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Board Meeting Minutes

ISM School Campus, Library
1720 Yosemite Street
Seaside, CA 93955

Monday, August 20, 2007
Closed Session—6:00 p.m.
Open Session—7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Session 6:00 P.M.
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll call
      ☑ Plasha Fielding Will (PFW)       ☑ Paul Gaucher (PaG)       ☑ Prashant Gupta (PrG)
      ☑ Chris Hasegawa (CH)             ☑ Bobbie Infelise (BI)      ☑ Sean Madden (SM)
      ☑ Grant Miles (GM) by phone       ☑ Alastair Rodd (AR)        ☑ Joanne Storkan (JS)
      ☑ John Tilley (JT)                ☑ Mike Whilden (MW)
      Ex officio:                        Larry Cummins (LC)            Lou Perske (LP)

2. Closed Session 6:05 P.M.
   In accordance with Government Code, Sections 54950 - 54962, the Board must disclose the items to be discussed in closed session. This may be done by referring to the closed session agenda items as they are listed on the closed session agenda or by number of letter on the agenda. After closed session, the Board shall report out actions taken in closed session as required by law, including members’ vote and abstention. The Board will meet in closed session from 4:05 – 5:00 pm.
   A. Public Appointment:
      (1) ISM Board Membership
      (2) SM recused himself from the closed session.
   B. Public Employment
   C. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
      Property: 1720 Yosemite Street, Seaside
      Negotiating Parties: John Tilley/Paul Gaucher
      Under Negotiation: Terms and Conditions

3. Open Session 7:00 P.M.
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   B. Roll call
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      ☑ Chris Hasegawa (CH)             ☑ Bobbie Infelise (BI)      ☑ Robert Lee (RL)
      ☑ Sean Madden (SM)                ☑ Grant Miles (GM) by phone  ☑ Alastair Rodd (AR)
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      Ex officio:                        Larry Cummins (LC)            Lou Perske (LP)
   C. Report of action taken in closed session
      Approved appointment of Rob Lee to the ISM Board of Trustees by a vote of 9-0. JS abstained, having not met RL.
      Ratified by a vote of 8-0 the hiring of Christina Homami, 20 hours per week as office aid; Judy Karas, fulltime as instructional aide, Grades 3-5; and Elissa McLaurin as fulltime aide for grades 6-8.
      Notice: The public may make comments related to items within the Board’s jurisdiction, which are not on the agenda. The Board may not respond except to ask clarifying questions. The length of comments may be limited to 3 minutes by the Chairman and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes... The public may make comments regarding items on the agenda at the time that item is considered by the Board.
   D. Public Information
      Lisa, a charter parent of a grade 8 student, has worked previously for ISM and now has received her credential at CSUMB. She was not recently selected as an instructional aide for a special education opening. She expressed concern that there were hiring issues due to Mr. Cummin’s recommendation not to hire. She also expressed a strong desire to bring new strategies to school as an advocate for children with special needs, and seeks to find a way to have the Board assist her in sharing her resources with the students during this school year.
E. Consent
   (1) Motion to approve minutes of July 23, 2007.
       Moved PaG. Seconded CH. Approved 10-0. RL abstained.

F. Correspondence
   PrG reported on Lisa’s request.

G. Action Items
   (1) Add Larry to list of individuals approved to sign for purchases for the school through the
       MCOE Business Services. Request to have a report from MCOE on adding and removing
       signatures, to ensure that appropriate names are registered.
       Moved SM. Seconded JS. Approved unanimously.
   (2) Tabled approval of financials without accounts updated by Lorraine since May 2007 will be
       approved at special Board meeting prior to September 15, 2007 deadline for submission to
       MPUSD.
   (3) Approve changes of wording of admissions priorities for children of board members.
       Moved CH. Seconded PaG.
       Discussion: PG reviewed changes in the wording about Board member priorities in admissions
       to ISM.
       Unanimously approved.
   (4) Approve use of Santa Clarita Charter School for use of International School at Santa
       Clarita as their Charter School name.
       Moved SM. Seconded PG.
       Discussion: SM reviewed the findings related to the use of name. GM expressed his
       concern about name and attachment of name to finances related to ISM. ISSC may cause a
       problem of alignment with our school when they are not a partner or franchise, or even
       an up and running charter school. MW suggested requesting that ISSC incorporate as a
       Charter Foundation under another name, and continue to provide resource support as
       requested.
       Motion withdrawn.

H. Information/Discussion Items
   (1) PrG welcomed Lou as new director.
   (2) LC reported out on welcome he received as assistant director on back to school days. He
       was very visible to staff, parents, and students. Accreditation committee has granted a
       continuance of process until January 2008. Curriculum committee report needed
       articulated curriculum, especially at MS. Parent support is excellent, but not intrusive.
       CSUMB donated 41 IMAC computers and technical support to have lab up and running.
       Gil will find a support person for the school. Future emphasis on linking curriculum to
       technology use. Part-time counselor, Andre La Torre, from MPUSD will sub for Nellie while
       she is out of school on medical leave for approximately 20 weeks. LC will review all job
       responsibilities, but requested that all calls are routed through him, until he has a handle
       on what information is being requested to be addressed and by whom. Email LC first,
       before communicating with other members of school, especially for Grant through Lorraine.
       PrG also reported that teachers have requested that a review be made towards putting the
       IB program in place.
   (3) Finance Report – None due to GM’s absence
   (4) Development committee report – PaG and PFW have no report, since JT is out of town.
       PG reported hearsay that $20,000 has already been raised.
   (5) Report on review of Board Policy Report by Board Members – AR and PaG have sent
       recommended changes. Please send recommendations to PrG.
   (6) Strategic planning committee report
       SM reported that the committee will resume the process with the new administrators and
       board members as soon as school begins. In response to accreditation report, requiring
changes, the committee has waited for new administrators to be in place to guide the process. Timeline extension will allow the committee to continue the process, but completion rate will be accomplished according to administrators meeting and making decisions on ways that information addresses the accreditation report for need of a plan and renewable plan. Groups include finance – GM, Curriculum – JS and RL, Governance – GM and AR/RL, SM, chair and parent liaison. One teacher, one paraprofessional, and two parents also would be included on each group monthly to review info, make revisions, and reporting to whole committee. Reviewing all information for the strategic plan needs to be self-supporting, not just dependent on meeting the accreditation requirements. LC and LP received a copy of the strategic plan.

I. New Business
PrG recommended the purchase of the book, *The Imperfect Board Member*, available on Amazon.com, as required reading for all members on governance, finance, and decision-making.

4. Adjournment 8:33 P.M.

Moved CH. Approved unanimously. Thanks to PrG for the excellent dinner.

Next Regular Meeting: September 17, 2007