



Inspired Teaching Demonstration School

Board of Directors Meeting

June 7, 2021

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET (via Zoom)

Minutes by: Joanne Irby, Board Secretary

In attendance: John Leibovitz, Lucy Newton, Rusty Wilson, Aleta Margolis, Michelle Lerner, Andrea Browning, Maureen Ingram, Morris Clarke, Joanne Irby, Deborah Dantzier Williams (Pete Weber absent)

Staff: Kate Keplinger

Called to Order: 12:03 pm

Approval of Minutes: May 3, 2021 Board Meeting minutes were approved, with the amendment that Aleta Margolis was not present.

School Update

Head of School reviewed high school outplacement data for graduating 8th graders, current school year produced ITDS' highest level of placement in specialized high schools. Discussion of return to school plans to maintain safe operations, including for unvaccinated children. Return to school survey underway, and forms from OSSE to apply for individual accommodations for remote learning are now available.

There is sufficient staff to staff summer school, and leadership is considering options for after-school tutoring and Saturday school for the coming school year

HVAC system assessment was complete. Air purifiers will be in all classrooms, and updated filters are in place. Assessment firm has done dozens of school reviews, good marks were received on our current HVAC system. The large common areas need upgrades, which will be done over the summer. Summary assessment will be posted with meeting minutes.

The Public Charter School Board has approved an at-risk preference option for charter schools. Schools have until July 25th to apply to be able to adopt the option, effective for either SY22-23 or SY23-24. The Board discussed the application process, ITDS' readiness based on track record, alignment with mission, and questions regarding the process and commitments.

Motion to approve creation of an At-Risk Preference Committee of the Board to study the option and make a recommendation to the full Board.

Roll Call:

Ay's: 10

No's: None

Motion Approved

SY21-22 Board of Directors Officers

Slate of Nominees:

President - Lucy Newton

Vice President - Andrea Browning

Treasurer - Rusty Wilson

Secretary - Joanne Irby

Motion to approve the slate of nominees for SY21-22

Roll Call:

Ay's: 10

No's: None

Motion Approved

Committee Reports

- Nominations and Governance: The Education Board Partners assessment process is ongoing. Jeri Epstein is resigning from the Board, John Leibovitz and Joanne Irby's terms are expiring; John has agreed to stay on for 1 additional year, SY21-22; Joanne has agreed to stay on 2 additional years, through SY22-23 1

Motion to renew John Leibovitz for a 1-year term and Joanne Irby for a 2-year term

Motion Approved

- Finance and Business Oversight Committee: Discussion of budget for SY21-22; New priority expenditures relate to reopening, refinance of loan, buy-out of Hope partial ownership of building

Roll Call:

Ay's: 10

No's: None

Motion Approved

- Demonstration and Fundraising: Met with IFA members to start planning Fall 10-year event
- Academic Quality: Committee will be looking at end of year data at this month's meeting, particularly iReady Math and Reading.

Departing Board Members

Board expressed gratitude for the contributions and service of departing Board member Jeri Epstein, and the leadership of departing Board Chair John Leibovitz.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:46pm.