

**Inlet Grove Community High School  
Governing Board Meeting  
Conference Room 102A  
November 12, 2024 12PM**

Ms. La Voise Smith called the governing board meeting to order at 12:03 pm at the Inlet Grove Community High School Conference Room 102A in Riviera Beach, Florida. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**Present:**

- La Voise Smith, Vice Chair
- Dr. Emma Banks, CEO
- Clarence Williams, Secretary
- Bill Washington, Treasurer
- Lonnie Martens, Board Member-**Google Meet**
- Danny Jones, Board Member- **Google Meet**
- Jim Pegg, Board Member
- Annette Gardner, Financial Consultant- **Google Meet**
- Anita Williamson, Finance/Bookkeeper
- Natacha Dominguez, Administrative Assistant

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

**Opening Remarks**

Ms. La Voise Smith welcomed everyone and announced she would preside over the meeting due to Dr. Woodard not being able to attend today's governing board meeting.

Determination of Quorum:

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**October 15,2024** Minutes approval

A motion to approve the **October 15, 2024**, minutes was made by Ms. Lonnie Martens and Second by Mr. Jim Pegg and Voted unanimously and approved by the board.

**October 22, 2024**, Minutes will need to be approved in the next Board meeting due to an

incorrect Name listed under Health Plans Decision Discussion Section, Ms. Gardner cannot motion is not on board, cannot vote, typo in minutes. Will be corrected and voted on next board meeting.

**September 10,2024** Board minutes will also be made available to the board to approve as well in the next board meeting to approve minutes.

## **2. School Recognition Funds/ (Approval A Plus Money):**

- Total funds received: \$108,518.
- Committee selected to determine fund distribution, with proposals voted on by staff.
  - **Option 1:** Teachers receive two-thirds; administrators and support staff receive one-third.
  - **Option 2:** Teachers and administrators receive two-thirds; support staff receive one-third.
- Voting Results:
  - Option 1: 34 votes (**approved**)
  - Option 2: 27 votes.
- Motion to adopt Option 1 approved despite dissent over the distribution for administrators, **1<sup>st</sup> Motion** by Ms. Lonnie Martens, **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Mr. Bill Washington
- **Vote:** Unanimously Approved by the Board

## **3. Reserve Funds:**

- Current reserve: \$2,153.132
- Referendum reserve funds: \$1,368,609 (confirmed as absolute).

## **4. Other Updates:**

- **Transportation:** Previous Mathew Bus Alliance decisions remain unchanged; no additional action required.
- **UnitedHealthcare Plan:** Pending further updates and actions.

## **5. Grey Rhodes Advisors, LLC Paperwork /Summary of Discussions:**

- Mr. Lopez met with a financial advisor recommended by Ms. Martens, who provided expertise on investment strategies.
- The advisor recommended **laddered Certificates of Deposit (CDs)** as a more stable and federally guaranteed option, contrasting with Truist Bank's annuity-based proposal. The advisor is willingly meeting once a month with Inlet Grove.
- CDs allow flexibility and liquidity, especially vital in the current economic climate.

- The advisor's qualifications were highlighted, including being a registered financial advisor, securities litigator, and MBA holder, with reduced fees for nonprofits.

### Key Points Raised:

- **Truist Bank Proposal:** Not in the best interest of the organization due to its commission-driven structure and lack of federal guarantees.
- **Recommendation:** The Board did not vote but expressed consensus on rejecting the Truist proposal. The group emphasized the importance of comparing multiple advisors before making a final decision.
- The Board has decided to **table Grey Rhodes Advisors, LLC** for further discussion in the next board meeting as well since Mr. Lopez was not present in today's meeting.

