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Intergenerational Schools

Minutes

October School Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday October 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
The Intergenerational School
11327 Shaker Blvd 200E
Cleveland, Oh 44104

The Intergenerational School creates, connects, and guides a multigenerational community of lifelong learners and spirited citizens as they strive for academic excellence.

Directors Present
B. Norton (NW Rep) (remote), C. Wald (TIS Rep), D. Clark, J. Lopez-Inman, R. Bunton (remote), R. Nicolay, S. Lake, S. Miller

Directors Absent
L. Carpenter, R. Carlin

Guests Present
A. Ahmad, Amber Clark, Amy Cascio, B. King, C. Dewerth, D. Melton, K. Wiersma, M. Higbee, R. Showalter, S. Alonso, Shauntina Thornton

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

D. Clark called a meeting of the board of directors of Intergenerational Schools to order on Thursday Oct 8, 2026 at 6:06 PM.

C. Mission Moment

TIS- A.Ahmad talked about applying students doing project based learning. Students are making films, clothing brands, sewing. Different clusters are involved in this before and after school.

NWIS- S.Thornton celebrated the first 7 weeks of school. All school based admin have gone on IG Visits with classes. Attendance above 85% daily. Increase from last year.

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

- NWIS Parent - Ms. Sobotka asked for clear communication about future leadership at Near West and to keep the current teachers. Stated that parents and teachers were blindsided by decisions from upper admin and feel unsteady. Stated that parents were told that search for a permanent principal would take place all year. She asked to be kept updated with frequent and clear communication and actions to avoid rumors and assumptions.
- TIS Parent - Ms. McElrath talked about the struggles she had last year and into the start of this school year at Near West. She let the board know that she did not receive the help she repeatedly requested for her son and nothing was addressed or resolved through the summer. She stated that she had to make a decision 24 hours before the start of the 26-27 school year to switch from NWIS to TIS. She felt she had no choice due to the lack of support from leadership.
- Parent Advocate - Ms. Hubbard stated that Ms. McElrath showed continued patience since requesting supports during the prior year which were ignored. The teachers were empowered to avoid her requests for basic communication about her son. She requested a plan in the winter of 2025 and never received it. She was invited to an Open House and then followed by staff in the building as if she was not welcome. New leadership did not address the issue. Her child was forced to leave and transition to a new school at TIS. Special Education staff from NW who had little feedback to offer during the year came to a TIS meeting to spew negative comments about the child.

III. Sponsor Reports

A.

CMSD/ESCLEW Sponsor Report

CMSD- Matt Rado was not present.

ESCLEW - J.Lewis let the board know that there was a virtual Sunshine Law training on October 24th. TIS site visit was 100% compliant. 11.6 updates now includes only one board engagement event per year, last year the school reached 100% for this measure. 25-26 Annual Sponsor Performance report will be sent out Nov 30th.

IV. Consent Agenda (Please read Board Resolutions for Personnel Action detail)

A. Approval of Minutes

S. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes from August School Board Meeting on 08-12-26.
R. Nicolay seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Wald (TIS Rep)	Aye
R. Carlin	Absent
B. Norton (NW Rep)	Aye
S. Miller	Aye
R. Bunton	Aye
D. Clark	Aye
S. Lake	Aye
L. Carpenter	Absent
R. Nicolay	Aye
J. Lopez-Inman	Aye

B. Contracts/MOU

Near West ONLY

- **College Now/Say Yes-** To provide a Family Support Specialist to support the school in identifying and serving students and families in need of support, such as basic needs, mental health services, and academic challenges. This is effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and is not to exceed $31,150 to be paid out of general funds or other monies obtained.
- **Release and Severance Agreement** between April Maimone and the school, dated June 22, 2026. This agreement was in the amount of $39,110 and was an unbudgeted expense to be paid out of reserves.

TIS-East ONLY

- **D&N Transportation-**To provide door-to-door transport for two Special Education students as written in their Individualized Education Plan. This contract will run from August 19, 2026 to May 26, 2027, at a cost of $165 per day for 163 days and

will not exceed $26,895. This is a budgeted expense to be paid out of general funds or other monies obtained.

