



**INLAND LEADERS CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**34784 Yucaipa Blvd (YBC)**

**Yucaipa, CA 92399**

**September 25, 2023 @ 5pm**

**Teleconference: [Zoom link](#): Password: ILCSBOARD**

**Vision:** *The vision of Inland Leaders is to sustain a high-quality community charter school founded upon innovative instruction and character education to create 21st-century leaders.*

**OPEN SESSION: 5:00 PM - 5:01pm**

**A.** Pledge of Allegiance (Woodgrift)

**B.** Roll Call to establish Quorum (Jimenez)

*Present: Jacob Rosario, Mike Casavan, Bonnie Mitchell, Eli Gillespie, Jason Jimenez; quorum met.*

**C.** Approval of Agenda (Jimenez)

*Motion to approve: Eli Gillespie, seconded by Bonnie Mitchell. All in favor; motion carried.*

**D.** Student Council Report (Student Council Members)

*Student Council members Seth Moore, Elementary Representative and Malorie Billiard, Treasurer, gave a report about current school events such as the Flag Project Fundraiser, Lead Con, Movie Night and the ROAR Rally at BSC. Student Council is discussing going over to YBC to talk about leadership for the TK and Kindergarten classes.*

**E.** Director's report and recognition of students who demonstrated excellent growth or perfect scores during Spring state testing (Gordon/Osborn)

*Mr. Osborn explained that the Smarter Balanced Assessment is a rigorous and complex test that is given to 3rd -8th graders in the Spring. He also explained that the state average scaled growth score is about 20 points. The ILCS students that were recognized tonight had a scaled growth score of 100 points or more in Math and/or ELA from 2022 to 2023. Mr. Osborn presented certificates to 97 students who showed outstanding growth (100 points or more) on the SBAC test. He then presented certificates to 11 students who had perfect scores in Math, ELA and/or Science.*

*Mr. Gordon introduced the new Special Ed teacher, Lisa Martin.*

*He mentioned that a member of the YCJUSD District Office was present at the meeting. There is a team from the district that is conducting oversight visits at ILCS. Mr. Gordon explained all that is entailed for those visits. There will be an official report given from them in November or December.*

*He mentioned our new E-Sports program; a competitive video game club consisting of about 24 students led by Mr. Holt.*

*He talked about the Mental Wellness Conference that some staff members attended Sept. 7-8th.*

*He mentioned the Covered Six contract that has been approved by the board for an armed security guard. We have hired Kalani Fujiwara. He has served in the military and the Beverly Hills Police Patrol and is also a firearms trainer. His start date is scheduled to be Oct. 1, 2023.*

*The Wellness Committee met, led by Steve Perry. This committee discusses Wellness policies and may recommend policy changes, amendments or new state compliance issues. There were nurses, parents and staff in attendance.*

*He mentioned the Lead Con event that took place on Sept. 22nd.*

*He shared the ILCS Dashboard numbers for Aug/Sept. ADA in August was 974, total enrollment is 995. There were no suspensions or expulsions in August. There was one health safety incident where 9-1-1 was called. There were no police reports in August. Mr. Gordon will update the Dashboard at the end of Sept.*

*He showed the bank balances, financial investment statements and unaudited actual ending balances.*

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The public may speak to any issue at this time of the meeting. Please sign in and indicate if you would like to speak to the Board on the sign-in form located on the table near the agendas. The Board is unable to deliberate or discuss items with the public that are not on the agenda. The Board Chairman will limit the length of time for comments to a reasonable period of time.

### **A. General Public Participation (Jimenez)**

*ILCS teacher Mike Barre expressed to the board that he thinks Inland Leaders is “awesome” and he expressed appreciation to the Admin staff. He feels grateful that he gets to work [at ILCS] and his children get to attend. He mentioned how well ILCS does on test scores. He recognized that some people only speak to the board about complaints so he wanted the board to know that he is very pleased with Inland Leaders as a teacher and a parent.*

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION SESSION**

The Board will discuss and possibly take action on items listed in this section of the agenda.

### **A. ACTION:** The ILCS Board reorganization of officers to include the President, Secretary and Treasurer (Jimenez)

*Action tabled.*

*Motion to table Action item A: Mike Casavan, seconded by Jacob Rosario. Motion carried.*

### **B. ACTION:** Presentation and recommended approval of the 2022-2023 unaudited actuals submitted to the authorizer and County Office of Education. (Gordon)

*Mr. Gordon explained the budget & audit process. Estimated actuals start in June, the unaudited actuals are presented in September. The audit process started in May and it is due to the district by Dec. 15th. The Finance committee meets throughout the year and receives input from staff and parents. The budget that was adopted in June of 2022 has gone through a 1st Interim revision that was adopted in January 2023. The budget we have is based on current attendance and demographics of students. It also includes the CARES Act funding and ‘other state funding’. He highlighted the total expenses which came in under budget. He discussed the continued rise in [state] wages, inflation and aging staff population. He also discussed the tax on Charter funding and building funds. There may be some changes to the funding for Charter schools from the state in regards to accessing money for building. He talked about the aging facilities issue; some of our campuses are in older buildings. We are in communication with the district regarding the CSC facility. Board member Bonnie Mitchell asked about air filters in the classrooms. Mr. Gordon stated that there are no air filters in the classrooms. There was discussion about possibly putting in filters and the effectiveness of air filters to combat Covid or other diseases. He mentioned that the money for the filters would have to come from the CARES Act funds which are running low.*

