

**Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors**  
**Regular Session – 7:00 pm**  
**Monday, November 9, 2020**

**MINUTES**

Open Session:

- 1. Call to Order** **7:02 pm**
- 2. Roll call of members** – Eric Nilsson, Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer and Ron Pope.
- 3. Public Comment**

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

*This time is for members of the public to offer comments on agenda items or non-agenda items. For agenda items, members of the public will be allowed up to three (3) minutes per presentation not to exceed twenty (20) minutes in total and for non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.*

**4. Consent Calendar** **7:05 pm**

- 4.1 Consider Approval of October 12 and October 19, 2020 minutes
- 4.2 Consider Approval of Monetary/In-Kind Donations
- 4.3 Consider Approval of Pending Expenditures over \$5,000
- 4.4 Consider Approval of Consulting Agreements
- 4.5 Consider Approval of Contracts
- 4.6 Consider Approval of Field Trips
- 4.7 Consider Approval of Fundraising Requests
- 4.8 Consider Approval of Monthly Check Register
- 4.9 Consider Approval of Personnel Changes
- 4.10 Consider Approval of PE Exemption

Kate McCarthy questioned dates on the Alex Brown Consultant Agreement. It was agreed to revise from 11/10 through 1/31/21. Joni Dunlap wants to know how we will know if this is a good investment. Becky Brown suggested we invite Alex Brown to present to the board meeting in February to see where she is at with progress.

Ron Pope motioned to approve all consent calendar items except 4.1 and 4.2. Joni Dunlap seconded it. Ayes: Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer, Ron Pope and Eric Nilsson. It passed unanimously.

**5. Student Report - Emma Garrahy reporting** **7:10 pm**

ASB is doing great. Students are talking about upcoming events they want to do for when they return to campus. ASB is doing Spirit days virtually. She feels most students are excited to think about returning to in person learning.

**6. Teacher Report - Multiple Teachers reporting** **7:15 pm**

Jim White – Kids he talks to are excited to return, but their parents may not be. Teachers are feeling disconnected. Some kids are doing great with distance learning and others are not.

Danielle Reynolds – She and Sheri Kauffman are working on IPL (Inspire Professional Development) mtgs. Teachers are having trouble planning for different levels of engagement, getting kids to talk to each other, and with IEP students. She expressed concern about retention with the 1x8 schedule. Brian Boyer expressed appreciation to her and the other teachers during this time. Kam Bull agreed with him.

Beth Reid – She is piloting having students onsite and currently has 1-5 kids showing up. As a teacher it's difficult to only have a few students in the classroom, and the inconsistency of not knowing who will show up.

Jarrah Myles – She has Production Team students onsite periodically.

#### **7. Principal Report - Becky Brown Reporting 7:20 pm**

Joni Dunlap asked about teachers piloting the next period. Becky Brown will ask if one teacher from each department can volunteer for this. She is also looking for an Equity Coordinator.

Becky Brown requested that the Board do some Brown Act review. Everyone agreed to review the Brown Act and Board Expectations at the December meeting.

#### **8. Development Director Report – Celeste Cramer Reporting 7:25 pm**

Celeste Cramer shared she has been busy and invited everyone to check out the link:

<https://inspirechicofoundation.com/capital-Kampaign/>

Danielle Reynolds shared, if you are a board member PLEASE donate (un-anonymously) so Celeste Cramer can tell big money donors that 100% of our Board backs the school and this move.

#### **9. Discussion/Action Items**

##### **9.1 Discussion/Action: Consider Approval of Candidate for Inspire Board President 7:25 pm**

Kate McCathy motioned to nominate Eric Nilsson. Kam Bull seconded it. There are no other nominees. Ayes: Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer, Ron Pope and Eric Nilsson. It passed unanimously.

##### **9.2 Discussion/Action: Consider Approval of Revised Canyon View Site Plan(s) and Cost Estimate 7:35 pm**

Becky Brown shared that the theatre was moved on the site plan due to the location of the water drainage system. Tim Dewitt, RGA, shared two site plans: a single story option and an option including a 2 story building. Staff is recommending the 2 story building option. He shared that it opens up a large gathering area and future area to build. Both plans include an amphitheater which seats 580 people and includes a donor wall of 3 sizes of feathers. It is outdoor and the face of the amphitheater.

Doris Luther shared the funding implications for both options, which include a significant loan. She shared that, for every million dollars borrowed, it translates to an additional debt burden of \$50k annually. The current estimated loan amount of \$5,581,000 will cost Inspire about \$300k annually which would be somewhat offset by the approximately \$100k reduction in the oversight fee paid to CUSD. Funding the project is dependent on an increase in enrollment and fundraising. Celeste Cramer feels we can do this. It is a risk, but we can't stay on the CHS campus.

Doris Luther shared that the project costs were estimated by both RGA and Kelli Jurgensen from VPCS, and they were very similar.

The pricing information for the amphitheater was just received, so it needs review and is subject to change.

The amphitheater is needed as a place to gather since the theatre is in a future phase.

Brian Boyer motioned to approve option 2 (2 story) and cost estimates. Kam Bull seconded it. Ayes: Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer, Ron Pope and Eric Nilsson. It passed unanimously.

**9.3 Discussion/Action: Consider Approval of Construction Management Proposal 8:00 pm**

Becky Brown said Chico Unified School District has offered construction management services for free. But we would like the ability to have a second opinion for cost estimates and have an independent advisor on the side. This would be paid for by Measure K funds.

Ron Pope motioned to approve one month and revisit the contract at the December board meeting, after clarification on Admin. Asst. duties at the cost of \$100/hr. Kate McCarthy seconded it. Ayes: Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer, Ron Pope and Eric Nilsson. It passed unanimously.

**9.4 Discussion/Action: Consider Approval of Development Director as Inspire Employee 8:15 pm**

Becky Brown said Inspire Board approved the Development Director position with the Inspire Foundation covering the costs for the first six months. Staff recommends having Inspire pick up the position since the role is critical to securing our future campus.

Ron Pope motioned to approve 9.4 and pay the salary out of the general funds. Joni Dunlap seconded it. Ayes: Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer, Ron Pope and Eric Nilsson. It passed unanimously.

**9.5 Discussion/Action: Consider Approval of Charter SELPA Local Plan Section B, Certification 5, & Participation Agreement 8:30 pm**

Becky Brown said these are standard SELPA docs.

Kate McCarthy motions to approve. Joni Dunlap seconded it. Ayes: Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer, Ron Pope and Eric Nilsson. It passed unanimously.

**9.6 Discussion/Action: Consider Approval of New Courses 8:45 pm**

Becky Brown said since we do not have a study hall available. Social Science has agreed to create an additional elective and an additional art elective. These are temporary electives due to distance learning. Eric Nilsson asked if there are 10 elective credits. Becky Brown said a single course is 10 credits.

Messaging culture grams \$250. – This is a resource for teachers and students to access up to date info. Joni Dunlap said it is a reasonable amount.

Ron Pope motioned to approve both. Brian Boyer seconded it. Ayes: Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer, Ron Pope and Eric Nilsson. It passed unanimously.

**9.7 Discussion/Action: Consider Approval of 2020-21 EPA Spending 9:00 pm**

Jen Josephson shared these are the same funds we get every year.

Kate McCarthy motioned to approve. Ron Pope seconded it. It passed. Ayes: Kate McCarthy, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Brian Boyer, Ron Pope and Eric Nilsson. It passed unanimously.

**10. Announcements**

Change time to 6 p.m. for December meeting.

Gala Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> drive in dinner (performances) dinner by Roots.

**11. Adjournment 9:40 pm**