

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:00 pm

Monday, March 8, 2021

The mission of the Inspire School of Arts and Sciences is to provide high levels of learning and support within a personalized environment that allows students to explore their interests and develop their talents.

MINUTES

Open Session:

1. **Call to Order** **6:03 pm**

2. **Roll call of members:** Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. Staff: Celeste Cramer, Jarrah Myles, Natalie Wren, Becky Brown, Ken Hardy, Jen Josephson, Becca Pratt and Doris Luther. Student: Zoe Mathis

3. **Public Comment**

Board President Nilsson asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

4. **Consent Calendar** **6:05 pm**

Board President Nilsson asked if anyone wanted to pull a Consent Item for further discussion. Kate McCarthy wanted to pull Item 4.5 to clarify a contract end date for Alex Brown. Doris said all contracts end at the end of the fiscal year. The correct end date is 6/30/21

Brian Boyer moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the corrected contract date. It was seconded by Joni Dunlap. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

5. **Student Report** **6:10 pm**

Zoe Mathis reported next week is Spirit Week and Enrichments. Tie-dye day is moving forward both in person and at home during 7th period. They are doing an egg hunt via social media for those with Instagram. They are trying to find more ways to connect on Social media.

6. **Teacher Report** **6:15 pm**

Jarrah Myles reported they are working on a new way to help kids register for classes. They are ramping up for the hybrid starting Mar. 25. Teachers are being allowed to create their own hybrid.

Joni Dunlap asked if the performances may change if we go into the Red Tier. Jarrah Myles said she doesn't know about performances changing.

Eric Nilsson wanted to share his appreciation and gratitude for staff from him and the whole Board.

7. **Principal Report** **6:20 pm**

Becky Brown shared we are on track to reopen Mar. 25 as long as we have our safety plan submitted to the county. There are testing protocols we are waiting to hear about. We are still going to mandate masks and social distancing on campus

The kids in Erin Hall's programs have won some awards and are headed to State Competition (all virtually).

Fed and state funding looks good next year. There is lots of fiscal support.

Graduation plans are for a drive-in event on June 1st. In cars watching on an LED screen. We have a stage set up for students to walk across stage to get their diplomas.

8. **Development Director Report** **6:35 pm**

Celeste Cramer, Development Director, shared the auction url <https://supportinspire.news/auction-2021> and asked for any donations to the auction.

She also informed the board about the naming opportunities and that the website page (<https://inspirechicofoundation.com/capital-campaign/>) was being updated regularly. There is a press release going out tomorrow (3/9) and a press conference will be held on March 30 to unveil Eric Nilsson's artwork showing the names of students and staff of the last 10 years.

9. **Discussion/Action Items**

9.1 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of the 2020/21 Consolidated Application and Federal Addendum **6:45 pm**

We have recently found out we have to apply for Title federal funds to get additional federal coronavirus relief funding. The Federal Addendum is done once, and the ConApp is submitted yearly, if we want to get the Title federal funding. This year we are applying for Title I, II, and IV funding.

Kate McCarthy moved to approve the Federal Addendum and the ConApp. It was seconded by Kam Bull. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of 2nd Interim Budget **7:55 pm**

Doris Luther shared the 2nd Interim Budget. The biggest change is that the PPE loan was approved to convert to a grant on February 2, 2021.

Ron Pope moved to approve the 2nd Interim Budget. It was seconded by Kam Bull. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.3 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Flexible Elective Credit Requirement for Graduation **7:15 pm**

Becky Brown shared Inspire has different graduation requirements than the state. We currently require more elective credits, which makes it hard for upperclassmen students who transfer to us to get all the credits we require for graduation.

Kate McCarthy motioned to approve flexible credit requirements for Inspire graduation. Joni Dunlap seconded it. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

10. **Announcements**

A couple of board members thanked the fiscal staff for the work on the budgets and the accompanying notes for board members.

11. **Adjournment 7:14 p.m.**
