



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES – Regular Board Meeting

Meeting of Friday, February 27, 2026 at 4:30PM

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

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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.

Approval of Agenda: Faisal Ali

WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 4:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President **Faisal Ali** called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Faisal Ali – President
- Mulki Hersi – Treasurer
- Dr. Joseph Johnson – Member
- Ibrahim Hassan – Member
- Rashid Mursal – Member

Absent:

- Rahmo Abdi – Secretary

A quorum was established.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Ibrahim Hassan

Second: Rashid Mursal

Vote:

Ayes – 5



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Nays – 0

Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

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 comments were presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve Consent Items A–J: Rashid Mursal

Second: Ibrahim Hassan

Vote:

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

Discussion Items

A. CEO Report

The CEO provided an instructional and operational update, including:

- Completion of Quarter 3 assessments and preparation for the final instructional quarter.
- Review of student academic progress, including improvements in early literacy and reading levels.
- Ongoing instructional support through professional development, classroom walkthroughs, and PLC collaboration with Dr. Joseph Johnson.
- Focus on CAASPP preparation, including test-taking strategies and student readiness supports, particularly for third-grade students testing for the first time.
- Continued emphasis on data analysis to guide instructional planning following spring break.



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Board members expressed appreciation for the instructional progress and collaborative leadership efforts.

B. Monthly Financial Board Report

AJ Wassell (CSMC) presented the financial report through January 31, 2026.

Key discussion points included:

- Budget based on 573 enrollment and 539 ADA.
- Current ADA trending at 561, which may result in increased LCFF revenue if sustained.
- Revenues slightly under budget due to timing of restricted fund receipts, not revenue loss.
- Expenses trending under budget, with payroll being closely monitored.
- Net deficit trending more favorably than originally projected.
- Strong cash position of approximately \$3.34 million.
- Confirmation that short-term liabilities are fully covered by available cash.

The Board discussed ADA trends, conservative budgeting practices, and ongoing monitoring of payroll expenditures.

C. Second Interim Report

AJ Wassell presented the official Second Interim financial report (July 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026), required for submission to the County.

Discussion included:

- No budget revision; report reflects the previously approved December budget.
- Multi-Year Projections remain consistent with First Interim.
- Fiscal outlook remains stable and trending positively.
- ADA increases may further strengthen year-end financial position.

Board members acknowledged the school's stable financial standing.

D. Policy Updates

Administration provided brief overviews of policy updates and compliance requirements, including:

- **Comprehensive School Safety Plan (2025–26 update)** – Annual review and required updates, including emergency protocols.
- **LCAP Midyear Report** – Progress toward academic goals, budget alignment, and required midyear reporting.
- **Independent Study Policy** – Updated to reflect state requirement reducing short-term independent study from 20 days to 15 days.
- **TK Teacher Hiring and Qualification Policy** – New policy aligning with updated state credentialing requirements.
- **Professional Boundaries Policy** – Updated language to reflect best practices.



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- **Immigration Policy** – Newly adopted policy outlining protections of student information and procedures for responding to law enforcement inquiries.
- **Smart Phone Policy** – New policy addressing student device use, particularly during emergencies.
- **Harassment, Discrimination, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy** – Updated to reflect current compliance standards.
- **Brown Act Compliance Updates** – Revisions to ensure governing board practices remain compliant.

No additional revisions were requested.

Action Items

A. Approval of Second Interim Report

Motion: Rashid Mursal
Second: Ibrahim Hassan

Vote:
Ayes – 5
Nays – 0
Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

B. Approval of New Bank Account

Motion: Rashid Mursal
Second: Ibrahim Hassan

Vote:
Ayes – 5
Nays – 0
Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

Closed Session

None

Report to Open Session

Reportable Action: None.



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Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting will be held on **Friday, March 27, 2026 at 5:30PM.**

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at **5:25 PM.**

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