

# 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  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 27, 2023  
**Time:** 6:30 PM ET

### In Attendance:

Col. Hugh Enicks, Board President	Dawn Ford
Patti Skates, Board Vice President	Sandy Pricer
Evelyn Henderson, Board Secretary	Holly Slater, Ivy Academy Exec. Director
Stephen Thomas, Board Treasurer	Angie Markum, Ivy Academy Dir. Dev.
Lee Pritchard	Chris Welch, Ivy Academy

**6:41 PM** Meeting began.

### Income:

- Per new TISA projections, CTE funds have been increased
  - Overall funding has increased as a result, even though per pupil amount has decreased
- Funding will be received by Ivy in 10 equal payments starting in August
- \$60,000 gift from Bible in the Schools – pays for the Bible teacher and textbooks
- United Way grant (\$96,000) is going to pay for an all-terrain wheelchair, among other things
- Received an extra \$596,000 grant funding this month that is not included in the budget plan yet

### Expenses:

- Biggest expense at the school is staff, second biggest expense is bussing
  - Open positions for non-teacher positions (like IT)
- Expenses for PT, OT have been high lately
- Sky Strategies is a grant writing and consulting company
  - \$48,000 per year
  - They support every other charter school in Hamilton County
  - Similar charter schools raised \$850 million to \$2.9 million through Sky Strategies
  - First year is a learning curve and typically increases in future years
  - If we do not go on retainer with them, we would only be able to use them on an ad hoc basis, contingent on their availability
  - This would align with the recommendation made by the Fundraising Committee
  - 85% win rate across industries
- Ivy will be paying rental fees on a portable for an ag classroom
- Maintenance and Repair line includes extra funds for A/C maintenance vendor
- Audit services increased significantly

- Matt Raper is now the executive principal and there will be 2 vice principals - one over the high school and one over the middle school
- Cassie is now Ivy's Compliance Officer, so Ivy hired a new Bookkeeper (Alicia Bell)
- Securely is an additional level of web protection and gives teachers more control: allows teachers to block websites for their classes and see what students are doing on their screen or lock the screens so they cannot be used. Also scans student emails for threats, bullying, etc. like Bark.
  - Parents can also have access to monitor the students' tech. usage (like Bark)
- Building and Tech Improvements
  - Will remove the solar deck and create a conference room for staff in its place
  - Will add a fresh layer of gravel for middle and high school and create more parking spots.
  - May extend the parking lot towards the goat area to add 36 extra parking spaces
  - Need new tech like a projector, PA system, etc.
  - Connect tech on both campuses (wireless comms, cameras, adding audio to security, etc.)
  - Various radio upgrades

Debts:

- USDA Community Facilities Loan
- USDA Supplemental Loan
- First TN LOC

Net increase in cash: \$196.64

8:03 - Lee Pritchard moved to approve the budget. Patty Skates seconded. The motion carried.