

Matchbook Learning
May 16, 2022 Board Meeting

Location: <https://matchbooklearning.zoom.us/j/81371971260>

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1163 N Belmont Ave. Indianapolis, IN, 46222

Time: 5:00pm

Board in Attendance

Sajan George - Board Chair
 Ali King
 Jenny Davis Poon
 Bill Taft
 Dr. Kurt Nelson
 John Polk
 Kayla Moody-Grant

Non Board Members Attending

Dr. Amy Swann, Matchbook Learning CEO & Head of Schools
 Don Stewart, Matchbook Learning Director of Finance
 Julie Wall, Director of Staff Support & Compliance
 Sheila Corbin, Principal
 Aaron Teater

5:00 pm: Welcome. Roll call:

Attendance Roll Call	
Sajan George	Present
John Polk	Present
Ali King	Present
Maureen Donahue Krauss	Absent
Mike Cosack	Absent
Jenny Davis Poon	Present
Bill Taft	Present
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Present
Kayla Moody-Grant	Present

Vote to Approve linked [March Board Minutes](#).

Vote to Approve November Board Meeting Minutes	
Sajan George	Yes
John Polk	Yes
Ali King	
Maureen Donahue Krauss	Absent
Mike Cosack	Absent
Jenny Davis Poon	Yes
Bill Taft	Motion
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Second
Kayla Moody-Grant	

Motion to approve [March Board Meeting minutes](#) carries.

5:10pm - FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Our current cash position:

National Bank of Indianapolis	\$1,195,378
NBI-Future Needs Fund	\$1,500,000
Capital Improvement Project-Future Needs Fund	\$412,500
Total Cash On Hand	\$3,107,878

Based on our finance committee goals and the goals OEI has for us, we are currently in a strong financial position. The strength of our financial position can be seen from the linked [OEI quarterly report](#) and our [current financials](#).

The finance committee has reviewed the current budget and the costs of the academic programs (already reviewed by the academic committee) that we need to purchase for next year including:

- **FastForward (\$104K multi year)** - Research Based Personalized Reading Intervention Utilizing Sound Science to help ELL students with reading. Our data shows that this is a key focus area and need.
- **NWEA (MAP) (\$64K multi year)** - Nationally Normed Benchmark Assessment Replacing Performance Series for OEI and Reporting.
- **Empower (\$12k per year)** - Similar to our old Spark platform. This will give us an aligned standards based grade book, transcript generator with letter grade translations, playlist platform for personalized and standards based learning. Built with Marzano and in direct alignment with our model and professional development.
- **IXL (\$38K multi year)** - Renewal of math, reading, science, and social studies.
- **XELLO (\$4.5K per year)** - K-12 On-line Career Pathway Builder
- **Eureka Math (\$105K multi year)** - Core math curriculum

Purchasing these programs can fit into our current budget. They will put us over budget in the curriculum category of our current budget but we will still be under budget for the year as a whole.

Vote to approve the audit report & linked [Current Financial Position](#).

Vote to approve current financials and going over budget in the area of curriculum.	
Sajan George	Second
John Polk	Motion
Ali King	Yes
Maureen Donahue Krauss	Absent
Mike Cosack	Absent
Jenny Davis Poon	Yes
Bill Taft	Yes
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Yes
Kayla Moody-Grant	

Motion to approve current financial position and going over budget in the area of curriculum carries.

4:45 pm COMMUNITY UPDATE

We are collaborating with the Hawthorne Center to see how we might begin building out our early learning certification program for the high school at the Hawthorne Center instead of having to have the space in our actual high school facility. If we are able to secure the Tibbs Garage + Complex property for our high school, the distance to the Hawthorne Center from our future high school will be 0.8 of a mile.

The Community Committee wanted us to find a way to do a better job with donations and getting community and Board contributions for projects and school initiatives. In order to do this we decided to utilize the Kindful platform for our donation tracking and management system. The link to our new donation page that we encourage all Board members to utilize and share with your networks is:

<https://matchbooklearning.kindful.com/>

The donation link would be great to email out in combination with our Why a Matchbook High School video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vV7kAdNXVfk>

Here is also a community partner video link for you to enjoy that talks about our Elevate partnership the Board supported increasing through our ESSER funds: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilws5NDrfvg>

5:25 pm ACADEMIC UPDATE

We have just finished up iLearn state testing and we are now completing our Performance Series Assessments. Our preliminary data shows that we have made gains in math but not in reading. This data is still preliminary and has not been finalized or reviewed yet. Knowing that we need to increase in reading proficiency, scores across the board for our EL students, and in student agency the Academic Committee prioritized these things in their PD and school recommendations, the programs for purchase, and in planning for 2022-23.

We will have iLearn data in the next few weeks that will not be public yet but can be used for planning purposes. If I can complete a reflection on the year and compile both the Performance Series and iLearn state testing data for the Board by the first week of June, could the Board be available to meet the week of June 13th to do a closed session for both my annual review and Board goal setting discussions for the upcoming year? I would like to go into July with clear and targeted focuses when the teachers start back to school.

5:30 pm OPERATIONS UPDATE

Linked is the [Board's Goal Tracking Dashboard for 2021-22](#). While we are meeting our Board goals for the year, attendance is going to be a struggle because of all the COVID absences through the last spike and we are still not allowed to do attendance incentives. We are hopeful that next year we will be able to bring back some of our attendance incentive programs.

5:45pm - Building/Land Updates:

At 12:30 today we interviewed with the city for the Tibbs Garage + Complex. We are hopeful that we might be able to acquire this property for our high school. Dr. Swann will review the [linked presentation](#) with the Board.

The IPS land beside our school is a possibility but they are not going to move forward on it until the district is able to finalize their district restructuring plans next fall.

5:55 PUBLIC COMMENTS.

6:00 pm Adjourn.

Vote to Adjourn	
Sajan George	Motion
John Polk	Yes
Ali King	Second
Maureen Donahue Krauss	Absent
Mike Cosack	Absent
Jenny Davis Poon	Yes
Bill Taft	Yes
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Yes
Kayla Moody-Grant	Yes

Motion to adjourn meeting carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.