



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES – Regular Board Meeting

Meeting of Friday, November 15, 2024 at 5:30PM

5465 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115 (Library)

“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.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Joseph Johnson

WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 5:30 AM

Roll Call

Dr. Joseph Johnson	_____	President present
Rahmo Abdi	_____	Secretary present
Mulki Hersi	_____	Treasurer present
Faisal Ali	_____	Member present
Ibrahim Hassan	_____	Member present
Shuayb Mumin	_____	Member present
Rashid Mursal	_____	Member present

Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Dr. Joseph Johnsons called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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.

N/A

CONSENT ITEMS

A) Approval of meeting minutes of 7/1/24, 7/26/24, 8/30/24 and 9/13/24

Motion Ali Second Mumin Ayes, Ali, Mursal, Mumin, Hersi, Johnson, Abdi Hassan Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent N/A



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Discussion Items

A) CEO Report, Maslah Yussuf

Quote of the Month:

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." At Iftin Charter School, we are committed to embodying this principle by fostering collaboration, continuous improvement, and a relentless focus on student success.

1. Parent Engagement

This month, we hosted our most well-attended parent meeting to date, where we shared our school-wide expectations. Key highlights included:

Emphasizing the importance of students arriving at school on time daily.

Outlining the support structures available to students, such as before-school, after-school, and in-school interventions provided by our Student Success Specialist and Math Intervention Teacher.

The turnout and engagement from parents demonstrate a growing partnership in supporting our students' success.

2. Facility Advocacy

We met with Richard Barrera to discuss the district's support for families interested in our school but limited by our current facility constraints. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for December 3 with Dr. Johnson, Dr. Sharon, Richard, Abdi, and myself to explore actionable solutions.

3. Improving School-Wide Discipline

A productive meeting was held with our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT), with Dr. Johnson in attendance, to discuss strategies for enhancing our school-wide discipline system.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Thursday to finalize a more effective plan that meets the needs of both our students and staff.

4. Learning from Exemplary Schools

Some ILT members visited Vieser Charter School in Chula Vista with Dr. Johnson to observe best practices.

Next Thursday, our leadership team and middle school teachers will visit the same school to focus on its middle school structure and gather insights for implementation at Iftin.

5. Thanksgiving Preparations

As we approach Thanksgiving break, we are preparing for a smooth transition and planning to share updates on upcoming school initiatives in the next board meeting.

6. Audit Finalization

We are in the final stages of completing our audit. The final report will be shared with the board as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or comments, I am happy to address them.



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B) Board Financial Report

Actual to Budget: This report is as of Sep 30, 2024, compared against our board-approved budget on June 14th, 2024, this was based on a budgeted enrollment count of 530 and budgeted ADA of 450. Budgeted net deficit for the year in this report was <\$156k> .

****NOTE:** Budget will be positively and negatively impacted depend on the schools final ADA number – this won't be officially known until mid/late April 2025. Average value per full ADA is around ~\$15K; so, each ADA shorter than the budgeted amount will negatively affect the budget by around ~\$15K and each ADA greater than the budget amount will be positively affected by the same amount

YTD Revenues through Sep 30, 2024, are \$1,460,123 or -7.2% under our current budget due to timing. Funds are being received slightly ahead of when they were budgeted. This is not a gain in new revenue and has no positive effect on budgeted net income. ****NOTE:** ~\$2.4M of budgeted revenue is based around restricted funds. School must find expenses and meet compliance requirements to earn these funds. If the school cannot, this will have a negative impact on the budget).

YTD Expenses through Sep 30, 2024, are \$2,000,794 or 5.1% over our current budget due to payroll expenses being greater than budgeted – the current trend suggests the school could be close to ~ over the original budget. This would significantly impact that budget in a negative manner. This is currently driven due to adding 10+ new employees and some rates on the original budget being lower than originally budget for. School plans to utilize new grants to offset this; and will account for both the expense and the revenue in the December budget revision.

Therefore, net income is (\$540,671) or 64.1% under our current budget.

Balance Sheet: As of Sep 30, 2024, we had total cash of \$3,522,818, short-term liabilities of \$2,131,926, and long-term liabilities of \$60,283. The ending fund balance is \$2,093,996.

Action Items

A) Approval of 2024 Local Control Accountability Plan

Motion Abdi Second Hassan Ayes, Ali, Mursal, Mumin, Hersi, Johnson, Abdi Hassan Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent N/A

Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1). Position: Chief Executive Officer

Report to Open Session

Reportable Action: None



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Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held on **Friday, December 13, 2024** at 5:30PM.

Adjournment. 7:56pm

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