

Richard McKenna Charter School District #453
BOARD MINUTES
Special Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Friday, December 17, 2021

Place: Richard McKenna High School Conference Room

Time: 12:00 PM

I. **WELCOME and CALL to ORDER**

A. Call Meeting to Order by Meg Warren – Board Chair at 12:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance: Meg Warren – via zoom, Doug Mayne, Kyle Davis, Crystal Rodgers, Denis Wilson, Chanter Durrence. Not in attendance: Alisa Urquidi.

Quorum is established by *Chantel Durrence- Clerk*

II. **APPROVE AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

III. **DISCUSSION**

A. Charter Renewal Update

The Idaho Public Charter School Commission is required to review and renew all Charter schools in the state every five years. This is our year for renewal. Mel Riviera from the Charter School Commission came to the schools and did a site visit. Only the two onsite schools were reviewed. No questions were asked about the online program. Mel also remotely attended on of our previous board meetings and also reviewed the lottery process last year for the current school year. We receive an annual report every year. None of those reports have indicated that there were any issues with any of our programs. When we received the Recommendation from the IPCSC Director, Jenn Thompson, the first recommendation was that the Online Program should cease to exist at the end of the 2022 School Year. The second and third recommendations are that a percentage of the Onsite K-8 Programs continuously enrolled students have to meet a proficient score in the math and English ISAT tests. The fourth condition is that the elementary students must meet the same growth indicators from the fall to spring tests on the state reading indicator tests as the local school district. The fifth condition is that the onsite high school must achieve an 85% graduation rate. The process is that we must complete and submit the renewal packet and either accept the IPCSC recommendation or not accept it. If we accept the recommendation, the packet goes before the IPCS Commission to be reviewed and approved or denied. If we do not accept the recommendation, the packet must be submitted and a hearing requested. At the

hearing we can present our arguments against the recommendation and the Commission will review all of the information and make a decision.

Dennis has put together groups of staff from each school to complete each portion of the packet. All of the groups have spent many hours putting together information of how to implement changes to the program to meet the recommendation of the Director and way beyond. The packet was completed and turned over to our attorney to review. It was then submitted to the Commission. At this time we are waiting to get a date for our hearing. We can appeal to the Idaho School Board Association after the hearing if we need to. There was discussion about the process.

VI. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on January 18, 2022 in the High School Conference Room at 12:00 PM

The mission of Richard McKenna Charter Schools is to provide a non-traditional educational environment for our students by emphasizing 1) project-based learning, 2) personal responsibility, and 3) outstanding citizenship.