

# Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

Accountability and Support Committee

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

450 Columbus Blvd.

Plaza North, 2nd Floor, Meeting

Room B Hartford, Connecticut.

## **Minutes**

**(Approved on December 14, 2022)**

### **I. Call to Order**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, Committee Chairperson Erin D. Benham called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Committee  
Members Present: Erin D. Benham,  
Malia K. Sieve  
Donald F. Harris, Jr.  
Elwood Exley, Jr.

Committee  
Member Absent: Karen Dubois-Walton

Staff Present: Irene Parisi  
Kelly Robert  
Felicia Cauty (via Teams Meeting)

Guests Present: Dr. Nicholas Spera, Executive Director, Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC), New London  
Richard Muckle, Board Chairperson, Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC), New London  
William Linski, Principal, Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC), New London

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Elwood Exley, Jr., moved, Malia K. Sieve., seconded, that the committee approve the minutes of the September 21, 2022, Accountability and Support Committee meeting.

Vote: In Favor: Exley, Benham, Sieve, and Harris  
Abstained: 0  
Opposed: 0  
Absent: Dubois-Walton

### **III. Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC), New London**

Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer for the CSDE Academic Office, provided an overview of the work to date with ISAAC. Ms. Parisi welcomed ISAAC Executive Director Dr. Nicholas Spera, ISAAC Board Chairperson

Richard Muckle, and ISAAC Principal William Linski to provide a progress update. ISAAC shared highlights of their progress in their special education payment methodology/billing, new IT policies for the disposal of school-owned computers and other IT equipment, and board governance. Highlights included: ISAAC meeting with the New London school district to go over the school district's special education payment methodology/billing, ISAAC partnering with Solar Winds to assist with the reclaiming of old technology equipment, the board participating in a training with Shipman and Goodwin LLP, and ISAAC partnering with CABE (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) to conduct an audit of policies and to house policies on the CABE website. ISAAC noted that as of July 1, 2022 ISAAC is up to date with all policies. Additionally, Dr. Nicholas Spera and Mr. Linski shared an update on the academic achievement action plan. They attributed the higher scores on assessments to the new curriculum in place. ISAAC is also expanding its building adding a board room and science lab.

Chair Benham opened the floor for questions and comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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