

Independence Charter School-CC

Minutes from Special BOT Meeting of Friday, August 20, 2021

Location: 1600 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA

Time: 6:00 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Board Attendees:

Sharon Berney	present	
Justin Csik	present	
Sylvie Gallier Howard	absent	
Allison Kelsey	present	
Danae Mobley	present	<i>Ex-officio</i>
Eleanor Sharpe	present	Tanya Ruley Mayo present
Virgil Sheppard	present	
Jo Tionson Perez	absent	<i>Also Attending</i>
Gina Toppin	present	Patricia Prendergast (staff)
Mehreen Zaman	present	

Who	What
Zaman	Mehreen called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.
Zaman	Mehreen asked if there were any public comment. There was no public comment.
Zaman	<p>Mehreen explained that there are a few resolutions the Board has to pass. The Health & Safety Plan has to be passed. Although it was discussed during the August 11, 2021 board meeting, a resolution was not on the agenda.</p> <p>Sharon Berney asked what the spacing is between the 25 students in a classroom. Tanya stated that we are using “25 students in a classroom”, but most classes have fewer than 25 students. Each student will be three feet apart and all students are facing the same direction. Tanya added that The Plan will be updated as we progress and will be shared with the community. Sharon then asked about the capacity of our cafeteria. Tanya explained that the capacity of our cafeteria is 200 people. Half of the cohort will be at recess while the other half is eating. We will only have 100 students per lunch. Kindergarten and first grade students will eat in their classrooms. We will not be maxing out our space. Sharon stated that she has a concern with unvaccinated students and how this will be managed. Tanya responded that we will continue surveillance testing and added that most cases happen at home and not at school. Sharon then asked about the social and emotional piece and how we are supporting people. Tanya responded that in terms of support, we are continuing with Second Step and we also have a therapist on staff. We are also doing trauma informed training with our staff and community building with both students and staff.</p> <p>Allison Kelsey asked what surveillance testing is. Tanya explained that during the spring we did COVID testing every week which parents could opt in for their students</p>

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	<p>and staff could do to see if there was any exposure.</p> <p>Resolutions:</p> <p>COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan Be it resolved that the Independence Charter School Board of Trustees hereby approve the updated Health and Safety Plan presented.</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Justin Csik 2nd: Gina Toppin Action: Passed unanimously (voice vote)</p> <p>Tanya explained that it has been recommended that we replace the fire pump on our fire system. The faulty pump does not cause a hazard, but there is a 10 week wait for the part.</p> <p>Fire Pump Replacement Project Be it resolved that the Independence Charter School Board of Trustees hereby approve a contract for its fire pump replacement in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for parts and labor.</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Danae Mobley 2nd: Gina Toppin Action: Passed unanimously (voice vote)</p> <p>Mehreen explained that a way to honor our employees who have been at ICS for a period time is to enroll their child at ICS through the Keystone Application process. Darline Williams is starting her 3rd year and she has been a contributing member to the community.</p> <p>Approval of Keystone Staff Application Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Independence Charter School hereby approves the Keystone Staff Application of Darline Williams.</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Eleanor Sharpe 2nd: Allison Kelsey Action: Passed unanimously (voice vote)</p>
	<p>Adjournment Motion to Adjourn: Allison Kelsey 2nd: Sharon Berney Action: Passed unanimously (voice vote) Mehreen adjourned the meeting at 12:23 pm</p>

Respectfully submitted by: Patricia Prendergast