



JAMES IRWIN CHARTER SCHOOLS
May 22, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting

In Attendance

Board Members:

Rudy Gomez, Chairman

Michelle Sears, Secretary

Mike Alanso

Joe Dorris excused absence.

Tammy Themel was in attendance as COO

Eileen Johnston was in attendance as CFO

Visitors: Cindee Will, Kim Will, Elizabeth Berg, Rosie Dickens

Call to Order

Rudy called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. 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.*

Minutes

Minutes for 4/16/07. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Rudy seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Agenda

Ends 1.2 tabled to June meeting as Board wants input from Joe Dorris.

Board Comments

The Founder's Award Committee met and voted on this year's recipients for the award. The awards will go to HS Seniors:

Ashley V. Salamo and
Thomas J Parker.

Congratulations to these students. The committee based its decision on:

Students who have shown good character throughout their high school career. Besides the five character traits (honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and excellence), the committee also looked for traits such as courage, kindness, helpfulness, thoughtfulness of others, inclusion, etc.

The committee members were:

Jonathan Berg, Dawn Batteiger, Stan Lightfoot, Jane Olk, Kim Will and Michelle Sears.

The Board tabled a discussion for further examining details of future Founders Awards, to include, formalizing all documents and processes.

Michelle brought an Annual Report from a local agency to share with Board members. She would like to see the JICS Board publish a similar report for stakeholders at JICS.

Michelle also stated that the Elementary School Spring Concert was wonderful. The tribute to the Armed Services by the fourth graders was especially moving. All the children did a beautiful job as well as Music Teacher, Ms. Nelson.

Tammy provided the Board with a recording device to record executive sessions, as per Colorado Revised Statutes, The Sunshine Law. (#12., as of August 2006.)

Public Comments

None.

Incidentals:

Principal Reports:

Mrs. Berg, Elementary School- (See attached Report.)

Principal Reports(cont.)

Mr. Will, Middle School and High School- (See attached report.)

Monitoring Reports

E.L. Financial Condition & Activities 2.3

Mike made a motion to accept report. Rudy seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye. (See attached Report.)

E.L. Financial Planning & Budgeting 2.5

Rudy made a motion to accept report. Mike seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye. (See attached Report.)

Ends Policies

Ends 1.2

Ends 1.3 Both are tabled for June meeting.

Budget Approval

Rudy made a motion to approve final budget for 2007-2008. Mike seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Board Training Expenses

Board has \$18K available for training expenses in JICS 2007-2008 budget. Board discussed cost of sending Board member Michelle Sears to DI conference in Eugene, Oregon with ES and MS staff (approximate cost \$2700), as well as costs for Policy Governance continued training and consultation. The Board was presented with several contract options Policy Governance Consultation along with associated costs; this would include training new Board members in Policy Governance. (Cost ranges from \$8500-\$5000, depending on total site visits as well as remote hours for consultations. Option with no site visit, only remote hours was \$2750) The Board has tabled the discussion and decision for Policy Governance training for a later meeting.

Mike made a motion to approve Michelle to attend DI conference. Rudy seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Approval of Design Development

Board was presented with GMP document titled Field House Design and Renovation and Elementary School Addition and Renovation by Bahr, Vermeer and Haecker (documents dated 5/14/2007) for approval. Mike made a motion to approve. Rudy seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:25 p.m. Joe made a motion to move to executive session according to CRS 24-06-402 (4)(f) and CRS-06-402 (4)(c) to discuss Personnel and COO salary. Rudy seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sears, Board Secretary

Rudy Gomez, Board Chairman

Attachments:

E.L. Financial Condition & Activities 2.3

E.L. Financial Planning & Budgeting 2.5

May School Reports

