

*I Can Do Anything Charter High School*  
**Meeting of the Governing Board**

**February 25, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.**

***ICDA Arts Center - 5400 Equity Way, Reno NV 89502***

1. Call to Order: Board Chairperson, Rose Gordon, called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Board Chairperson, Rose Gordon, and members, John Barker, James Studer, and Cliff Deadmond were present. Shonna Ballingham and Ed Hendricks were absent. Also in attendance were ICDA staff and faculty members: Allen Beebe, Tony Nitz, Toni Arell, Ann Windle, Dawn Gilmore, Milly Batchelor, and guest, Sandra Jimenez.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Rose Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. February 25, 2009 Agenda: **Action**: James Studer moved to approve the agenda, and if necessary, to take the agenda items out of order. Cliff Deadmond seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.
5. January 18, 2009 Minutes: **Action**: John Barker moved to accept the minutes as written; James Studer seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.
6. New Board Member: **Action**: James Studer made a motion to accept Sandra Jimenez on the ICDA Board of Directors. Cliff Deadmond seconded; the motion passed, unanimously. Rose Gordon formally welcomed Sandra to the board.
7. Principal's Comments: (See attached)
8. Vice Principal's Comments: Mr. Nitz reported that: 1) the results from the January Math and Reading HSPE were very disappointing. The proficiency tests will be administered again March 17-19; 2) Student discipline incidents have been reduced by 30% since last year at this time, and the tardy policy seems to be working. Jim Studer asked what kind of test prep was offered to the students. Tony Nitz said that Evonne Kezios offered a writing workshop after school, and that the math teachers, Jeff Carlton, Courtney Alarcon, and Stephanie McMurtry stay at school until at least 4:00 every day to help the students. In addition, basic math skills are broadcast to all the classrooms two times a week, and each student participates in SSR twice a week. Saturday school remains an option for extra math, reading, and writing help for the students. Rose Gordon commented that all students need to know that every student has adults to count on as resources.
9. Facilities Committee Comments: John Barker said that ICDA needs to offer as many educational options as possible. He said that with the anticipated addition of distance education to ICDA, the school might need to look into adding a smaller facility for the "cyber" students.
10. Financial Report: Ann Windle distributed the February 25, 2009 Financial Statements for Presentation Purposes to the board. (See attached) Mrs. Windle also distributed a draft copy of the Augmented Budget Summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 for the board's review. She stated that the augmented budget needs to be approved by the board at the March meeting.
11. Public Comment: Milly Batchelor told the board about the ICDA prom fundraiser that will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged all members to purchase lunch tickets for \$5 in order to support the April 4<sup>th</sup> prom. She reported that so far, almost \$900 has been raised through the lunches. Rose Gordon inquired as to the cost of prom, but Milly Batchelor referred her to Linda Latimore. Rose Gordon asked for an information flyer so she could pre-sell lunch tickets to her co-workers.

12. Application for the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Retirement Credit: **Action:** John Barker made a motion to apply for the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Retirement Credit Purchase Program for Certain Teachers Grant for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. James Studer seconded; the motion passed, unanimously.
13. Distance Education: John Barker reported that the State of Nevada has approved ICDA's application for distance learning. Formal approval by the board to submit the application is now necessary. Mr. Barker said that originally, the school had made application for modification to the original charter to include 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, but now wishes to rescind the request. **Action:** John Barker made a motion to submit a formal request to Washoe County School District for an amendment to the ICDA Charter that would allow the inclusion of distance education. Sandra Jimenez seconded; the motion carried, unanimously. Allen Beebe complimented John Barker and Ann Windle for their relentless and remarkable work and research on the distance education program.
14. Resignation of Shonna Ballingham: **Action:** With regret, John Barker made a motion to accept the resignation of board member, Shonna Ballingham; James Student seconded. The motion carried, unanimously. Rose Gordon said that Mrs. Ballingham's departure from the board was a great loss to the school.

In discussing the Principal's performance evaluation process, Dr. Studer suggested that the board use Zoomerang, an on-line survey program, to anonymously get staff input for that portion of the evaluation. He said that personally, he would like a rubric for the evaluation. Rose Gordon shared that in her opinion; it would be unfair to change the evaluation styles at this point in time – that it should be changed next year. She also stated that she did not want the evaluation to be modeled after WCSD evaluations; she wants it to be unique to ICDA. James Studer said he would modify the current evaluation to include staff input and a self-evaluation piece. Rose Gordon asked that James Studer get together with Toni Arell to create a workable evaluation.

15. Adjournment @ 6:55 p.m.: **Action:** John Barker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; James Studer seconded; the motion carried, unanimously.