

I Can Do Anything Charter High School
Regular Meeting of Governing Board

March 21, 2007

**ICDA Library – Main Campus
1195 Corporate Blvd., Ste. C Reno NV 89502
5:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: Board Vice-Chairperson, Ed Hendricks, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm
2. Roll Call: Board members Shonna Ballingham, Dr. John Barker, Rick Graver, Ed Hendricks, were present. Board Chairperson, Rose Gordon and members Shirley Thomas and Lori Wright were absent. Also in attendance were: Jill Wells-Principal, Allen Beebe-Assistant Principal, Toni Arell-Executive Assistant, Ann Windle-Accountant, Patty Haddad-Counselor, Tara Benbow, Samantha Penman, and Amanda Zema, students.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice-Chairperson, Ed Hendricks led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. March 21, 2007 Agenda: Rick Graver moved to take the agenda items out of order. John Barker seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.
5. February 21, 2007 Minutes: John Barker moved to approve the February 21, 2007 minutes. Shonna Ballingham seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.
6. Chairperson's Comments: In the absence of Rose Gordon, there were no Chairperson's comments.
7. Principal's Comments: 1) Ms. Wells showed a student-produced short film entitled "Dead Verbs". Inspired by long-term ICDA English sub, Evonne Kezios', the students buried "boring, dead verbs" to give birth to "exciting, alive verbs". The board enjoyed the video, and wishes to go on record as saying, "Bravo" to the students and Ms. Kezios. 2) On March 21st, senior student, Nicole Burke took first place in the annual Rotary Speech Contest. 3) The student math-tutoring program, "Pi in the Sky" has been implemented, and is available for students Monday-Friday, 2:15-4:15. 3) The Counselor Tea has been tentatively set for May 15th. 4) The annual Faculty & Staff Planning Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 20th at Bartley Ranch. Ms. Wells asked the board to attend.

John Barker commented that he would like ICDA staff and faculty members to speak at a board meeting about their vision for the school.

5) Ms. Wells reported the she received a portion of the NAAS report. She has requested the complete report from Mary Vesco. 6) The prom is going to be held at the Peppermill on Saturday, March 24. Ticket sales are slow; Jill said that there is concert that night. 7) Ms. Wells reported that Seniors Marc Shay and Kim Richards have been selected as the 2007 Rotary Most Improved Students. They will be honored at a luncheon at the Atlantis on April 12th.

8. Public Comments: With regard to Discussion/Action Item I, student, Amanda Zema presented a petition signed by 149 students who requested that the cafeteria window remain open. She said that many kids don't eat at home, and that the candy and junk food currently offered in the vending machines was not good for them. Student, Samantha Penman said that by closing the cafeteria window, many more students would have to leave campus to get lunch. That would cause more accidents, and students would be late to class. Student, Tara Benbow said that not

all students have cars to leave campus to buy lunch, and that currently, there is not enough good food in the vending machines.

9. Assistant Principal's Comments: 1) Mr. Beebe said that progress has been made with Charter Communications to get cable into both buildings. He talked about the huge improvement cable will be for the school. Each classroom would have cable, internally-broadcast programs and announcements, high speed internet, and telephone. He has been working with DP partners to get the trench rights. 2) More than 150 students will be participating in HSPE the week of 3/26-3/30. 3) Mr. Beebe reported that 930 referrals have been written this year-to-date. In addition, he said that there have been no major discipline issues.

John Barker noted that the teachers and administrators are very proactive in getting math and reading scores higher. Mr. Beebe said that the teachers have put a lot of work, time and thought into the math and reading programs.

Rick Graver asked what kind of financial impact the Charter program would have on the budget. Mr. Beebe indicated that there would be minimal impact. He said that all the numbers are not in, and he would update the board monthly. Ann Windle stated that television is part of instructional costs. Rick Graver asked about the internet access; Mr. Beebe said that that was an administrative expense.

10. Facilities Committee Comments: John Barker stated that there were no comments from the committee at this time.
11. Financial Report: Accountant, Ann Windle distributed the financial statements for March 21, 2007 (see attached). Mrs. Windle reported to the board that the cafeteria is losing money each month because a lot of food is given to the students on free lunch. In her opinion, the cafeteria should remain open until the end of the school year, and the free lunch program procedures be reviewed.
12. Discussion – Snack Bar: Ann Windle distributed Snack Bar Options 1-3 Worksheet to board. (See attached). The board discussed the options that were outlined. Jill Wells recommended to the board that they accept Option 1: Keep the cafeteria status quo until June 1st, and review the free lunch program. Rick Graver commented that the expectation is the snack bar attendant will make sure the program is cost-effective.
13. Action – Snack Bar: Rick Graver moved to approve the alternative Food Option 1. John Barker seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.
14. Discussion – Letter to E-tech Charter School Board: Jill Wells read to the board members a copy of the letter she wrote to E-tech. (See attached).
15. Action – Letter to E-tech Charter School Board: John Barker moved to approve the letter to E-Tech Charter High School. Rick Graver seconded. The motion was approved, unanimously.
16. Presentation – Gateway Curriculum: Patty Haddad, ICDA counselor, distributed the proposed Gateway curriculum from WCSD to the board (see attached). Rick Graver asked Ms. Haddad if she thought acceptance of the Gateway curriculum would be in the best interest of ICDA students. Ms. Haddad replied that she felt the overall cost would be too great to the students; the students struggle with the current requirements, and with the acceptance of the Gateway curriculum, ICDA would set the students up for certain failure. Jill Wells and John Barker agreed that by not accepting the Gateway curriculum, ICDA could be an educational destination for students from the traditional schools.
17. Action – Gateway Curriculum: Rick Graver moved to not accept the Gateway Curriculum at this time. John Barker seconded. The motion was approved, unanimously.

18. Discussion/Action – Augmented Budget: Ann Windle distributed the 2006-2007 Augmented Budget. (See attached) Rick Graver made a motion to accept the 2006-2007 Augmented Budget. John Barker seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.
19. Presentation of the Tentative 2007-2008 Budget: Ann Windle explained to the board that she is continuing to work on the figures for the budget. She asked that Rick Graver and Shirley Thomas meet with her, Jill Wells, Toni Arell, and Dawn Gilmore on Thursday, April 5th at 2:00 p.m. to further discuss the budget. This item will be placed on the April 18th board meeting agenda.

John Barker asked to go on record to compliment the staff and administration for the presentation and professionalism at the February 21, 2007 board meeting.

20. Adjournment - 7:08 p.m.: Rick Graver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Barker seconded; the motion carried, unanimously.