

# Integration Charter Schools

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 26, 2023 via Zoom @ 6:30PM

<b>Trustees Present</b>	Jill Patel, Sheldon Blackman, Michael Caridi, Bonnie Fritz, David Lehr, Deborah Miller, Kathryn Barrett Williams, Robin Lefkowitz, John Strand
<b>Trustees Absent</b>	Ed Fucini, Denise Henick, Doris Schueler
<b>Staff Present</b>	Sean Harrell, Mary Cottingham, Denise Cividanes, Shavonn Doughlin, Mike Shadrick, Theresa Peterford, Andrea DeVico, Connie Hamilton, Jennifer Rodriguez, Flo Strzebala, Jeremy Zilinski
<b>Others Present</b>	Susan Briggs, Esq.
<b>Mission Story</b>	<p>Ryan Melis, Principal – New Ventures</p> <p>Ryan’s Mission Story is about a current student named Chris who started New Ventures in the Fall of 2021. This student has had difficulty managing his emotions and suffers from severe depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideations. The student joined New Ventures Charter School and has turned his life around. The counselors and entire staff have worked with Chris on Positive Opposites as well as other interventions to help him get into a regular routine. According to Chris, he has never felt more welcomed anywhere in his life and New Ventures has given him purpose and has given him a new light on life. Chris will be graduating in June 2023 and is currently on the President’s Student Council.</p>
<b>Consent of Agenda</b>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM</p> <p>Jill welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made by Sheldon Blackman and seconded by Deborah Miller and unanimously approved by all to accept the January 2023 Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● November Board Minutes</li><li>● December Committee Minutes</li><li>● December Dashboards</li><li>● January Committee Minutes</li><li>● January Dashboards</li></ul>

<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Governance &amp; Nominating Committee</b>  February 7, 2023, in-person  Trustees Present: Robin Lefkowitz, David Lehr, Deborah Miller, Denise Henick  Absent: None  Staff Present: Denise Cividanes</p> <p><b>Education &amp; Accountability Committee</b>  February 7, 2023, via Zoom  Trustees Present: John Strand, Bonnie Fritz, Jill Patel, Deborah Miller, Doris Schueler, Kathyn Barrett Williams  Trustees Absent: None  Staff Present: Yelena Osoro, Theresa Peterford, Sean Harrell  Others Present:</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Audit Committee</b>  February 15, 2023, via Zoom  Trustees Present: Ed Fucini, David Lehr, Jill Patel  Trustees Absent: None  Staff Present: Sean Harrell, Mary Cottingham, Metin Capani, Priya Iddamaloda, Chirayu Patel  Others Present: CSBM – Karen Daniels, Heather Blumberg</p> <p><b>Executive Committee</b>  February 15, 2023, via Zoom  Trustees Present: Jill Patel, Deborah Miller, David Lehr, Ed Fucini, Robin Lefkowitz  Trustees Absent: None  Staff Present: Sean Harrell, Mary Cottingham</p>
<p><b>Susan Briggs Presentation</b></p>	<p>Susan Briggs, Esq. presented an overview to the Board of their responsibility for the Charter Renewal Agreements.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>Denise Cividanes addressed the Board about updating documents, attendance and responding to emails.</p> <p>Jill Patel thanked the Board for their 2022 contributions to ICS. We collected \$16,700.00. Jill and Sean proposed creating a Scholarship Fund for ICS students. The Board agreed that anything that can benefit the students is positive and they support the idea.</p> <p>The Board members recognized receipt of a thank you letter from the students for all that they do for the school, and they really appreciated hearing from the students.</p>

<p><b>President's Report</b></p>	<p>Theresa Peterford along with the Instructional Leadership Team gave a presentation. They discussed what the leadership team is doing to bring the ICS vision each day to help our students and teachers such as setting up organizational systems to support instruction, building a culture of learning across schools, grounding work and approach in data and research-backed pedagogical approaches and providing responsive PD that introduces the frameworks for thinking and learning that we would like to see in subsequent years.</p> <p>The ICS Leadership Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shavonn Doughlin – Humanities Instructional Coach.</li> <li>● Andrea DeVico – Math Instructional Coach</li> <li>● Connie Hamilton – Visionary of Early College Program</li> <li>● Mike Shadrick and Ron Gorsky- Leadership Coaches</li> <li>● Jen Rodriguez – Director of Student Interventions</li> <li>● Florence Strzebala – Director of Special Education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM</p> <p>The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.</p>

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deborah Miller, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_