



Indian Impact Schools of Montana

IISM Fall Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Billings, MT

Big Horn Resort

MINUTES

Attendees: President Corrina Guardipee-Hall, Vice President Dan Schmidt, Treasurer/Secretary Mark Johnston, Voyd St. Pierre, Kim Knobloch, Mike Perry, Brian Gallup (ED), Yancey Beston (prior board member).

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m.
2. Public Comment
3. Approval minutes from November 7, 2022 and June 8, 2023: Mark Johnston **moved** to approve the minutes from November 7, 2022. Kim Knobloch **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously.
4. Seat New Board Members: Corrina Guardipee-Hall and Dr. Mike Perry: Dan Schmidt **moved** to accept the results of the election. Mark Johnston **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously.
 - a. Elect President, Vice President and appoint Secretary/Treasurer: Mark Johnston **nominated** Corrina Guardipee-Hall as President. Kim Knobloch **seconded**. Dan Schmidt **moved** to cease nominations. Motion **carried** unanimously. Corrina Guardipee-Hall appointed President by acclamation. Corrina Guardipee-Hall **nominated** Dan Schmidt as Vice President. Mike Perry **seconded**. Mark Johnston **moved** to cease nominations. Motion **carried** unanimously. Dan Schmidt appointed Vice President by acclamation. President Guardipee-Hall appointed Mark Johnston as Secretary/Treasurer.
5. New Business:
 - a. Treasurer Reports
 - i. Bank Account/Investments: Current cash on hand \$43,732.80, CD - \$208,000
 - ii. Memberships Dues received for 2024: \$87,330.75
 - b. Native American Cohort for Superintendents for AASA: Corrina passed along information to the Board. Create superintendent training and certification as well as mentorships.
 - c. NAFIS Spring Conf. and NIISA Board Updates: Brian Gallup: Mr. Gallup reported that meetings were great at the NAFIS Spring conference and the legislative meetings also went well. Rep. Rosendale did not meet with the group personally. Rep. Zinke had his staffer, John, meet with us and stated that "whatever Tom Cole does I will do". Senators Daine and Tester continue to be

100% on board. The new Construction bill was introduced by all Democrats, need Republicans on board. Do not expect it to go anywhere for a while. The presenters of the bill need stories from Impact Aid schools to present to Dept. of Ed and legislators.

- d. Scholarship Program: Fine Tune Application and appoint review committee for this year: Amount will \$2,500/four awards given. Acceptance letter will be added to the application announcement, as well as requiring a letter of recommendation from a school staff member. Motion to approve the scholarship as presented, with additions, Kim Knobloch. Dawn Bishop-Moore **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously. Dan Schmidt, Mike Perry and Kim Knobloch were appointed as reviewers.
 - e. For the good of the order:
 - **Mark Johnston brought forth the possibility of being a part of the lawsuits surrounding the decreased mills and approval of charter schools by local Boards. Discussed contributing \$10,000 to the legal team bringing these lawsuits on behalf of schools through MQEC. Concerned that some IISM member schools may not be MQEC members. Watch this progress for now and meet again as a Board if necessary.
 - **Voyd St. Pierre requested to use IISM funds toward registrations to NIISA for former school admin that helped in creating NIISA and IISM. Also requested to use funds to create an IISM banner/backdrop. Board approved \$1,500.
 - ** Corrina Guardipee-Hall stated that a teacher from Browning received teacher of the year. Dawn Bishop-Moore **moved** to give \$100 to the Browning teacher of the year. Dan Schmidt **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously.
6. Adjourn: Kim Knobloch **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Mike Perry **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously.