



IVALB Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025
7:00pm @ IVA High School

1. Call to Order and Overview

- I. Welcome - Board in session, recording in progress as of 7:12 PM
- II. Roll call (Dan Hertzler):
 - A. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Hertzler (DH), Asion Jackson (AJ), Joshua Ross (JR), Analicia Gomez (AG), Megan Folland (MF), Howie Fitzgerald (HF), Presley Gomez [Student Rep] (PG), Dan Speak (DS) (7:13 PM)
 - B. BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Churchill (EC),
 - C. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: James McGrath (JM), Richard Williams (RW), Jacquie Bryant (JB), Dustin Schmidt (DSC), Summer Sanders (SS), Joy deBoer (potential IVA Board Member), Jason Behr, IVA Students/Families
 - D. Agenda items:
 - E. *Consent Agenda*:
 1. Board Meeting Minutes (October)
 2. Credit and check register reports - November and December (both schools)
 3. Both Schools: 24-25 Comprehensive School Safety Plan

2. Understanding Our Mission

- Michelle Bennewy: HS Teacher - Introduction by JM & SS
 - Teaching ELA elective: Women in Lit, teacher rep for the LBCC courses, work with credit recovery students, and ELD students
 - WOL is where MB can implement the virtues the most. Used *Their Eyes Were Watching God* in class to apply virtues and look at the content through a critical lens. Contextualize the book for today as well as the time period that it was written.
 - DH: being that you've worked at other schools, what is a difference teaching in IVA model vs other schools?
 - MB: this is the smallest school worked at - the amount of freedom with the curriculum stands out. Size also allows for easy collaboration with other teachers through informal interactions.
 - DS: Two other books used in WOL class?
 - MB: Pride & Prejudice (opening with social media)
 - Nickel and Dime, Assata Shakur

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3. Director & Principals Reports

- High School : Summer Sanders (SS)
 - Getting more students enrolled in Dual enrollment
 - Horticulture on campus - building a garden on campus for the students to use
 - Annual Tamale Luncheon - parents come on campus and set up stations for students to get tamales and connect
 - Saturday School - helping students get caught up on assignments and connect with teachers. Not mandatory yet, but still very helpful for students.
 - Community Partnership - Leaning in for the second semester. Communicating that the school is a resource for students and families.
 - Su Casa came on campus as a wraparound service. Did training for staff, students, and parents.
 - College Admissions coming in.
 - Met with GrowSchools for marketing support.
 - Teacher and Student to run social media accounts
- Middle School : Jacquie Bryant (JB)
 - Book Swap - families bring gently used books
 - Art & Community Night 1/16 6:30-7:30PM
 - Athletics: Boys Track & Field, Girls' Basketball
 - Perfect Attendance Prize for JAN - St Bernard Plush (raffle)
 - Family Breakfast 1/23 8:20-9:20 with live performances
 - 25-26 Application opened Dec 3rd, plus review of recruiting activities presented last week. More applications, but more kids are saying no this year compared to others. HF: how do numbers compare to pre-pandemic?
 - 1/24 PD Faculty Academy: Teacher Advisory - How to view time as a resource and asset vs burden or liability
 - IV dissemination in Progress

4. Public Hearing

- *Public input is important for the success of the school. Therefore, we would like to provide a forum for guests to address the school board on topics of relevance*

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to the school. Public hearing items should be brought to the board chairperson and the instructions for doing so are posted on the website. Any items can also be brought to the board chair during the meeting. Any items brought to the board that are not on the agenda cannot be discussed by the full board due to the requirement for public notification through the Brown Act. However, items discussed during the open session can be put on future agenda at the board's request. Members of the public are each allotted one three minute period to address the board.

- *No members of the public present*

5. Public Comments on Current Agenda Items

*Additionally, we would like to provide the public an opportunity to comment on agenda items, **which have been posted**. If you wish to address the board ON AN AGENDA ITEM, and have not previously submitted a request, please verbally notify the chairperson at this time.*

Again, members of the public are each allotted one three minute period to address the board.

- *No members of the public present*

6. Consent Agenda Items

After reviewing the items on the consent agenda ahead of the meeting, are there any items directors would like removed from the consent agenda for full board discussion? MF: no change but would like to support with comm

Any minor changes to be made to items remaining on the consent agenda?

Motion: I, Dan Hertzler, move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Howie Fitzgerald

Discussion: None

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Student Member “Preferential Vote”: aye

*All in favor: **Unanimous***

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

7. Business Items

- **Finance**

- **24-25 November Forecast - edtec**
- Net Income: HS down \$3k MS up \$90k
 - MS increased attendance driving increase, as well as investment income, savings in supplies
 - HS increase in supplies cost
- Audit
 - Rev \$5.6M
 - Exp \$5.4M
 - NI \$280K
 - Fund Bal \$2.7 M 48% of annual budget
 - Conclusion - two findings
 - 3 employees did not have signed I9form
 - Independent Study Agreement language considered non-compliant (abt \$40k cost)
- Questions
 - AJ: clarification for NI chart regarding supplies
 - MF: are there risks to ongoing findings with the audit?
 - MM: want to show corrective action of findings, don't want to continue to have the same issue. Potential financial impact of attendance issues.
 - JM: auditors felt that we substantially complied with the suggestions, but we didn't have the language that they were looking for. For I9, started the process for having payroll company take the documents to prevent loss at the school.



