

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION**

June 11, 2020  
Zoom Only

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners attended remotely:

Alan Reed  
Brian Scigliano  
Wanda Quinn  
Nils Peterson  
Kitty Kunz  
Sherrilynn Bair  
Julie VanOrden

**TAB A: COMMISSION WORK**

**1. Agenda Review/Approval**

**M/S (Quinn/Bair)** To approve the agenda as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Minutes Review/Approval**

**M/S (Peterson/VanOrden)** To approve the minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**TAB B: PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**TAB C: COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Jenn Thompson, PCSC Director updated the commissioners on the impact and response to COVID-19. Including financial impacts, CARES funding, and noted that several committees are preparing re-opening plans.

Katie Allison, Administrator, iSucceed also spoke about online learning and how virtual schools can help brick and mortar schools with distance learning. Ms. Allison spoke about more funding going towards devices and internet rather than the building for virtual schools.

Joel Weaver, Administrator, CTEA spoke about the transition to online learning. Internet access was an issue as was getting devices to the students. He mentioned the need to include equipment loss and replacement in the budget in the future. He also spoke about the different devices available.

First Interruption. Virtual meeting room security features increased.

Kelly Edginton, Administrator, IDVA spoke about keeping students engaged with online learning. She also spoke about having processes and policies in place to handle the distractions in online learning, including reaching out to students and parents. She mentioned the importance of communication with families.

Second Interruption.

Laura Sandidge, Administrator, ACVS shared her experience with engaging students and the importance of communication. She spoke about using advisors to work with individual students. ACVS also has support services to help students transition to online learning.

Amanda Judd with IDVA and ITCA spoke about special education and distance learning. She explained that students may work one on one with an educator as needed. She also spoke about moving services such as speech therapy and occupational therapy to online only. They are offering different tools for parents to make it easier for special needs students.

Katie Allison talked about the possibility of the state adopting a state-wide learning management system (LMS). She explained the components of learning management systems. She also explained accountability issues with online learning.

Commissioner Quinn thanked the presenters for the information provided.

## **TAB D: PRE-OPENING SCHOOLS UPDATE**

Director Thompson provided an update on the five schools that will be opening in 2020. Four of these schools will be ready to open this fall.

McCall Community School has chosen to delay their opening by a year. They requested an amendment to change their pre-opening condition concerning financial stability from May of 2020 to May of 2021.

The PCSC's legal counsel asked for a break to verify Open Meetings law in relationship to virtual meeting room security. Break began at 10:23 am. Meeting resumed at 10:36 am.

**M/S (Quinn/Kunz)** A motion to accept the McCall Community School's resolution to delay opening until the fall of 2021 and to amend the school's performance certificate to extend the due date of the existing pre-opening condition to May 11, 2021. *The motion passed unanimously.*

## **TAB E: DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Thompson gave an update on the PCSC office. She mentioned the cutbacks for all state offices. We have an open position for a Program Manager. There are also two new petitions and four performance certificate amendments in progress. Director Thompson gave an update on the 2020 legislature session.

## **TAB F: NOTIFICATION OF FISCAL CONCERN**

Director Thompson reviewed the purpose and process of notifications of fiscal concern as well as the data points the decision. The Commission then proceeded to consider each of the six schools up for consideration.

**Syringa Mountain School: M/S (Kunz/Scigliano)** A motion to lift the notification of fiscal concern for Syringa Mountain School. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**Bingham Academy: M/S (Peterson/Quinn)** A motion to continue the notification of fiscal concern for Bingham Academy. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**Peace Valley Charter School: M/S (VanOrden/Bair)** A motion to issue a notification of fiscal concern for Peace Valley Charter School. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Teresa Fleming, Board Chair for PiSTEM Academy spoke on behalf of the school.

**Project Impact STEM Academy: M/S (Peterson)** A motion to not issue a notification of fiscal concern for Project Impact STEM Academy. *There was no second. The motion failed.*

Discussion followed regarding the school's enrollment.

PCSC legal counsel recommended that the meeting be cancelled and rescheduled as virtual meeting room security could potentially prevent a member of the public from attending the meeting.

**M/S (Quinn/Bair)** A motion that any actions taken pursuant to agenda Item D and Item F be voided and reconsidered at the next meeting. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**M/S (Bair/Van Orden)** A motion to adjourn. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

These meeting minutes were approved by the PCSC on June 18, 2020

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