

# INNOVATIVE ARTS

## ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

### Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Meeting Component	Agenda Items																
<b>Opening Exercises</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:12 p.m.</li> <li>● Notice of Meeting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proper notice was published in <i>The Morning Call</i> on Friday, July 7, 2017.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Flag Salute</li> <li>● Roll Call</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="565 562 1240 821" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: yellow;">Administrative Member</th> <th style="background-color: yellow;">Attendance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kelly Bauer, President</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deborah LoPresti, Vice President</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Rank, Member</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daniel Fennick, Attorney</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Danny Youseff, Member</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Douglas Taylor, Principal</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tom Taylor, Accountant</td> <td>Absent</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Administrative Member	Attendance	Kelly Bauer, President	Present	Deborah LoPresti, Vice President	Present	David Rank, Member	Present	Daniel Fennick, Attorney	Present	Danny Youseff, Member	Present	Douglas Taylor, Principal	Present	Tom Taylor, Accountant	Absent
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<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Approval of minutes for July 5, 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion to approve: Kelly Bauer</li> <li>○ Motion seconded by: David Rank</li> <li>○ vote: unanimous.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Enrollment: Mr. Taylor provided a report to the board on enrollment.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As of July 12, 2017, <b>320 students</b> are enrolled for the 2017-2018 academic year.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grade 6- 47</li> <li>▪ Grade 7- 58</li> <li>▪ Grade 8- 50</li> <li>▪ Grade 9- 62</li> <li>▪ Grade 10- 44</li> <li>▪ Grade 11- 30</li> <li>▪ Grade 12- 29</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>																
<b>Executive Session</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>This administration moves to an executive session to discuss a property matter, a personnel matter, and several confidential student matters.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Executive session started at: 6:20pm</li> <li>○ Executive session ended at: 7:00pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																
<b>Return to Regular Session</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>This administration returns to general session.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regular session started at: 7:00pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																
<b>New Business, Motions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Approval to appoint Danny Youseff as the Treasurer for the Board.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion to approve: Kelly Bauer</li> <li>○ Motion seconded by: Deborah LoPresti               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><i>Unanimously approved</i></b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>																

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<b>New Business, Motions-Continued</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o <b>Approval to fund an additional mailer at a maximum cost of \$6,000 to announce a minimum of two open houses</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Motion to approve: David Rank</li><li>o Motion seconded by: Deborah LoPresti<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b><i>Unanimously approved</i></b></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>o <b>Approval to hire a contractor to complete painting and miscellaneous work at a maximum cost of \$4,000</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Motion to approve: Kelly Bauer</li><li>o Motion seconded by: David Rank<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b><i>Unanimously approved</i></b></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>o <b>Approval to add an additional budget allocation for a custodian at an hourly rate of \$11 (full time????)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Motion to approve: Deborah LoPresti</li><li>o Motion seconded by: Danny Youseff<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b><i>Unanimously approved</i></b></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>o <b>Approval to add an additional electives teacher to the budget with a salary range of \$42,000 to \$45,000 for the 2017-2018 budget.</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Motion to approve: Kelly Bauer</li><li>o Motion seconded by: Danny Youseff<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b><i>Unanimously approved</i></b></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>o <b>Approval to add an additional paraprofessional to the budget with a salary of \$25,000.</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Motion to approve: David Rank</li><li>o Motion seconded by: Kelly Bauer<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b><i>Unanimously approved</i></b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Chief School Administrator Report</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Marketing and Recruitment</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 320 students are registered for 2017-2018<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. 204 returning students</li><li>ii. 116 new students</li></ol></li><li>b. 60 students with disabilities are registered for 2017-2018<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. 36 returning students</li><li>ii. 24 new students</li></ol></li><li>c. The team would like to participate in an additional mail campaign at the beginning of August with hopes of enrolling an additional 30 students.</li><li>d. The marketing and enrollment team is cohesive and has been highly successful in their efforts to work towards the goal of increased enrollment.</li></ol></li><li>2. <b>Title I and Title II</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The Title I and Title II applications for 16-17 were submitted in eGrants to the PDE on June 30, 2017. We are owed \$177,000.</li><li>b. The Title I and Title II applications for 17-18 are in progress and should be submitted in eGrants to the PDE by the August 2017 board meeting.</li></ol></li></ol>

