA-J-P008 Substitute Pay, and JFBB-J-P001 Enrollment and Admissions Process Post Oct 1.

Facilities Committee

Mrs. Themel reporting:

There is currently a wish list on the JICS website for facility repair needs.

Drainage Box quotes are not finished yet.

Waiting for ES 5-year plan

JICS Gator and snow blade were stolen from the property. Police report filed.

Concern for parents driving unsafe, therefore exit from MS parking lot (east end) to HS has been blocked.

Mr. Carl Shilling addressed to the Board his concern of the lighting in the MS parking lot.

Executive Session

Rudy made a motion to move into executive session at 10:46 p.m. to discuss personnel according to C.R.S. (402 (4)(c)) Confidential, and C.R.S. (402(4)(f)) Personnel. Bryan seconded it. Vote: Steve, aye; Rudy, aye; Bryan, aye; Joe, aye; and Michelle aye.

Adjournment

Rudy made a motion to adjourn at 11:12 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sears, Board Secretary

Steve Tolle, Board Chairman