

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

**November 14, 2007 - 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 5:45 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Board members Shonna Ballingham and Dr. John Barker were present, as was Chairperson Rose Gordon and Vice Chairperson Ed Hendricks. Member Rick Graver, Treasurer Shirley Thomas, and Secretary Lori Wright were absent. Also in attendance were: Jill Wells-ICDA Principal, Allen Beebe-ICDA Vice Principal, Toni Arell-Executive Assistant, Ann Windle-Accountant, teachers Dawn Gilmore and Mike Patterson, and Dean of Students, Tony Nitz.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Rose Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. November 14, 2007 Agenda: **Action**: John Barker moved to approve the agenda, and if necessary, to take the agenda items out of order. Shonna Ballingham seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.
5. October 17, 2007 Minutes: **Action**: Ed Hendricks moved to accept the October 17, 2007 minutes as written. John Barker seconded; the motion carried, unanimously.
6. Chairperson's Comments: 1) Rose Gordon thanked the board members for their high level of participation, and is looking forward to celebrating the school's ten-year anniversary. 2) She said that she has been asked many questions this past month about ICDA, and has recommended the school to several kids.
7. Principal's Comments: 1) Ms. Wells reported that Frankie Sue Del Pappa agreed to be one of the co-chairs of the 10-year committee. Ms. Wells revealed to the board some of the silent auction items that have donated and/or pledged; she asked the board for extra donations, help, and ideas. Ed Hendricks said he would investigate credit card processing for the auction. He also stated that Nevada Blue is one of his clients, and will get info from them about what kind of services they can offer. 2) Jill Wells reported that there was a 10-year committee meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 – she encouraged all board members to attend. 3) Ms. Wells told the board that ICDA teacher, Dawn Gilmore, is doing a fantastic job with the School Improvement Plan. She commented that Mrs. Gilmore has spent a tremendous amount of her time researching and compiling information for the SIP.
8. Ancillary Campuses: There were no comments at this time.
9. Financial Report: 1) Ann Windle presented the Financial Statements for November 14, 2007. (See attached.) Mrs. Windle informed the board that the sweep account has been opened, and the current balance is \$642,000. The sweep account is expected to earn \$50-\$100 in interest per day. 2) Mrs. Windle recommended that ICDA invest in the Nevada Local Government Investment Pool, and asked that next month's agenda include this item for discussion.
10. Facilities Committee Comments: John Barker asked that there be a half hour meeting for the Facilities Committee prior to the next board meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There were no reports/comments from/regarding Ancillary Campuses or the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

11. Vice Principal's Comments: Mr. Beebe shared that: 1) Senior meetings have started; students have begun the process of choosing their mentors; Grad Prep night was a huge success. Mrs. Linda Latimore is continuing to work with the potential graduates. 2) Teachers, Marty Lewis and Evonne Kezios partnered to put on a very successful show: "The Monkey's Paw" on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Mike Patterson and Dawn Gilmore offered their support and expertise for video, sound, and staging for the standing-room-only show. 3) 42 students took the Writing HSPE, and 25 12<sup>th</sup> graders took the Reading/Writing/Math during the October 30-November 1<sup>st</sup> test dates. 4) Staff in-service on November 7<sup>th</sup> was facilitated by Dawn Gilmore; the subject matter was Web Quest.

Jill Wells told the board that on December 4<sup>th</sup>, Dawn Gilmore will complete her Masters in Administration program, and the graduation ceremony is in May.

Mr. Beebe said that Mike Patterson is receiving Carl Perkins funds for the upcoming CTE competition.

Tony Nitz reported that to-date, there have been 521 student referrals and/or parent conferences. The majority of the infractions were for attendance and insubordination. He also said that the school will have monthly fire drills, and that Mike Meacham, security officer, painted designated class-areas in the parking lot. Mr. Nitz also said that the RPD drug dog was at the school, and did not find any illegal substances or paraphernalia.