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Motion: I, Dan Hertzler, move to approve the MS & HS Monthly Financials as presented

Second: Dan Speak

Discussion: None

Student Member "Preferential Vote": Aye

All in favor: **Unanimous**

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion: I, Dan Hertzler, move to approve the Joint 23-24 Audit Report as presented

Second: Asion Jackson

Discussion:

Student Member "Preferential Vote": Aye

All in favor: **Unanimous**

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

- **Academic Oversight** -
 - **Middle School SARC: Richard Williams (RW)**



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- ELA & Math exceeded the state and district scores for both years
- Would like to include a comparison of local middle schools as well
- Science also exceeded the state and district scores for both years

Motion: I, Dan Hertzler, move to approve the MS School Accountability Report Card as presented

Second: Analicia Gomez (AG)

Discussion: None

Student Member "Preferential Vote": Aye

All in favor: **Unanimous**

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

- **Middle School Mid-Year LCAP Update:**

- Most data will be coming later in the year.
- PowerPoint has update notes on Goals, Metrics, and Actions where appropriate.

Motion: I, Howie Fitzgerald move to approve the MS Mid-Year LCAP Updates as presented

Second: MF

Discussion: None

Student Member "Preferential Vote": Aye

All in favor: **Unanimous**

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None



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- **High School SARC: James McGrath (JM)**
 - Most of the board relevant material has already been talked about (test scores, dropout rates)
 - Connection between drop out rate and test scores: when district drops out the bottom 15%, it removes their test scores, thus skewing the data. Must consider that when comparing to IVA test data.

Motion: I, Asion Jackson, move to approve the HS School Accountability Report Card as presented

Second: Joshua Ross (JR)

Discussion:

Student Member "Preferential Vote": Aye

All in favor: **Unanimous**

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

- **High School Mid-Year LCAP Update:**
 - Mid- Year is an auditing of the areas that are going to be reported later in the year

Motion: I, Dan Speak, move to approve the HS Mid-Year LCAP Updates as presented

Second: Howie Fitzgerald

Discussion: None

Student Member "Preferential Vote": aye

All in favor: **Unanimous**

All opposed: None

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Abstentions: None

- **Marketing**
- **Disciplinary (ad hoc)** - *No Items on the Agenda*
- **Policy (ad hoc)** - *No Items on the Agenda*
- **Board Governance**
 - **Nomination and Approval of Josh Ross to a 2 Year Term as Board Member and Board Treasurer.**

Motion: I, Dan Hertzler, move to approve Josh Ross to a new 2 Year Term as Board Member and Board Treasurer.

Second: *Howie Fitzgerald*

Discussion: *None*

Student Member "Preferential Vote": *aye*

All in favor: **Unanimous**

All opposed: *None*

Abstentions: *None*

- **Review Period for potential New Board Member: Joy deBoer**

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- Introduction by DH
- Works in education management, resident of LB, interested in supporting and contributing to IVA.
- **Facilities -**
 - HS: Review of Backyard Master Plan
 - JM Framing:
 - Applied for grant through Port of Long Beach
 - Contract in place September. Speed of process allowed team to put in a lot of thought on the plan
 - Analicia Gomez (AG)
 - Met to discuss the needs of the school
 - Utilizing the space and making it more accessible (ADA)
 - Educational Garden and Grove Trees covered by the grant
 - Creating a space for students to have activities, as well as hang out and socialize with each other.
 - Utilizing the natural incline to create amphitheater seating (classroom space)
 - DH: how does the initial cost compare to the full project?
 - Full plan about \$250k, grant covers \$44k of initial phase
 - MF: successful lift project could lead to additional funding from Ahmanson. Big issue now is competing with fire related causes for funds. Next application cycle is in June.
 - Kaboom Grant?, Seeds of Hope
- **Leadership Oversight & Compensation** - *No Items on the Agenda*
- **Fund Development** - *No Items on the Agenda*

8. Comments on items considered in open session -

9. Future business - *Are there any new agenda items from the Board of Directors to be included in the next Board meeting?*

- Upcoming Mandatory Board Trainings: Brown Act, Ethics Training by 2026
- Give some thought to the impact of the upcoming administration

10. Announcements

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11. Announcement of closed session items:

- Conference with legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation

12. Public comments on items considered in closed session

- None

13. Closed session: Recording turned off

- Entered Closed Session at: 08:41PM

14. Report of closed session items (recording turned on)

- Returned to Open Session at: 08:57PM
- Board discussed anticipated litigation while in closed session and no action was taken.

15. Return to open session

16. Call to adjourn : 08:58 PM

Motion: I, Dan Hertzler, move to adjourn the meeting early at 8:58PM

Second: Asion Jackson

Discussion: None

Student Member "Preferential Vote": aye

All in favor: **Unanimous**

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None