

# IVY ACADEMY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



MISSION DRIVEN – DECISION ORIENTED

"We are scholars. We are stewards. We are volunteers. We are IVY!"

**Location:** Ivy Academy, 8520 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379

**Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 PM EDT – 7:54 PM EDT

**6:32 PM** Call to order and roll call

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Darrell Meece, Board Chair  
 Patti Skates, Board Vice Chair  
 Ethan Miller, Board Treasurer  
 Sandy Pricer  
 Col. Hugh Enicks  
 Dawn Ford  
 Daniel Basham  
 Stephen Thomas

Lee Prichard  
 Holly Slater, Ivy Academy Exec. Director  
 Angie Markum, Ivy Academy Dir. Dev.  
 Matt Raper  
 Rachel Swafford-Cook  
 Jerry Webb  
 Tyler Roberson

**6:32 PM** Reports

- High School Principal
  - Academic progress looking good (benchmarks, grades, etc)
  - Advanced courses also moving along well
    - DE History, Comp, Environmental Science
- Middle School Principal
  - Pushing PBIS rewards, Student of the week, positive office referrals
  - Fired up February for RTI
  - Test prep Amazing Race coming soon
- Director of Development Update
  - Cafeteria: just about finished calling for Certificate of Occupancy, fully submitted loans to finish paying off - \$1.4 million cash invested so far, borrowing \$700k to finish and will have to pay off. Might get extended by a few days if changes are needed, but unlikely
  - New Property: Owner financed, waiting for closing, on our insurance so we can start working to clear land, place portables - includes bathrooms.
    - DR asked: what's the plan for going back and forth?
      - Under the bridge, talk about ADA accessibility, can also cross with crossing guard on road
  - Joint Ventures: asked atty Rick John for formal agreements between Ivy and Skillern for example - Skillern will be responsible for rent on portables; process ongoing to be sure that things are defined, will bring definitions in writing to the board when they are done

- Questions: Clarification on plan for Skillern to lease from Ivy, back section of the property for elementary will become available next fall with hopeful construction in 2024
- Transportation Report - Matt Raper
  - Link: [☰ Fall 22 Transportation Report](#)

## 6:58 PM Committee Reports

- Internal Affairs Committee
  - Detail on profit/loss, property acquisition, other financial things in more depth than what can be covered in normal meeting
  - Adjusted budget for things found in analysis of the profit/loss summary
  - Slater presented new working budget for voting
    - ISM grant \$500k for CTE projects over 3 years - spending mostly on employee salaries to free up other money to use on the actual projects; several other grants have been written and are awaiting results; 15 passenger van with trailer hitch
    - Dues and memberships raised because TCSC charged a new membership fee this year
  - Expansion Project (ED Report)
    - Showed big plan print out from architect
    - Career Center proposal (in packet)
      - J Webb reporting:
        - explained layout of buildings on plan proposal: Career Center, 2 greenhouses, portable, 2 barns, animal runs, ordered variety of chicken breeds to be housed in the expansion
        - Site plan is approved by city of Soddy Daisy
        - A. Markum explained that the site plan is an informational and not requiring a vote until bids for architects have happened.
        - P Skates suggested advocating for crossing light to be placed at the driveways; DR raised concern about traffic, bridge crossing, trail connection
        - Teaching aspect of the model farm
      - H Slater on Career Center:
        - Big shop w/ car lift, battery exchange program for electric vehicles, partnership with Greenspaces for building and changing batteries; Greenspaces holds liability for program; two charging stations next to career center, batteries can be reused for projects other than cars
        - Five year temporary permit for portable buildings, will eventually be replaced with permanent buildings
- External Affairs Committee
  - Goal to take load off school, not add work
  - Five sources of income: corporate, per pupil, local sponsors, RWS and holiday market
    - discussion around better communication between board and school to support
    - RWS partnering with Hugh for sponsorships - Angie will connect Hugh with Stoklosa
    - Can we do sports med, maybe Parkridge partnership
    - what do partners receive for donation
- Governance Committee
  - Bylaws review: board members reelection

- Read thank you to DR for expertise and leadership, will need to have new president for next school year; Ethan's term as treasurer ends this year; Patti serving as VP
- Three meeting absences is termination from board - OT Turner has been absent and is removed
- Parent request to join board, qualifications circulated (Stephanie Good)
  - Evelyn recommends Stephanie for governance committee
- DR interjected with protocol for how committees can add action items to agenda and should be approved by committee and submitted to be added to the agenda by executive committee. DR also suggested talking with OT before removing him from the board
- Angie added that the bylaws need to be updated on the school website, tabled for now

**7:45 PM** Budget approval and old business

- DR called for vote on budget update - unanimously approved
- New business - CTE expansion project - JW clarified that there is no vote needed, Slater clarified that additional requests may come via email as needed
- Jerry passed out information about industry certifications testing center status and WIN soft skills certification. All recognized and paid for by the state of TN.

**7:54 PM** DR moved to adjourn the meeting, Skates seconded.

Record of Voting Matrix:

Y = Yea, N = Nay, A = Absent, W = Withstand (Abstain)

Member	Call to Order	Minutes	Working Budget	Adjourn
Meece, D.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Skates, P.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Miller, E.	A	Y	Y	Y
Prichard, L.	A	Y	Y	Y
Enicks, H.	A	Y	Y	Y
Henderson, E.	A	A	A	A
Pricer, S.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ford, D.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Basham, D.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Turner, O.	A	A	A	A
Thomas, S.	Y	Y	Y	Y