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<b>Chief School Administrator Report-Continued</b>	<p><b>3. Staffing New Hires (2017-2018)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Alyssa Cherewaty—Music and Theatre Teacher</li><li>b. Alyssa Spangler—Dance Teacher</li></ul> <p><b>4. Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The Facilities Director, Derrick Mims, is cleaning and preparing the third floor.</li><li>b. Excess furniture is being housed in the landlord's storage warehouse.</li><li>c. The landlord has agreed to make some repairs and enhancements to the school.</li><li>d. A complete set of classroom desks and tables will be donated by the Lehigh Valley Academy.</li><li>e. A quote from a painter is attached. Many offices, classrooms, and hallways require painting.</li></ul> <p><b>5. Curriculum and Master Scheduling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The master schedule for the 17-18 academic year has been finalized.</li><li>b. An honors track and a regular track exist for students in hopes of increasing rigor.</li><li>c. Course selections are complete for returning students but will be organized for newly enrolled students.</li><li>d. Most core areas will be co-taught by a special education teacher.</li></ul> <p><b>6. Human Resources Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Christopher Brown, our new Assistant Principal, starts on 7/17/17.</li><li>b. Kelley Newman, our new Instructional Coach/Health Teacher, starts on 8/3/17.</li><li>c. A search continues for the Fashion Design position. All other teaching positions have been filled.</li><li>d. Teacher certificates are on file for most of the new teachers. We have requested an expedited review for the remaining new teachers, and we expect to receive the remaining certificates by the 7/31/17.</li><li>e. Employee agreements will be sent out next week for the 17-18 academic year.</li></ul> <p><b>7. Special Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Lori Moeck is reviewing the IEPs for the newly enrolled students in order to determine what services and supports that are needed prior to the first day of school.</li><li>b. Lori Moeck is working closely with the PDE Special Education Department to ensure our continued compliance with state requirements and IDEA.</li><li>c. The resource program has been revamped and will be in place on the first day of school.</li><li>d. We are implementing a robust special education collaborative teaching program for the 17-18 year.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Members from the public are invited to comment on items that are listed on this agenda. Each member from the public will have two minutes to address the Board of Directors. The board</b></p>

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<b>Public Comment on Agenda Items</b>	<p>may choose to hear public comment without providing an immediate response. The two minute allotment per public member may be shortened if comments are made about items that are not listed on the agenda for tonight's meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o <b>Public comment - <i>Dialogue Summary</i> of Stephen Serensits (Current Math Teacher)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Stephen discussed that although the school has been through several principals, the school has still managed to finish the school year strong. He is proud of the changes that have been made and wants to see the school continue to thrive. He has noted that there has been considerable efforts made to increase enrollment and make the staff a more cohesive unit. He feels that it would be an injustice to deny students with the opportunity to participate in our specialized fields of study, as we are one of the schools in the state that offer such a highly specialized course of study.</li></ul></li><li>o <b>Public comment- <i>Dialogue Summary</i> of Daniel Maxsim (Current Behavior Manager)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Daniel shared his agreement with the changes that Mr. Taylor made when he joined IAACS in April 2017. He stated that Mr. Taylor did an excellent job of implementing changes quickly that the students and staff greatly benefitted from. He commended Mr. Taylor on having the courage to tackle issues quickly and ensure that students had structure and a sense of cohesiveness. In addition, Daniel shared that the allegations of students receiving in-school suspension without parental consent are not true. As the person who created and managed the in-school suspension program for the Innovative Arts Academy, he ensures that parents are alerted when their child receive disciplinary actions. He maintains emails and records of phone call logs for parent communication.</li><li>o Furthermore, Daniel shared that the behavioral management team has provided extensive support for students in special education that have emotional and/or behavior needs. His team regularly provided crisis counseling, deescalation, peer mediation, and specialized behavioral incentive plans. His team has been very influential in decreasing problem behaviors in a large amount of students. Daniel stated, "there are two sides to every story," and he refutes what has been recently published in the media.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o <b>Wednesday, August 16, 2017</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o 6:00pm in Room 201</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o <b>Approval to adjourn board meeting (7:24)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Motion to approve: Kelly Bauer</li><li>o Motion seconded by: Danny Youseff</li></ul></li></ul>