

American Classical Schools of Idaho (ACSI) Board of Trustees

500 SW 3rd St., Fruitland, Idaho 83619

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Idaho Novus Classical Academy, 19255 N McLeod Way, Boise ID 83714

Date: May 27, 2026

Scheduled Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Actual Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Idaho Novus Classical Academy and Virtual

1. **Call to Order** by Board Chair, Mr. Lasnick.
2. **Roll Call of Board** by Mr. Lasnick. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Baughman, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Edinger, Mr. Lasnick, Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Schwalbach and Mr. Bassetti, thus establishing a quorum. Other attendees included Mr. Carnigan, Mr. Schwenk, Dr. Francom, Mr. Hunter, Dr. Kane, Mrs. French and Mr. Lambert.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 4.1. Adopt Amended Agenda 5.27.26.
 - 4.2. Adopt Board Meeting Minutes 4.29.26. Mr. Lasnick sought comments or amendments from board members on the consent agenda. Hearing none, both items on the consent agenda were adopted.
5. **Public Comment**
 - 5.1. **No public comments**
6. **Guest Discourse**
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. **Finance Oversight Committee:** Mrs. Saylor delivered the finance committee report including balances and major sources of income and expenditure. She referred to details as provided in the board drive in advance of the meeting. Board members asked questions related to reinvestment potential for cash on hand.
 - 7.2. **American Classical Schools of Idaho CEO Report:** Mr. DenHartog noted continued growth in both the intent-to-enroll and waitlist in ACSI schools throughout Idaho, including not only “pipeline” schools but also RCA, Valor and NICA. Donor and foundation engagement continued and grant applications continued to be filled out. He noted \$44,175 was raised through Idaho Gives and also noted that the campaign appeal continued for RCA. The microschool effort described and a new spending tool called Ramp was being tested and rolled out that would increase visibility into spending and also improve the purchase order/requisition process. Mr. DenHartog also provided a high-level overview of school founding and philanthropic efforts.
 - 7.3. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Dr. Kane provided an update on INCA and noted enrollment looking fantastic for next year. As it stood, INCA had 425 students and 378 were expected to be returning and 142 new students would be added. Each grade was enrolled at 45 students or higher. Total enrollment at 520 provided a good financial buffer. Dr. Kane noted that more information would follow regarding the lunch program.
 - 7.4. **North Idaho Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Dr. Francom discussed current enrollment statistics and status of employee hiring efforts. He noted that nearly 100% of staff had been hired and that effort continued to be focused on IEP’s, local partnerships and parent orientation. Dr. Francom also provided a construction update.

- 7.5. **Valor Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Mr. Hunter noted enrollment exceeded 470 students and that faculty hiring was nearly 100% complete with the only remaining vacancies being a 7th grade math and science teacher and custodian left to hire. Mr. Hunter also provided an update on construction progress, noting that it was on time and on budget.
- 7.6. **Riverton Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Mr. Seely noted continued increase in ITE to 854 and discussed outreach at local grocery stores and participation in local summer events (parade, etc.).

8. **Old Business**

- 8.1. **Discuss Board Retreat Agenda:** Mr. Lasnick discussed topics and logistics for board retreat.

9. **New Business**

- 9.1. **Approve Mr. Hunters Administrator Certification Package:** Mr. Lambert described the standard procedure associated with a non-teacher/educator serving as school administrator. Following discussion, Mr. Bassetti moved to approve the Administrator Certification Package for Mr. Hunter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and approved with unanimous consent. Mr. Lasnick agreed to follow up with a signature. .
- 9.2. **Approve VCA Bus Routes and Safety Busing:** Mr. Hunter described the process associated with the planning and extensive testing of bus routes. Following several questions by board members, Mrs. Baughman made a motion to approve VCA Bus Routes and Safety Busing. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Edinger and approved with unanimous consent.
- 9.3. **Approve FY2026 Independent Audit:** At the call of the chair, Mr. Lasnick noted that this item required further preparation and would be postponed until the 6-24-2026 board meeting.
- 9.4. **Resolution to Receive TVCA.** Mr. Lambert and Mr. Lasnick provided background on the rationale and details associated with the transfer of TVCA Inc. into TVCA LLC., noting that these steps were being taken to accept the transfer of property and a result of final actions to transfer completely under the governance of ACSI. Mr. Lambert noted that these actions were meant to ensure bond standing was upheld and done in close coordination with legal counsel. He also noted that a dissolution motion would happen at the last TVCA Board meeting on July 1, 2026. Following discussion and questions by board members, a motion was made by Mr. Bassetti to Resolve to Receive TVCA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwalbach and approved by unanimous consent.
- 9.5. **Approve RCA Paradigm Contract:** Mr. Den Hartog provided a review of the professional services agreement with Paradigm for RCA. He also described the prior engagements with Paradigm on several other ACSI member school projects. Following questions from the board, a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement for Construction Manager (Paradigm) was made by Mr. Bassetti. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Schwalbach and approved with unanimous consent.
- 9.6. **ACSI Foundation Discussion:** Mr. Lambert discussed the concept of an ACSI foundation and the justification(s) for creation.
- 9.7. **ACSI Budget First Reading:** Mr. Lambert and Mrs. French provided an initial reading of the proposed ACSI FY2027 budget and answered questions from board members.
- 9.8. **NICA Budget First Reading:** Dr. Francom and Mrs. French provided an initial reading of the proposed FY2027 budget and answered questions from board members, primarily related to debt service and specifics related to net income.
- 9.9. **VCA Budget First Reading:** Mr. Sealy and Mrs. French provided an initial reading of the proposed FY2027 budget and answered questions from board members.
- 9.10. **INCA Budget First Reading:** Dr. Kane provided an initial reading of the proposed FY2027 budget and answered questions from board members, primarily related to expenses and justification for cash-on-hand.
- 9.11. **Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74.206 (f):** Pursuant to Section 74.206 of Idaho Code, Mr. Lasnick indicated an executive session was needed to discuss a legal matter relevant to the ACSI Board.

A motion to enter into executive session via voice was passed with 7 votes in favor and 0 against. The executive session commenced at 8:42 PM and concluded at 9:03 PM.

10. Adjournment

10.1. Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB' followed by a stylized flourish.

John Bassetti
ACSI Secretary