

INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOL, LLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 29, 2024

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Metropolitan High School, LLC met at 10:00 am on January 29, 2024, at Goodwill’s headquarters. Present were:

Gita Baker, present

Kofi Barko, present

Garland Graves, present

Perry Griffith, present

Kent Kramer, present

Jay Oliver, present

Don Palmer, present

Laura Pickett, present

Doris Pryor, present

Josh Shelton, present

Staff/Other:

Shannon Brown

Katie Bustamante

Josh Cooper

Ivan Cropper

Betsy Delgado

Corey Emery

Matt Fortney

Lynn Greggs

Amanda Grube

Brandon Marks

Kim Myers

Lakia Osborne

Khalilah Palmer

Kari Podany

Dan Scott

Sarah Thomas

Tanya White

Student: Freddie Cason

Board Chair Gita Baker presided and called the meeting to order.

There was no public comment.

On a motion by Laura Pickett, duly seconded, the minutes of the November 6, 2023, Board of Directors meeting were approved as previously distributed. Roll call by individual members’ present were all in agreement of approval.

Matt Fortney and Josh Cooper gave the Treasurer’s report for the period through December 31, 2023. Matt noted the total year-to-date revenue is \$2,375,000, \$95,000 ahead of budget and total year-to-date operating income is showing \$238,000, \$193,000 ahead of budget. The Income Statement revenue shows Federal funding is slightly behind budget due to timing of claims for Fed SPED and Title 1, but all awards are expected to be claimed in 2023-24. State funding is ahead of budget due to the \$175,000 received for the Charter and Innovation Network School Grant that was evenly budgeted. Other income is ahead of budget due to E-Rate reimbursements received in July that were budgeted evenly across the year. Cash flow operations used \$590,000 and net increase in cash for year-to-date was \$391,000.

On a motion by Perry Griffith, duly seconded, the financial report through December 31, accounts payable vouchers for October, November and December were approved unanimously. Roll call by individual members’ present were all in agreement of approval.

Shannon Brown gave the school update reporting that there are currently 264 students, one away from the target budget number. They will continue reaching out using task applicants who did not enroll, Excel Center applicants who are under 18, community partners and current students/parents for referrals.

Shannon then pointed to the Dashboard and noted the current academic performance of students, noting a decrease in attendance and an increase in students with high social, emotional needs. They are implementing individualized support plans and personalized communications to target students close to graduation. She also addressed a decrease in PSAT and SAT scores, attributing it to the transition to digital testing. She noted they are planning training for staff to understand and teach the tests.

There was discussion on the challenges and considerations surrounding the new diploma and alternative school options. There was emphasis on the importance of benchmarks and goals, while also ensuring staff and students feel valued. There was also discussion on the significance of industry certifications in workforce development and the importance of exposing students to a variety of career fields and certifications. The dip in data concerning student needs has led to an investigation into potential reasons.

Corey Emery commented on the process of collecting applications and scheduling interviews for prospective school leaders.

Shannon spoke to the upcoming career information session tentatively set for early April.

Shannon introduced student Freddie Cason, a senior at Indy Met, who shared his success story and acceptance to UIndy with a scholarship.

Shannon pointed to the new 2024-25 Indy Met calendar included in packets and posted in OnBoard. She commented that the only update is to the Fall Break which now aligns with the IPS calendar.

On a motion by Jay Oliver, duly seconded, the Indy Met 2024-25 calendar was approved unanimously.

There was no comment from the Mayor's Office.

The meeting was adjourned.