



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Meeting of Friday, August 28, 2020 6:30PM

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“Providing a strong educational foundation to all students who are in need of direction and support in learning English and finding their way in a new culture.”

Mission: Iftin Charter School provides students in grades TK-8 an academically rigorous, common core aligned curriculum, supplemented with a technology intensive program in a student centered, safe and caring learning environment. ICS addresses the needs of a diverse group of students, their families and communities by building on the strengths of the students’ cultural heritage and life experiences. ICS students are educated and enlightened to become successful, lifelong learners and valuable members of the global community.

WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 6:32PM

Roll Call

Faisal Ali	President absent
Joe Udall	Secretary present
Mulki Hersi	Treasurer present
Rahmo Abdi	Member present
Ibrahim Hassan	Member present

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT— Anyone wishing to address the Board on agenda, non–agenda, and/or Closed Session items may do so. Individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Total public input on any one subject may be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, and may be extended at the discretion of the Board Chairperson. Comments on an agenda item may be taken when the agenda item is discussed by the Board. Comments on non–agenda items will be heard before the Consent Motion.

No Public Speakers

CONSENT ITEMS

A) Approve Meeting Minutes of 7/17/2020 and 7/30/2020

Joe Udall: We don’t have any public comments this evening. So, I will move to the consent items to approve meeting minutes of July 17, 2020 and July 30, 2020.

Joe Udall: Do I have a motion to approve the consent items?

Mulki Hersi: I motion to approve

Rahmo Abdi: I second

Motion Hersi Second Abdi Ayes Hersi Abdi Udall Nays Hassan Abstain N/A Absent Ali



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DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) MOU between Iftin Charter School and San Diego County Board of Education

Joe Udall: I'm pleased to see the final draft of the MOU between Iftin Charter School and the San Diego County Board of Education. I commend the administration for the two months of hard work. I read through the document and it is a great accomplishment.

Maslah Yussuf: Thank you Joe and all board of directors. We've spent a lot of time to ensure we have a livable document. A binding agreement between Iftin and the San Diego County Office of Education.

Initially the draft had enforcement language that the County Superintendent could unilaterally force the school to close permanently for any violation of the MOU, such as missing a single deadline to submit a policy to the County.

The draft also required that Iftin waive its due process rights under the Charter Schools Act in the event the County has to enforce the MOU through the revocation process. The draft also included numerous other requirements, such as the requirement to obtain WASC accreditation within 12 months. This is probably not realistic given the current pandemic, budget constraints, etc.

The County agreed to push out the requirement to apply for WASC until the 2022-23 school year and to extend the cure period in the enforcement language to 30 days, unless mutually extended by both parties.

I believe all of the requirements in this agreement will help us to become a better school. I'm very happy with the last product. If you have any questions, please feel free. We also have Merrick with us for any clarifications. Thank you,

Merrick Wadsworth: I can answer any questions, or if you'd like me to go through any provision, I'm happy to do that as well.

Ali Hori: Thank you Board. Mr. Maslah gave us some information about the MOU. To be honest agreements such as this one, it takes time. We spent a lot of time to reach an agreement. This is a healthy agreement between San Diego County Board of Education and Iftin Charter School. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks again for your time.

Joe Udall: I'm encouraged and looking forward to us building a healthy and positive relationship with the County. The way San Diego County Board talked about our school and how much they appreciated and giving us this great opportunity to shine. Will the SDCOE conduct site visits twice a year?

Merrick Wadsworth: The County has a very specific oversight requirement.

Abdi Mohamud: The SDCOE authorizer has created a Microsoft OneDrive accounts for all of us in Admin. An online folder to submit all of the required documents Monthly.



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Maslah Yussuf: The County has been very helpful in guiding us through the process of our operational oversight and it's helping us to become a better school. We will ensure that we meet all the deadlines and submit all of the required documents. We can ask Melanie; I think she's on the line for clarifications.

