



JAMES IRWIN CHARTER SCHOOLS
June 14, 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, Deborah Hendrix, Laura Stephens, Mike Swartz, John Buck.

Call to Order

Rudy called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 5/22/07. Board disagreed as to have the school reports as Minutes attachments. Board Chairman asked the issue be tabled for further discussion. Minutes not approved.

Agenda

Agenda proposed to be updated to begin with COO report (incidental), then Governance Process. Adjourn to JIEF Meeting. Reconvene to JICS Meeting to complete remaining agenda. Rudy made a motion to accept agenda changes. Mike seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Incidentals

COO Reporting:

Mrs. Themel introduced Ms. Rosalie Dickens as the James Irwin Charter Middle School Principal, and Ms. Laura Stephens as the James Irwin Charter High School Principal. Bio's of each were provided to the Board. Ms. Dickens and Ms. Stephens introduced themselves to the Board and public as well.

Governance Process

CECFA Funding Resolution

The Board was presented with Resolution of James Irwin Charter High School, James Irwin Charter Middle School, and James Irwin Elementary School Authorization of Plan of Finance for approval. Rudy made a motion to approve. Mike seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Board Adjourns to convene JIEF Meeting.

Board Reconvenes at 2:50 pm.

Public Input

None

Board Correspondence/Comments

Board received thank you notes from:

Ms. Annette Milligan for continued support for the JICHS National Honor Society.

Ms. D. Worthington-Teacher Appreciation Gifts

Incidentals:

School Reports:

No reports this month from the schools.

However, Mrs. Berg, JICES, wanted to thank Mrs. Will and Mrs. Cole for all their work and dedication in assisting with the 6th grade at JICMS. She also thanked Mrs. Batteiger and Mrs. Daugherty, 6th grade teachers, for their work and contributions.

COO Report:

No reports from the COO this month.

However, Mrs. Themel reported on the CLCS Review as well as the progress of working towards accreditation.

Consent Agenda

None.

Monitoring Reports

None available. Reports for June tabled until August Board Meeting.

Ends 1.2

Michelle asked to be allowed to form a committee of up to 7 members of subject matter experts, to advise the Board on Ends Policy 1.2 as it pertains to Mastery. The Committee Chair will report to the Board by August. Michelle made a motion to accept. Rudy seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Governance Process

Board Training Expenses for Professional Development and Governance Training

At May's meeting, the Board was presented with Policy Governance Consultation along with associated costs to consider. The Board discussed the package options again, as well as considering the training of new Board members. The Board agreed upon Package "C", which includes one onsite visit and 12 remote hours, by consultant Mr. J Hyatt, at a cost of \$5000. Any additional onsite visits would cost \$2400 and any additional remote hours would cost \$240 per hour. Rudy made a motion to accept. Mike seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Discussion:

During discussion and review of Governance Process, Policy 4.10 (2), the Board has decided to revisit the Policy in August to discuss and/or change. According to the current policy which reads:

"2. Costs will be prudently incurred, but sufficient to ensure the development and maintenance of superior governance.

- A. Up to \$9,000 per year for Board training, including publications, travel, expense reimbursements, surveys, focus groups, opinion analyses, outreach events, meeting and retreat costs, and committee functions.*
- B. Up to \$18,000 per year for audit and other third party monitoring of organizational performance."*

Currently this is not reflected in the current 2007-2008 budget.

Also, Governance Process, Policy 4.9 (D) references foundational materials which need to be formalized.

Board Evaluation

Rudy made a motion to adopt the Agenda Planning Calendar proposed by Mrs. Themel. Mike seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Mike made a motion to adjourn. Rudy seconded it. Vote: Rudy, aye; Mike, aye; and Michelle aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sears, Board Secretary

Rudy Gomez, Board Chairman

Attachments:
NONE