John Barker said that he wished the school would hire a full-time counselor. He wants someone who can be more involved with the students.

12. Public Comment: Teacher, Mike Patterson stated that he wanted to compliment Ann Windle on her professionalism. He said she works very hard to keep the staff on target. She gets "hit" a lot because she has to make cuts, and many times the staff doesn't understand that what she does is necessary.

13. Washoe County School District Nutrition Services Contract: Ann Windle reported that the cost of the lunches is \$2.50 each, and the school is reimbursed \$2.49 for each lunch. 69 students qualify for free lunch, and 19 students qualify for reduced lunch. Approximately 30 FRL students per day take advantage of the meal. John Barker asked how many of the lunches were sold per day to non-FRL customers. Mrs. Windle said, "Not very many." **Action**: Ed Hendricks made a motion to approve the Washoe County School District Nutrition Services contract; John Barker seconded. The motion carried, unanimously.

14. 2007-2008 Augmented Budget: Ann Windle presented the augmented budget to the board (see attached). Jill Wells told the board of program changes that were made: Willow Springs is doing great with 14-15 kids; The Bridge Center only had four students on Count Day, but currently have 10-11 students. Vitality showed no effort to bring the restroom up to ADA, and one student was hit by a car when he crossed the street in front of the facility. Ms. Wells wrote letters to both The Bridge Center and to Vitality requesting payment. Vitality said they could not reimburse ICDA for the student count, so the services were terminated with Vitality as of October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Bridge Center owes ICDA more than \$34,000, but claims they cannot pay. They have offered their services to ICDA students, their families, and ICDA staff members in return for payment (see attached). Ed Hendricks and John Barker asked, "Is there no fiscal responsibility?" Ms. Wells replied that part-time counselor, Jon Price, would refer kids for services at The Bridge Center (BC). Chairperson, Rose Gordon expressed her concerns about the proposed buy-back arrangement. She said all of the services offered by BC are covered under Medicaid, and that parents should be responsible for their children's healthcare. Ms. Gordon said she thought BC should pay the school in dollars, not in services. Ed Hendricks asked how do students get on Medicaid – Parents, Ms. Gordon replied. ICDA counselor could refer students to the Childrens' Cabinet, and they would receive the same services; BC needs to pay ICDA what is owed. Ms. Wells asked if BC counselors could facilitate group sessions for ICDA students during the school day – Ms. Gordon said that BC counselors could do encounter-type groups off-campus if they got parental

permission. Ed Hendricks stated that Rose Gordon's expertise was invaluable. John Barker asked how is ICDA going to deal with student needs? Al Beebe said that part-time counselor, Jon Price has had a very powerful impact on the kids. Ann Windle asked how many counselor-hours would be acceptable to the board. John Barker replied that a minimum of 20 hours per week would be all right. Rose Gordon said that she would like Jill Wells write a letter to Vitality and to the Bridge Center and set a payment schedule with both entities. Ann Windle suggested that action on the Augmented 2007-2008 Budget be tabled until more information is known about the monies owed to ICDA. **Action:** John Barker made a motion to table a decision on the Augmented 2007-2008 Budget. Ed Hendricks seconded; the motion passed, unanimously.

Rose Gordon read to the board a letter of commendation regarding Tony Nitz. (See attached)

John Barker commented that he is committed to the administrative structure. He feels that the board must increase the school's revenue so that it can hire a full-time counselor.

15. Augmented 2007-2008 Budget: **Action:** After a lengthy discussion of proving the validity of the Augmented 2007-2008 Budget as written, John Barker made a motion to approve the Augmented 2007-2008 Budget; Ed Hendricks seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.

The board cancelled the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The next meeting of the ICDA Governing Board of Directors will be January 16, 2008.

16. Adjournment @ 7:50 p.m.: **Action:** Ed Hendricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting; John Barker seconded; the motion carried, unanimously.