Melanie Baier: (Chat Msg.) Sorry my microphone is not working. I can hear but not speak. We will be doing site visits. Some announced. Some may not be announced. We will not be starting until county health orders allow.

Joe Udall: Thank you Melanie

B) SDEA COVID MOU

Abdi Mohamud: This agreement focuses on our continued online distance learning. This document highlights the work conditions for our unit members. Our continued bargaining for safe return to in-person. The daily schedule, professional development and planning week. Finally, first day of school and access to facility. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have about the Distance learning MOU with SDEA.

Maslah Yussuf: Our Teachers are very hopeful and positive. Our teacher retention continues to improve. There are positive vibes, positive collaboration and together we will make this school the best performing school in San Diego. We look forward to a wonderful school year. If you have any questions, we are more than happy to answer.

C) 2019-20 Unaudited Actuals

Joe Udall: Ok, thank you. We will now move on to Item C. 2019-20 Unaudited Actuals. I'd like to invite Joshua from CSMC.

Joshua Eng: What we are looking at today and what you will be approving later this evening is the 2019-2020 unaudited actuals. The books for Iftin Charter for the year. How the school did financially and where they are at moving on to the next year. They are called unaudited actuals because the auditor has not reviewed them yet. That will happen in the next three months. The school ended with a net income of \$6,637. The balance sheet as of June 2020, the school has a cash balance of \$1.6Million and total net assets at \$2,001,727. These two reports summarize everything, any questions about unaudited actuals and the financial standing for the school?

Joe Udall: Thank you Josh. I have a separate question about the state deferral apportionments, I thinks it's going to shake up when charter schools will get the funds, is that correct?

Joshua Eng: The deferral of the state aide and apportionment is not something new. There is some delay in receiving the funds. You will eventually receive the funds, but later than expected. This is an issue for schools in a tight a cash flow situation, you are fortunate to have good reserves. You might not need to take out a loan or sell your receivables which is a good sign.

Mulki Hersi: Thank you Josh.



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D) Instructional Material Proposal

Maslah Yussuf: Students have been out of school for almost 6 months since the pandemic. As you already know, many of our students are English Language learners and they need extra support. Our goal this year is to focus reading. Reading is the key for all other subjects. We would like to obtain all the materials that will help our students to be successful. We need to provide our teachers with the tools and resources they need to support their students.

We made extensive research and found the guided reading materials listed to help support this effort. As you know, that state has identified the learning loss funds that we received to be spent by December.

Ali Hori: Thank you Maslah. Yolande could not be with us this evening.

We worked through the entire Summer to analyze the school needs. Finally, we've identified the need to focus on reading. As you know many of our students are English learners and they need extra support in building their reading.

Ibrahim Hassan: Can you please identify the materials needed?

Ibrahim Hassan: This particular proposal includes instructional materials such as DRA assessment tools, the guided reading libraries. What's included also are the online access to the books and supplemental resources.

Ibrahim Hassan: Thank you.

Mulki Hersi: It is very important to gain access to all of needed materials, so that our children will have love for reading. Reading is very important, because you cannot do math or any other subjects if you cannot read.

Action Item

Joe Udall: Do I have a motion to approve MOU between Iftin Charter School and San Diego County Board of Education?

Mulki Hersi: I motion.

Rahmo Abdi: I second

Motion Hersi Second Abdi Ayes Hassan Hersi Abdi Udall Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent Ali

Joe Udall: Do I have a motion to Approve 2019-20 Unaudited actuals?

Ibrahim Hassan: I motion.

Rahmo Abdi: I second

Motion Hassan Second Abdi Ayes Hassan Hersi Abdi Udall Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent Ali



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Joe Udall: Do I have a motion to approve the Instructional Materials proposed by the administration?

Mulki Hersi: I Motion.

Ibrahim Hassan: I second.

Motion Hersi Second Hassan Ayes Hassan Hersi Abdi Udall Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent Ali

Report to Open Session

Reportable Action: None

Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held **on Saturday, September 26, 2020** at 10:00Am.

Adjournment 7:21pm

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