

American Classical Schools of Idaho (ACSI) Board of Trustees

500 SW 3rd St., Fruitland, Idaho 83619

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Jan 29, 2025

Scheduled Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Actual Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** by Board Chair, Mr. Lasnick.
2. **Roll Call of Board** by Secretary, Mr. Bassetti. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Lasnick, Mrs. David, Mr. Bassetti and Mr. Dixon, thus establishing a quorum. Other attendees included Dr. Kane, Dr. Francom, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Seely, Mr. Carignan, Mr. Caradonna, Mrs. French and Mr. Lambert. Guests included Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Peterson who are community founding group members from RCA.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 4.1. Adopt Agenda 1.29.25.
 - 4.2. Adopt Board Meeting Minutes 12.18.24. Mr. Lasnick sought comments or amendments from board members on consent agenda. Hearing none, both items on the consent agenda were adopted.
5. **Public Comment**
 - 5.1. **Open Public Comment:** No public comments were received prior to the board meeting.
6. **Guest Discourse**
 - 6.1. **Riverton Classical Academy Update:** Mr. Seely indicated ITE stood at 428 students and noted a recent news article on RCA likely contributed to several subsequent enrollments. He also noted two developers in the area were developing conceptual land use plans and an LOI was expected to be signed once these were complete.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. **Finance Oversight Committee:** Mrs. Saylor provided an overview of CapEd and Bill.com and credit card statements for ACSI, INCA and NICA. She also noted that LGIP was also reviewed for this report. Mrs. Saylor noted that there were no irregularities and all statements and details are available in the [ACSI Board Drive](#).
 - 7.2. **Governance Committee:** Mrs. David discussed upcoming meeting dates and expected agenda.
 - 7.3. **ACSI Executive Director Report:** Mr. Lambert provided an overview of key statistics associated with school efforts that are both approved and those in various stages of being underway. He noted a total of 200 students on waitlists within schools currently active within the ACSI umbrella. He also noted that a fair amount of philanthropy progress had been made, with dollars focused on CFG marketing efforts. Effort toward TVCA scholarship fund development was also mentioned as well as legislative efforts toward creation of a military preference category for charter schools in Idaho. Mr. Lambert also highlighted several outreach events, including a Hispanic outreach video and continued solicitation of a Chief Growth Officer role.
 - 7.4. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Kane briefly discussed efforts underway related to 2025-2026 school year planning and noted a slight increase in enrollment which he noted was expected to level out. He noted the lottery season would start next week and provided brief highlights of two recent information sessions. The lunch program, special education and official completion of

construction were also briefly discussed. Dr. Kane provided a brief academic report, noting positive academic trends and Mr. Carnigan provided context and a suggestion for offsetting illness-induced attendance challenges (i.e. filing an Impact Adjustment Report).

- 7.5. **North Idaho Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Francom provided an update on intent-to-enroll but focused primarily on property search efforts with particular focus on the Idaho Forest Group property which were discussed in greater detail later in the meeting.
- 7.6. **Valor Classical Academy Principal Report:** Mr. Hunter continued to refine outreach and recruitment efforts, noting most students (90%) are coming from within Kuna and the primary enrollment zone. After a collaborative analysis of the project scope of work and financing, Mr. Hunter discussed the strong possibility of constructing the entire K-12 facility instead of the phased approach used at TVCA and NICA. Mr. Hunter and board members discussed benefits and risks associated with this approach. Mr. Lambert noted strong support for this idea and validation from various stakeholders, including Mr. Cardigan, Building Hope and CGSF.

8. Old Business

- 8.1. **Strategic Planning Session:** Dr. Carpenter has been confirmed for April 4-5, 2025 with location and agenda TBD. Mr. Lambert noted BLUUM support in covering the entire cost of this effort.

9. New Business

- 9.1. **VCA Predevelopment Loan Resolution: Application (Action Item):** Mr. Lambert described the CSP program structure and administration, noting the process is identical to that utilized for other ACSI schools. After discussion, a motion is made by Mr. Bassetti to authorize Valor Classical Academy to authorize acquisition of a predevelopment loan up to the amount of 700,000 to fund pre-development costs for Valor Classical Academy payable with funds from and upon closing of the VCA's long term financing. The motion is seconded by Mrs. Saylor and carried with unanimous consent.
- 9.2. **VCA Predevelopment Loan Assurance Form (Action Item):** Following description of the purpose of this assurance form by Mr. Lambert, a motion is made by Mrs. Saylor to approve the Pre-Development Loan Assurance Form stating that Valor Classical Academy meets the federal definition of a charter school per ESEA §4310 (2) CHARTER SCHOOL. The motion is seconded by Mr. Bassetti and carried with unanimous consent.
- 9.3. **VCA Approve Erstadt and HC Company Contracts (Action Item):** Following discussion, a motion is made by Mr. Bassetti to approve Erstadt (Architect) and HC Company (General Contractor) contracts for Valor Classical Academy. The motion is seconded by Mr. Dixon and approved with unanimous consent.
- 9.4. **NICA Move Opening to 2026 with Grades K-7 (Action Item):** Dr. Francom described the situation with the Boulder Creek property, noting remaining challenges with DEQ. He noted the Idaho Forest Group (IFG) property in downtown Bonners Ferry would serve as an anchor for the downtown. Dr. Francom then provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation to board members of the conceptual facility plans and relevant finances for construction of NICA. Partnerships with relevant local administrative agencies such as Parks and Recreation and Planning and Zoning are also discussed. Following discussion, a motion is made by Mr. Bassetti to move the opening date of North Idaho Classical Academy to 2026. The motion is seconded by Mr. Dixon and carried with unanimous consent.
- 9.5. **NICA Letter of Intent for Idaho Forestry Group Property (Action Item):** After discussion, a motion is made by Mrs. Saylor to approve the Letter of Intent to Purchase the Idaho Forest Group property dated January 29, 2025. The motion is seconded by Mr. Dixon and carried with unanimous consent. The letter will be signed by Mr. Lasnick.
- 9.6. **NICA Artois Architecture Contract (Action Item):** After brief discussion, a motion is made by Mr. Bassetti to approve the Architectural Services Contract with Artois Architecture for North Idaho Classical Academy. The motion is seconded by Mr. Dixon and carried with unanimous consent.

9.7. NICA Letter of Intent with Hillsdale K-12 Program Office (Action Item): Mr. Lambert and Dr. Francom briefly discuss the need for a new LOI resulting from expiry of the previous letter. Mr. Lasnick briefly discussed a suggested edit which would be run by Hillsdale for approval and signature. A motion to approve the NICA Letter of Intent with Hillsdale is made by Mrs. David. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and carried with unanimous consent.

10. Adjournment

10.1. Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

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John Bassetti, ACSI Secretary