

American Classical Schools of Idaho (ACSI) Board of Trustees

500 SW 3rd St., Fruitland, Idaho 83619

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Feb 26, 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 and Mr. Bassetti, thus establishing a quorum. Mr. Dixon provided prior notice that we would not be in attendance. Other attendees included Dr. Kane, Dr. Francom, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Seely, Mr. Carignan, Mrs. French and Mr. Lambert.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 4.1. Adopt Agenda 2.26.25.
 - 4.2. Adopt Board Meeting Minutes 1.29.24. 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 intent-to-enroll stood at 436 students and briefly discussed outreach event(s) targeted to those who signed the intent-to-enroll with booths and activities focused on curriculum. He also discussed progress on the land agreement and consensus on an exact location, noting that a total of 78 acres in total were donated, 15 of which would be utilized for the school. A shared green space is also being hammered out with the owner. The donation agreement is modeled after the VCA and INCA agreements and was reviewed by Mr. Yorgason.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. **Finance Oversight Committee:** Mrs. Saylor summarized statements and activities from ACSI and all member schools, noting no irregularities. She noted that all statements were available on the [ACSI Board Drive](#) and reviewable by board members.
 - 7.2. **Governance Committee:** Mrs. David discussed upcoming meeting dates and expected agenda with a focus on the upcoming strategic planning session.
 - 7.3. **ACSI Executive Director Report:** Mr. Lambert indicated that overall enrollment in ACSI member schools across the state stood at approximately 2300 students and noted that the potential for founding groups to use grants was being explored. Filming of the VCA promotional video which included spanish-language was expected to start in April. Interest in Mountain Home for a classical school was palpable and a favorable outcome in the legislative session regarding a military reference category in the school lottery was hoped for. Mr. Lambert noted JKAFF was very interested in ACSI leading the practical implementation of the military reference category effort. CGO interviews were scheduled to commence

with pre-screening of six well-qualified individuals with the ultimate goal of interviewing two to three candidates for a face-to-face interview in late March. Interest in ACSI curriculum from the state board of education and state superintendent is being explored during an upcoming meeting to see what collaborative possibilities may exist.

- 7.4. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Principal Report:** According to Dr. Kane, the recent attendance waiver was approved by the state. Attendance improved since submission of the waiver, which was necessitated by a sharp increase in illness that has since abated. A recent instance of damage from recent flooding at the school property and remedies and a likely insurance claim were also discussed. Results of a recent parent satisfaction survey as well as a re-enrollment survey were discussed. Dr. Kane noted that 97% of students re-enrolled and that 96% of families were satisfied with INCA. An initial food service audit was also conducted by the state health department and no unusual findings or infractions were noted. Upcoming activities as well as channels for parental support for teachers was also discussed.
- 7.5. **North Idaho Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Francom noted positive support for the recent change in the INCA K-7 opening date to 2026. Although a slow increase in kindergarten enrollment is noted, intent-to-enroll had risen to 643. Focus remained on the Old Mill site as the most likely location. After reviewing results from a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) a Phase 2 ESA was recommended. Secondary and tertiary options for the facility were also discussed and Dr. Francom took questions from board members.
- 7.6. **Valor Classical Academy Principal Report:** An update on VCA was provided by Mr. Hunter who indicated that intent-to-enroll stood at 692. This was close to the target enrollment of 700 and has been increasing at a rate of approximately 40 new intent-to-enroll per month. This pace was expected to continue. It was noted that Mr. Carignan validated the financial viability based on a K-7 opening. Mr. Hunter then fielded several questions from board members regarding the K-7 facility plan as well as other related topics.
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. **Approve INCA AY25-26/AY26-27 Calendars (Action Item):** Dr. Kane reviewed INCA's proposed academic calendars for AY25-26/AY26-27, with the most notable change being the calendar starting earlier in August. Approval was sought for two-year calendar. After discussion, a motion is made by Mrs. Saylor to approve INCA's Academic Calendar AY25-26/AY26-27. The motion is seconded by Mr. Bassetti and carried with unanimous consent.
 - 9.2. **Approve VCA Financial Policies and Procedures (Action Item):** Mr. Hunter used INCA as a baseline to develop VCA Financial Policies and Procedures. Both Mr. Hunter and Mrs. French provide an overview of minor changes and/or variations from baseline policies and procedures, with some variations stemming from practical application of the principles of federalism. Following discussion, a motion is made by Mrs. Saylor to approve the Financial Policies and Procedures. The motion is seconded by Mr. Bassetti and carried with unanimous consent.
 - 9.3. **NICA 990 Submission:** Mrs. Saylor discussed the process of the 990 filing as well as minor caveat and simplicity of submission resulting from the filing being less than \$50,000.
 - 9.4. **ACSI Board Member Applications for VCA:** Mr. Lambert and board members discussed ACSI board member applications and various facets of the application process.

10. Adjournment

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

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John Bassetti, ACSI Secretary