*Motion to approve Action item B: Mike Casavan, seconded by Bonnie Mitchell. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **C. ACTION:** Recommended approval of the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant (AMIM) Plan (Gordon)

*This is a state fund for Arts, Music, Instructional Materials or as discretionary money. Mr. Gordon stated that there is Prop 28 money that has already been allocated for Arts and Music so they have chosen to put the AMIM grant money towards employee retirement and health care benefits. Mr. Gordon mentioned that we also have the ELO-P grant money that is being used for Arts and Music enrichment. There was discussion about plays and other theater programs for our campuses. Mr. Casavan asked about subsidizing the cost for electives. Mr. Perry explained that some of the classes offered will be covered under the ELO-P grant money for those families that qualify and also the Inland Leaders Foundation offers a scholarship for qualified students.*

*Motion to approve Action item C: Bonnie Mitchell, seconded by Jacob Rosario. All in favor, motion carried.*

- D. ACTION:** Administration recommends approval of the agreement and field trip excursion with the Catalina Environmental Leadership Program for 7th grade students to occur April 10, 2024 to April 12, 2024.(Gordon)

*Motion to approve Action item D; Mike Casavan, seconded by Eli Gillespie. All in favor, motion carried.*

- E. DISCUSSION:** Board to discuss the concealed carry vs open carry preference for the new contracted Security Officer. (Gordon)

*Mr. Gordon wanted to know the consensus from the board about whether or not the security guard should open carry or conceal carry. All the board members were in agreement that he should open carry. Mr. Casavan feels that it would be a deterrent for possible active shooters. Bonnie Mitchell expressed a concern about students wanting to touch the gun. There was discussion about the appearance of an open carry security guard and the consensus was that it would be safer to have it be obvious that we have a security guard on campus carrying a weapon.*

### **BOARD POLICY ADDITIONS/ AMENDMENTS**

- A. none

### **RESOLUTION:**

- A.** Williams Case compliance resolution to address the sufficiency of instructional materials (Gordon)  
*This resolution was tabled.*

### **TRAINING/WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION**

The ILCS Board is provided with training or information in a workshop or session that does not involve any actionable items.

- A.** Conflict of Interest training for board members (SB County video review)

*Mr. Gordon discussed the main points that were presented in the training video that the board members watched previously. Some of these topics include: criminal penalties, charter revocation and loss of funding. It stated that public officials should perform their duties in an impartial manner and they are disqualified from participating in decisions in which they may have a financial interest. He stated that there is a protocol in place should there be a conflict of interest with any board members on any issue. We have lawyers that will handle the situation. He explained that they will be filling out the state required Form 700 which gives transparency to, and makes public, the financial interests of the board.*

### **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under the consent calendar section are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted in one motion.

- A.** August 21, 2023 Board Minutes
  - B.** Check register: August 2023 Check Register
  - C.** Approval of purchases/services/contracts/ MOUs over \$10,000: None
  - D.** Acceptance of donations:
    - a.** General Donations: None
    - b.** In-Kind Donations: None
    - c.** Fundraising Donations:
      - i.** 8/15/23 Cookie Co., Yucaipa- Donation of 500 cookies for Back to School Night (Stu Cncl Fndsr)
- E. New Hires**
  - a.** Certificated
    - i.**
  - b.** Classified
    - i.** Madeleine Simpson, Student Coach
    - ii.** Robert Heinsman, Elective Support
    - iii.** Jessica Escamilla, Student Coach

iv. Lorine Billiard, General Substitute

**F. Resignations**

- a. Certificated
  - i. Madison Spitzer, Substitute Teacher
  - ii. Melanie Gutowsky, Substitute Teacher
  - iii. Candice Taylor, Substitute Teacher
- b. Classified
  - i. Caleb Loomis, Elective Support
  - ii.

**G. Special Business Functions**

**H. Special Requests**

*Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A-H: Mike Casavan, seconded by Jacob Rosario. All in favor; motion carried.*

**RATIFICATIONS**

- A. Approval of agreement (IN90257) with Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) to provide special education services for the 2023-2024 school year.

*Mr. Gordon explained that ratifications are things that have been enacted post-board meetings. This ratification is for a contract for supplemental special education services through Riverside County. It is for students who require services beyond what ILCS can provide. Mr. Gordon had signed this contract earlier in the week so that services could begin for a particular student without having to wait for the next board meeting.*

*Motion to approve Ratification A: Bonnie Mitchell, seconded by Mike Casavan. All in favor; motion carried.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

A.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Jacob Rosario- commented on how amazing it is to see so many students doing well and excelling.*

*Mike Casavan- feels that the staff have a lot to be proud of and he stated that he thinks Mr. Barre is correct [ILCS] is an awesome school and thanked everyone for doing a fantastic job.*

*Bonnie Mitchell - feels that we have an incredible staff. She stated that she was happy to see that the lawn had been mowed at the California St. property near BSC.*

*Eli Gillespie- thought it was great to see all the kids getting awards and he thanked Mr. Barre for his enthusiasm.*

*Jason Jimenez- felt it was great to see how many parents were there to support their kids and how nice it was to see the high school kids coming back to get their award. He thanked the staff for all they do. He felt it was a great celebration.*

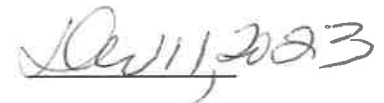
*They scheduled the next board meeting for Oct. 30, 2023.*

*Motion to adjourn; Eli Gillespie, seconded by Mike Casavan. All in favor; motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**- 6:22pm



**Board Secretary**



**Date**