

**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	George Lozito, Member
Joe Profita, Member	Absent - Jessica Tex, Member	
Staff: Barry D. Simpson	Kim Cash	
ICOE Staff: Tom Snyder	Serena Johnson	Mini Doonan
Public: CSBA PACER - Jonita Moore	Karen Gray	
4. Approval of the Agenda - D. Hefner moved, seconded by J. Profita 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 comments from the public during the meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Serena Johnson, ICOE Community Schools Coordinator – shared information about the new Community Schools of Inyo County program that she will be working on for the next two years. The Community School strategy is to transform a school into a place where students, families, educators, and community members work together to create the conditions all students need to thrive.
2. Mini Doonan, ICOE Program Coordinator – shared information about the recent ICOE sponsored 8<sup>th</sup>-grade overnight trip to UNR. This year there were 146 students and 25 chaperones from Inyo County that visited UNR and Truckee Meadows Community College. The goal of this trip is to expose students to post-secondary education and subsequent opportunities. The group also toured the Planetarium, ate lunch in the dining hall, and attended a college basketball game where they were featured on the big screen during the game.
3. CSBA PACER - Jonita Moore and Karen Gray from CCBE - shared information about differentiated lobbying for small Counties, gave a PACER update, and mentioned that they would be interested in hosting a workshop for all Board members in Inyo County.

**ACTION SESSION**

1. Consent Agenda – J. Profita moved, seconded by D. Hefner to approve the consent agenda items - the November 9th minutes and the budget transfers prior to December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried 4-0.  
Reorganization of the Board and Election of Officers - D. Hefner nominated C. Langley to remain in the Board President position and G. Lozito seconded. Motion carried 4-0. G. Lozito nominated D. Hefner to remain in the Vice President Position and J. Profita seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Business - Approval of 2023-2024 First Interim Report – G. Lozito moved, seconded by J. Profita to approve. Motion carried 4-0. Approval of Facility Master Plan Agreement – D. Hefner moved, seconded by G. Lozito to approve. Motion carried 4-0. Approval of Inspector of Record Contract for ICOE Solar Project and Approval of Lab of Record Contract for ICOE Solar Project – G. Lozito moved to approve both as presented, and D. Hefner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Child Development - Approval of the CDSS Continued Funding Application – G. Lozito moved, seconded by J. Profita to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Board/Superintendent Round Table Report – B. Simpson mentioned that the proposed state budget wasn't quite as promising as last year's and that COLAs could be only 1%. Capitol Advisors will be holding a Budget Webinar on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and a registration link will be sent to Board members. He shared some information about upcoming events including a Death Valley Schools visit in March which will include an Art Day for all students, and an in-person California County Superintendents Meeting in January in Indian Wells. ICOE will host the March Inyo Associates Dinner at the Sierra Adventure Center.
2. Facilities Update – The North Star Grand Opening and Open House will be on January 31 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
3. Facility Master Plans for LPUSD and OVUSD – these are in the works, and we will know more at the January meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence included the Education Services Winter Newsletter. This item was submitted for information only and no action was needed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. There was no need for a closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024, in Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

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