- **LV Consultants-**To provide 1:1 teacher coaching to support teacher knowledge-building and skill-building, focusing on building a learning community, responding to challenging behavior with trauma-informed practices, and implementing Bridges Math. This will include 8 sessions of in-person and Zoom meetings, as well as the creation of supportive resources. The cost of this contract is not to exceed $2000 and is a budgeted expense to be paid out of the general fund or other monies obtained.

C. Approval of Policies

- RENEWAL-Ohio Department of Education & Workforce Special Education Model Policies and Procedures
- RENEWAL-Academic Prevention Intervention Services
- RENEWAL-Career Advising Policy
- NEW Math Placement and Promotion Policy (under review by EAC)

D. Personnel Actions

as stated in each school's Board Resolutions

V. Friends of Intergenerational Schools

A. Fundraising Report

M. Higbee passed out hard copies of a fundraising report, Advancement Plan, and outline of the Annual Report and stated that printing the annual report last school year and sending it via mail did not help with donations. She said it would be emailed to everyone on the contact list and posted on the website. She turned it over to C. Wald to discuss the upcoming event. Carolyn went over the goals and talked about the need for Board engagement in seeking sponsorships and auction items and that there are many ways to help get the word out. R. Bunton and B. Nicolay will be asking Board members to make personal phone calls to the sponsor list. There are documents created to help Board members answer questions and craft communications.

B. Annual Report Content Draft

C. Advancement Plan

VI. Education

A. State Report Card Data and Comparisons To Other Schools

B. King discussed the schools' State Report Cards and how they performed compared to nearby district and charter schools.

NWIS lost one star, but achieved High Quality eligibility and will restart a 3-year cycle of funding.
TIS gained a half star and out performed all but one nearby school.

B. BOY NWEA MAP Scores

B.King said both schools started MAP testing earlier this year than last. School leaders presented slides with Beginning of the Year scores and shared their strategies for academic growth. Building leaders will report back to the Boards after Winter Break to report on what is and is not working.

VII. Finance

A. Approval of August Financials

R. Nicolay made a motion to Approve.
S. Lake seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
S. Miller	Aye
D. Clark	Aye
C. Wald (TIS Rep)	Aye
J. Lopez-Inman	Aye
S. Lake	Aye
R. Nicolay	Aye
R. Carlin	Absent
L. Carpenter	Absent
B. Norton (NW Rep)	Aye
R. Bunton	Aye

B. Enrollment Dashboard

S. Alonso presented current enrollment data. Both schools are short of budget. TIS is at its highest enrollment since COVID. The Boards briefly discussed the longer term full capacity target of 255 (15 classes averaging 17 students) and whether or not this should be the ultimate goal. Year over year retention remains relatively high for public charter schools with TIS at 84 % (highest its been since COVID) & NWIS at 82% retention.

C. Revised Budgets

- B. King presented revised 2026-2027 budgets to reflect the organizational changes and new service agreement between the schools and IGCle
    - TIS-East
    - Near West
    - Intergenerational Cleveland

R. Nicolay made a motion to approve the revised 26-27 Budgets.

J. Lopez-Inman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Carlin	Absent
R. Bunton	Aye
J. Lopez-Inman	Aye
D. Clark	Aye
L. Carpenter	Absent
R. Nicolay	Aye
B. Norton (NW Rep)	Aye
C. Wald (TIS Rep)	Aye
S. Miller	Aye
S. Lake	Aye

D. Long Term Budget Projections

B. King explained that they do not yet have the long term projections with these newly revised numbers and that would be sent out at a later date.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Clark
R. Nicolay made a motion to Adjourn.
S. Lake seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Carpenter	Absent
R. Nicolay	Aye
C. Wald (TIS Rep)	Aye
J. Lopez-Inman	Aye
B. Norton (NW Rep)	Aye
S. Lake	Aye
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