



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Meeting of Friday, October 11th, 2019, 5:30PM
Iftin Charter School Library
5465 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego CA 92115

“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 K-8 an academically rigorous, common core aligned curricula, 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 5:42 PM

Roll Call

Abdulkarim Warsame _____ President present by phone
Teleconferencing from:
8207 Blaisdell Ave S Bloomington MN 55420
Joe Udall _____ Secretary present
Mulki Hersi _____ Treasurer present
Rahmo Abdi _____ Member present
Faisal Ali _____ Member present
Ibrahim Hassan _____ Member present

PUBLIC HEARING

This is the appropriate point in the meeting for any members of the audience to speak on matters of special interest or concern not on the present agenda. If they wish to address the Board, they are requested, prior to the meeting, to submit to the Secretary of the Board their names and the subject on which they wish to speak. Time is limited to three minutes for each individual. Individuals wishing to comment on items on the present agenda may do so during this portion of the meeting. Complaints about specific personnel are not appropriate for public session. Please submit any complaints to the Board Secretary in writing.

No speakers present in either location.

REGULAR SESSION

I. Principal Report

Hori: We currently have 348 students. Administration is putting together plans to address student concerns, and lesson plans. We have a new committee led by several teachers from the different grade levels, and we are making positive collaborations. The assistance of Ms. Dougherty in consulting with our petition has made a clear timeline. Today we had a meeting with the California Charter Association, and they are pleased by our increases. They are looking forward to giving us feedback on the petition. They also previewed the state laws for charter schools. Iftin was the best compared to local schools when it came to the CAASPP. District site visit will be October 23rd.



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II. Consent Items

- Board Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2019 (Att. 1)
- Board Annual Retreat Workshop Minutes of September 28, 2019 (Att. 2)

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

III. Discussion Items

A. Charter Renewal Petition (Att. 3)

Doughtery: We have met 3 times since the board retreat and looked at the areas we needed our most attention. We revised several areas, including the executive letter, and try to capture what this school is about. Mr. Hori will take a look at it, and will add his thoughts. It is time consuming, but we are making sure everything is in place. We will need a week and a half to finish formatting, and we want the board looking at the edits as we work on it. The final document will be a 160 pages, and we want you to see the document as many times before approving it. The executive statement is the part of the Iftin that we are most proud of, and we want the reader to see the urgency on why the petition needs to be approved. The key to a good petition is to make it flow in the right order, and that's what we want to demonstrate. We increased the writing on how parents are our parents. We added strategies to get parents more involved. Another strength of the petition is the participation rate has grown over the last 5 years.

Warsame: How much time do we need for the petition?

Doughtery: Looking to send the petition to legal and CCSA Oct 21st. We will then get an approval Nov 1st. And send it to the authorizer Nov 4th.

Ali: Procedurally, we should have the petition ad hoc committee handling most of these concerns.

Maani: Let's focus on the main points that we need board feedback.

Doughtery: Element One is the most important element next to assessment and reporting, and we recommend a positive discussion about the vision, which will lead to the rest of the petition.

Warsame: I want to thank the great work by the petition team, and we appreciate having the link to make comments on the google drive document.

B. Revising 2019-2020 Annual Budget (Att. 4)

Eng: The budget has been updated with the current numbers, with a deficit projected at 100K over 185K projected back in June 2019. This is the budget we will put into the charter petition renewal. As we present these numbers, and put it into the charter renewal project.

C. Revising ICS Vision Statement (Att. 5)

Udall: Concerns about removing assisting English, and suggest tabling and getting more feedback.



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Ali: I suggest getting more feedback.

Warsame: This is a part of the petition, and we will approve the petition later. We won't narrow our petition in saying we only help English language learners.

Ahmed: I suggest adding in the language component.

D. Revise 2019-2020 Board Calendar

Udall: We will add a special meeting Oct 30.

E. School Policies: Suicide Prevention & Discrimination (Att. 6)

Doughtery: We are reviewing the policies that aren't updated, or adding the ones that are missing. Your old policy is missing vital language by new law, and for any 7-12 schools, you need a suicide prevention policy, even if your school only has 7 and 8th.

F. After School Program

Charles: We are working with a budget to set a program for interventions for literacy, targeting K8. I will bring a proposal, and follow the same timeline.

Udall: I recommend looking at the MAP data to see who we are serving.

Warsame: Let's look at successful programs elsewhere to also guide our thinking. I recommend also parent engagement what this program will encompass.

G. Safety Issue: Artificial Grass Installation to Blacktop

Mohamud: Estimate of the costs would be 28K, and it will soften the asphalt and reduce injuries. 4 bids were received, and Omega Turf provided services and costs were lower than other bids.

Hersi: Where will it be located?

Mohamud: Behind basketball courts with small fencing.

Udall: Warranty?

Mohamud: 5 years? And we will take it to San Diego Unified and see if we can add it to their property.

Ali: How will it be utilized?

Mohamud: Soccer, football, and other activities.



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IV. Action Items

- A. Iftin Charter Renewal Petition Motion to table to next meeting.
Motion Ali Second Hersi Ayes Udall Hersi Hassan Ali Abdi Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent Warsame
- B. Approve Revised 2019-2020 Annual Budget
Motion Hassan Second Hersi Ayes Udall Hersi Hassan Ali Abdi Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent Warsame
- C. Revised ICS Vision Statement Recommendations to administration
Motion Second Ayes Udall Hersi Hassan Ali Abdi Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent N/A
- D. Revised 2019-2020 ICS Board Calendar Discussing special meeting date.
Motion Second Ayes Udall Hersi Hassan Ali Abdi Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent N/A
- E. School Policies: Suicide Prevention & Discrimination Table Motion to table to next meeting.
Motion Abdi Second Ali Ayes Udall Hersi Hassan Ali Abdi Nays N/A Abstain N/A Absent Warsame

V. Closed Session

Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54957. Principal (1)

VI. Return to Open Session

No reportable action.

VII. Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Retreat is to be held on **Friday, November 1, 2019** at 5:30 pm in the Iftin K-8 Library at 5465 El Cajon, Blvd San Diego.

IX. Adjournment 7:45 pm

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