

Board of Governors Special Meeting
Irvington Community Schools, Inc.

Date: July 20, 2020
Location: Virtual via Go-To-Meeting

Pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of the bylaws of Irvington Community School, Inc. (the “corporation”), a special meeting of the corporation’s Board of Governors was held on July 20, 2020, in a Go-To-Meeting virtual session.

Suzanne Koehler presided over the meeting and, finding that proper notice of the meeting had been given under IC 5-14-1.5 et seq., called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The following board members were present and available to vote on matters presented to the board:

Suzanne Koehler, Chair; Carrie Kriech, Vice-Chair; Christina Arrom, Secretary; Richard Berger, Treasurer; Keith Huehls, Member; Amy Johnson, Member; Jwan Davidson, Member; and Jamie Scott, Member.

Absent member includes Jodie Lannan.

ICS leadership in attendance included:

Tim Mulherin, Chief Executive Officer; Harold Allen, Chief Financial Officer; Chris Ashmore, Director of IT; James Welter, Director of Testing, Data, and Curriculum; Tammi Hughes, ICS Community Engagement Director; Deanna Dehner, ICES Principal; Loryn Venekamp, ICMS Principal; and Jana Goebel IPA Principal.

Public attendance included:

Approximately 145 public members attended virtually.

I. Opening Items

a. Record Attendance and Guests (Suzanne Koehler)

Attendance was confirmed by roll call due to the virtual session.

b. Call the Special Meeting to Order (Suzanne Koehler)

With eight board members in attendance, KOEHLER observed there was a quorum present to transact business and called the special meeting to order.

c. Agenda and Meeting Process (Carrie Kriech)

KRIECH directed any questions from the public to be placed in the “Questions” and will be assigned to a panelist and addressed after the Board of Governors discussion as time allows. All unanswered questions will be contacted by email or phone call by the leadership team by the end of business on Wednesday, July 23, 2020.

KOEHLER summarized the last special meeting and struck the Finance Report from the agenda today to be discussed later during a regular meeting.

II. CEO Report

a. Delayed School Opening Proposal/Calendar Change (Tim Mulherin)

MULHERIN provided an update regarding other schools delaying to start this academic year. He is requesting that we do the same to ensure we have time to prepare for students returning in person and proposes ICS delays its opening until August 10, 2020. The fall semester would still look the same, and in the spring semester, ICS would change the spring break to one week long instead of two weeks and end on June 10, 2021. Additionally, we are listening to parents with regards to e-Learning as a full-time option. ICS is communicating with two primary vendors that offer e-Learning.

Determination of ICS Academic Calendar Revision (*See vote matrix*)

First to motion was HUEHLS, second was JOHNSON. KOEHLER roll call to change the academic calendar. No objections. Unanimous approval. Motion carries to start the academic year August 10, 2020, and end on June 10, 2021, with one week of spring break (rather than two).

b. Learning Option Recommendation (Tim Mulherin)

MULHERIN shared that we are in discussion with two e-Learning vendors. Irvington Preparatory Academy has some experience with Apex Learning. Parents will be able to opt-in for e-Learning from July 24-29. The decision they choose will be in effect for the full fall semester. KOEHLER asked if there is a cost associated with the two vendors. MULHERIN said they are creating a comparative chart. ALLEN provided estimates between \$20,000 to \$60,000 per school year; ICS is inquiring to see if there is an option per semester.

First to motion was BERGER, second was JOHNSON.

Discussion on e-Learning. HUEHLS asked if we are accepting e-Learning as an option, then do we do a hybrid model. MULHERIN responded that the goal is to get children in schools while listening closely to the various local, state, and national medical authorities on the matter to inform our academic model decisions. This allows parents to have two options. KOEHLER added that this brings a sense of community back. HUEHLS asked if it would make sense to only go with e-Learning. MULHERIN added that we may have a different conversation moving forward, but for now having two options is the best strategy. HUEHLS and KRIECH added to think about the percentage of students who will be signing up for e-Learning and the effect it might have on the hybrid model. MULHERIN stated that ICS will revisit and reevaluate when more concrete numbers are available. Additionally, the Staff and Student Covid-19 Safety Plan is still being developed. The hybrid model offering allows for smaller classroom sizes while keeping the safety of our students and staff in mind.

Determination to have e-Learning as a second option. (*See voting matrix*)

KOEHLER roll call to move to two options for students, e-Learning or hybrid model. No objections. Unanimous approval. Motion carries to offer students either e-learning or hybrid model.

c. Question and Answer Period

HUGHES read several questions and comments from the public which were answered by the principals or CEO. It was agreed that any remaining questions would be responded to in writing for the entire school community within 72 hours.

d. Vote on Calendar Change and eLearning Option

See above section II(a) and Section II(b) for voting.

III. Finance Report

a. Auditor Engagement Request (Harold Allen)

Struck from the agenda.

IV. Other Business

a. None.

V. Closing Items

a. Adjourn meeting

First to motion adjournment was KRIECH, second was BERGER. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m. The next Board of Governors meeting will be held in August.