

**Integration Charter Schools  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2023 @6:30 PM**

<b>Trustees Present</b>	Jill Patel, David Lehr, Michael Caridi, Denise Henick, Ed Fucini, Sheldon Blackman, Robin Lefkowitz, Deborah Miller, John Strand (Z)
<b>Trustees Absent</b>	Bonnie Fritz, Doris Schueler, Ferrugia Sonthonax, Tracy Tessitore, Kathlyn Barrett Williams,
<b>Staff Present</b>	Sean Harrell, Denise Cividanes, Jeanine Taylor, Dhurata Rexha, Souad Outarid
<b>Others Present</b>	Susan Briggs, Esq., Nancy Schess, Esq.
<b>Welcome/Call to Order</b>	Jill Patel welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending tonight’s meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.
<b>Mission Story</b>	Lavelle Preparatory High School –Dhurata Rexha, Principal and Souad Outarid. Assistant Principalk at LPHS presented on the culture of the high school and what they stand for. In order for students and teachers to learn, teach and thrive they need to feel safe, connected and calm.
<b>Consent of Agenda and Dashboards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made by Robin Lefkowitz, seconded by Deborah Miller, and approved by all to accept the Consent Agenda.</li> <li>• A motion was made Robin Lefkowitz, seconded by Deborah Miller, and approved by all to accept the Dashboards.</li> </ul>
<b>Resolutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made by Deborah Miller, seconded by Denise Henick, and approved by all to approve the FY 2023 Financial Statements.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Sheldon Blackman, seconded by Ed Fucini, and approved by all to approve the October Finance &amp; Audit Committee Minutes.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Deborah Miller, seconded by Robin Lefkowitz, and approved by all to accept candidate Dr. Patricia O’Brien-Richardson to the Board of Trustees, pending approval by NYSED</li> <li>• A motion was made by Deborah Miller, seconded by Robin Lefkowitz, and approved by all to approve the October Governance and Nominating Committee Minutes.</li> </ul>
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	Governance and Nominating Committee proposes the 2023-2024 Slate of Officers, Trustee and Committee Members to the Board. The election will be held at the annual meeting on November 30, 2023.
<b>President’s Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICS adopted the Harvard Data Wise Improvement Process (DWP)</li> <li>• ICS schools have co-created our network’s core values: Courage, Community, Teamwork and Integrity and unpacked our instructional pillars for this year, which drive the progression of learning from the fall to spring term: Achievement, Identity/Belonging, Responsibility, Becoming</li> <li>• ICS had our first overnight college tour for the 2023-2024, students visited Syracuse University, Le Moyne College, Cornell University, and Wells College. In November, we will conduct tours to schools in the Connecticut area.</li> <li>• ICS hosted the College of Staten Island for an informational session where they walked our 11th and 12th-grade students through the application process, and the program offerings.</li> <li>• On October 26th, we hosted Monroe College where we will be doing an evaluation of our early college program thus far and seeing where we can further and deepen our partnership.</li> <li>• Since September 2023, our attendance rate has not fallen below 93% overall at ICS.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On October 22, ICS participated in the Autism Speaks walk on the Great Lawn at the College of Staten Island. On Sunday, October 22, we also participated in the Making Strides of Staten Island walk where our seniors used this as an opportunity to come together and give back.</li> </ul>
<b>Executive Session</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A motion was made by Sheldon Blackman, seconded by Robin Lefkowitz and approved by all to go into Executive Session.</li> <li>A motion was made by David Lehr, seconded by John Strand and approved by all to exit the Executive Session.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A motion was made by Ed Fucini, seconded by Deborah Miller, and approved by all to adjourn the Board Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.</li> </ul>

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 30, 2023, 6:30 PM

Signature: Deborah Miller  
Deborah Miller, Secretary

Date: 10/27/23