

**Integration Charter Schools  
 “Special” Board Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, December 14, 2020**

<b>Trustees Present</b>	Via video conferencing: Deborah Miller, Jill Patel, John Strand, Nelly Tournaki, David Lehr, Sheldon Blackman, Bonnie Fritz, Robin Lefkowitz, Denise Henick, Michael Caridi, Dirk Tillotson, Joe Carroll, Ed Fucini
<b>Trustees Absent</b>	Doris Schueler
<b>Staff Present</b>	Ken Byalin, Mary Cottingham, Dana Volini, Elaine Bartley
<b>ICS Special Meeting</b>	<p>A “Special” Board meeting for Integration Charter Schools was called to order at 5:02 pm on Monday, 12/14/20 by Jill Patel, Chair.</p> <p>Agenda item: Resolution for New Ventures Charter School Admission Revision.</p> <p>President Ken Byalin discussed that after many conversations with Staten Island High School counselors there is a need to take students in earlier in their high school journey. It is believed that after review of the NYSED revision guidance that this will be submitted as a non-material revision, but may need to be submitted as a material revision and more documents may be needed.</p> <p>After receiving and reviewing the redlined version of the proposed Admissions Policy (Exhibit A), Trustee Nelly Tournaki raised a concern with some of the language included in the resolution. The concern being, that part of the criteria listed was too vague. The Board discussed some alternative language and the recommendation was to modify the resolution by deleting the following sentence from the proposed amendment to avoid miscommunication:</p> <p><i>“or (b) have a recommendation from a high school counselor or principal”</i></p> <p>Initially all but one Trustee voted in favor of the change with 1 opposing. The only amendment proposed was to change the minimum number of credits from 16 to 10 and update admission language as needed.</p>
<b>Resolution</b>	<p>There was a motion made by Jill Patel and unanimously approved by all to accept the following resolution:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHEREAS</b>, the Board of ICS wishes to revise the admissions policy of New Ventures Charter School (“NVCS”) in order to open admissions at NVCS to students who are in 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and (a) are at least 16 years old, have 10 credits and have passed one high school regents exam, and to otherwise update the NVCS admissions policy; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHEREAS</b>, in order to effectuate this change, the Board of ICS proposes to submit a charter revision request to the Charter School Office</p>

of the New York State Education Department (the “CSO”) and, if necessary, to the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York (the “Board of Regents”), in substantially the form presented to the Board of ICS and attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Request”).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of ICS does hereby authorize and direct the President of ICS and/or the Vice President of Administration of ICS, individually or together, in the name and on behalf of ICS, to do all such things and take all such acts and to expend such fees for and on behalf of ICS as may be necessary or advisable in order to give effect to and, generally, carry out the intent of these Resolutions including, without limitation, to execute and deliver the Request to the CSO and the Board of Regents, if necessary, in substantially the form presented to the Board of ICS, along with any other documents in connection with the Request as may be required by the CSO, with such changes or amendments thereto as the President and/or Vice President of Administration deems necessary or appropriate, with such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof by the President and/or Vice President of Administration; and

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all actions of any kind heretofore or hereafter taken by any trustee or officer of ICS, member of ICS leadership, or any appointed or authorized person or persons authorized to act on behalf of ICS in connection with the matters contemplated by the foregoing resolutions be, and each of them hereby is, confirmed, ratified, approved and authorized in all respects.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jill Patel, seconded by Joe Carroll and unanimous by all to adjourn the meeting at 5:21PM.