

**INYO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY ACTION**

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Quorum - Roll call established a quorum with the following members present:  

Chris Langley, President	David Hefner, Vice President	Joe Profita, Member
George Lozito, Member	Absent - Mary Kemp, Member	
Staff: Barry D. Simpson	Kim Cash	ICOE Employee: Heather Carr

North Star Counselors: Vincent Miller and Meredith Schmitz
3. Approval of the Agenda – D. Hefner moved, seconded by C. Langley to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

1. There were no questions submitted via email by members of the public prior to this meeting, and there were no members of the public present during the meeting.

**ACTION SESSION**

1. Consent Agenda – J. Profita moved, seconded by G. Lozito to approve the consent agenda items - the October 14<sup>th</sup> Minutes and the Board Meeting Schedule for 2022. Motion carried 4-0.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan - B. Simpson shared that this grant provides professional learning for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals. ICOE anticipates expending the allocated funds of over \$100,000 on training and credentialing support for preschool teachers in preparation for TK expansion, CTE credentialing support, new teacher and new administrator induction fees, and a professional learning retreat for Inyo school district administrators and teacher leaders, etc. This plan will be on the December 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting agenda for final approval.
2. Heather Carr, Vincent Miller, and Meredith Schmitz came to share information on the programs that North Star Counseling Center have been working on including a Youth Mental Health First Aid workshop. They currently have three North Star counselors and they all have a full case load. A fourth counselor would be a welcome addition to their team.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Board/Superintendent Round Table Report – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cerro Coso Day was virtual this year due to COVID. There was a good turnout with about 150 students tuning in.
2. Science Camp - this was a day-camp only this year due to COVID. There were some additional challenges such as road closures from high winds, torrential rains, wildfire smoke, and instructor shortages due to quarantines and stomach bugs. Even through all that, they stayed safe and COVID-free. And most importantly they learned lots of science and had fun!
3. COVID Updates - All schools that are having in-person classes will be wearing masks. Rules about staff vaccines or testing went into effect on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. School Art Days - Inyo Council for the Arts and ICOE partnered with Inyo County Probation, Inyo County Supervisors, and the City of Bishop to fund School Art Days at Bishop Elementary School. The first session will be on Friday, November 19 for all TK-K and 1<sup>st</sup>-grade students. Each student will be able to create multiple art projects at the school, and will take home additional art projects and art supplies.
5. School Attendance Review Board (SARB) There are some challenges in getting families to show up and participate. Possibly looking at getting more community buy-in, especially from the Tribe and North Star.
6. ICOE Booklet - The new booklet is here and Board members were asked to share them in their communities.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence included Williams Quarterly Uniform Complaint Reports and the Inyo Insight Newsletter. These items were submitted for information only and no action was needed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. G. Lozito moved, seconded by D. Hefner to convene into closed session to discuss the following item:  
Superintendent Evaluation – Gov. Code §54957. Motion carried 4-0.
2. D. Hefner moved, seconded by J. Profita to reconvene into open session. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Board President C. Langley reported that there was no action taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021, in Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry D. Simpson, Inyo County Superintendent/Secretary to the Board