



**BOARD MEETING**  
401 Penn Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
**MINUTES**  
Monday, March 30, 2020

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Board members present: Robert Jefferson; Joseph Amprey; Anthony Montemurro; Robert S. Natalini.

Officers present: Angel Figueroa (CEO/COO); Angelo Romaniello (Chief Academic Officer/Principal)

Other staff present: Bryan Gerber; Amy Heinz

All attended via Zoom or telephone. Mr. Figueroa was present at the school in the event a member of the public desired to attend.

Meeting was convened at 4:07 p.m.

**1. Opening Items**

Mr. Montemurro noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Montemurro noted that public notices were posted as required; Board is in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

There were no changes to the agenda.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

3.01.01 Action to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020, open meeting -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

3.01.02 Action to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020, executive session -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

3.01.03 Action to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2020, emergency meeting -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

3.01.04 Action to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2020, executive session -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

### **4. Financial**

Mr. Gerber then presented the financial report. The following documents were reviewed and discussed.

Unaudited Statement of Financial Position as of February 29, 2020, With Comparison of January 31, 2020.

Unaudited Statement of Activities, February 2020 Comparison With January 2020.

Unaudited Statement of Financial Activities, February 2020 YTD Compared to February 2019 YTD and Budget 2020.

Check Register for the period ending February 29, 2020.

Credit Card Register for the period ending February 29, 2020.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolutions 4.01.01 through 4.01.05 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

4.01.01 To accept the Financial Report.

4.01.02 To approve the attached unaudited Statement of Financial Position as of February 29, 2020, With Comparison of January 31, 2020.

4.01.03 To approve the attached unaudited Statement of Activities, February 2020 Comparison With January 2020.

4.01.04 To approve the attached unaudited Statement of Financial Activities, February 2020 YTD Compared to February 2019 YTD and Budget 2020.

4.01.05 To approve the payments set forth in the attached Check and Credit Card Registers for the period ending February 29, 2020.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

## **5. Report of the CEO/COO and Chief Academic Officer/Principal**

Mr. Figueroa and Dr. Romaniello then reported to the Board. Mr. Figueroa reported and the Board discussed effects of the school closure due to COVID-19. He expressed the expectation that the school would remain closed for numerous weeks, requiring ongoing delivery of continuity of education to learners at home. Dr. Romaniello then reported in additional detail regarding these matters. He discussed with the Board the actions being taken and additional planning for delivering continuity of education in the current crisis situation, noting especially the focus on this year's potential graduating learners and communicating with the families of learners who have IEPs. He commended all staff for their efforts, noting especially the importance of the school's having bilingual staff members. He stressed that commencement will be held on June 9 in an appropriate manner as conditions warrant at the time, and that all learners meeting the criteria of the commonwealth and the school will graduate. He concluded by discussing with the Board the usefulness of his participating in the consortium of Berks County principals as all schools work to adapt to the unprecedented circumstances. Dr. Natalini expressed the Board's gratitude for the efforts of Mr. Figueroa, Dr. Romaniello, Mr. Gruber, and the entire staff.

## **6. Administrative/Operations/Legal**

The Board then deliberated regarding certain school policies.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolution 6.01.01 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

6.01.01 To adopt the following attached policies:

Special Education  
Positive Behavior Support  
Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information  
School Visitors  
Enrollment

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

The Board then deliberated regarding an agreement with Charter Choices, Inc. regarding provision of certain business services.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolution 6.01.02 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

6.01.02 To approve the attached Business Services Agreement Between I-LEAD Charter School and Charter Choices, Inc., dated March 16, 2020.

At 4:56 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss matters that, if conducted in public, would lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law.

The Executive Session ended at 5:01 p.m., whereupon the open meeting resumed.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolution 6.01.03 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

6.01.03 To approve the settlement agreement in the matter of learner number 12110 and direct the Principal/Chief Academic Officer to execute it.

## **7. New Business**

Dr Amprey then inquired whether learners and their families might have a cause of action against the Reading School District in the event it closed the school. Dr. Natalini suggested that that would be a matter between them and the District and that any who might consider such action could consult legal counsel.

## **8. Adjournment**

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert S. Natalini, Secretary