Minutes of Imboden Area Charter School

The regular August Board Meeting was rescheduled and held at 6:00 PM on September 5, 2024 at Imboden Area Charter School, 800 Beech St. Black Rock, Arkansas.

Board members present were Scott Rorex, Mike McLeod, and Blake Clements. School Director Matthew Wells was also present.

Vice- President Blake Clements called the meeting to order.

School Director Matthew Wells report:

* Enrollment is still a significant concern with only 54 on the roster. This number will create a significant budget shortfall if it’s not corrected quickly.
* The open house went very well. While the turn out wasn’t as great as we would have liked, most of our new families did attend and appeared to be very pleased with their choice.
* Mr. Wells provided board members with the paperwork for Act 1599 Contract Disclosures. These documents will need to be completed by the board members and then turned in to the county clerk’s office in Walnut Ridge. The only known contract that we have is for Mike McLeod whose daughter operates Imboden Live, a news and advertising website. Mr. McLeod is aware of this matter and will disclose to the county.
* Lastly, Mr. Wells proposed the idea of altering tutoring significantly for the 24-25 school year. In the past IACS has operated an afterschool tutoring program from 3:15 till 5:15 on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Last year, the program was cut down to Monday only because of poor turnout and increasing expenses. Even with an only Monday schedule, the program still failed to provide significant student improvement while costing significant amounts of money. Mr. Wells proposed the idea of altering the daily schedules in the classrooms to provide a tutoring period in class each day. This will make schedules tight for teachers, but does offer several benefits. It is Mr. Wells’ belief that by having tutoring during the regular day, more students will benefit from services, and the costs of afterschool tutoring are removed. Motion made by Mike McLeod and seconded by Scott Rorex to approve said changes. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Action Agenda:

Motion made by Blake Clements and seconded by Mike McLeod to approve the action agenda. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Scott Rorex and seconded by Mike McLeod to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Motion made by Scott Rorex and seconded by Blake Clements to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 3 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Scott Rorex, Secretary Date