### Middle School Expansion Updates

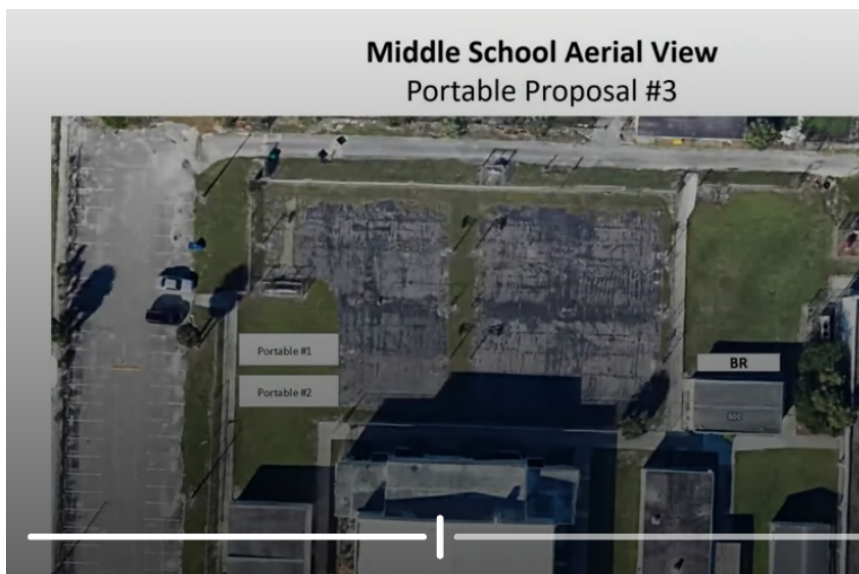
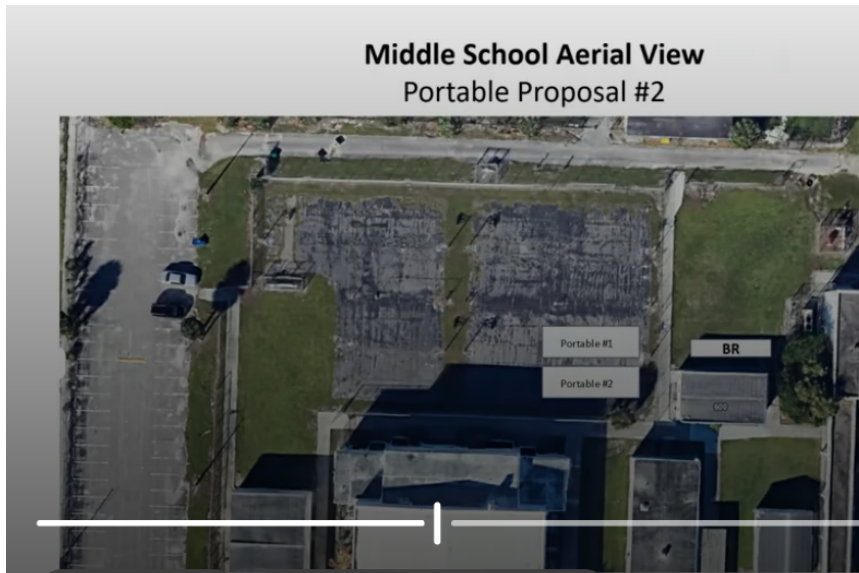
**Presenter:** Mr. Thomas Grajek (Coordinator of Cambridge and Magnet Programs)

#### Summary:

6. Proposed addition of **three portables** for middle school use:
  - a. Two classroom portables. (2 Quotes from district vendors: one 1 quote w/o bathrooms and 1 quote w just portable bathrooms for girls and boys)
  - b. One portable with gender-separated bathroom facilities. 3 total portables

**Middle School Aerial View**  
Portable Proposal #1





- The portables will address overcrowding and provide separation between middle and high school students.

#### **Details Discussed:**

- **Portables Location:** Revised after district feedback to ensure compliance with safety and spacing guidelines.
- **Current Capacity Projections:** Planning for 250–300 middle school students.

#### **7. School Culture:**

- Emphasis on staff collaboration for student success.

- Staff members, including key personnel (e.g., Mr. Banks, Mr. Valiere, Mr. McDermott), actively contribute to maintaining safety and fostering a positive environment.
- Concerns about maintaining academic and extracurricular standards during the transition.
- Finalize enrollment projections and budget scenarios.
- Coordinate with the district for detailed planning and community outreach to recruit middle school students.
- **Athletics and Extracurricular Integration**
- Middle school students will be eligible for Florida High School Athletics Association (FHSA) programs, including JV and varsity teams.
- Summer **Jumpstart Program** proposed to prepare students academically for state assessments and extracurricular participation.

#### **Action Items:**

- Reject Truist Bank's proposal (informally agreed)

#### **Closing and Adjournment**

Next Governing Board Meeting **December 10, 2024 12pm**

Meeting Adjourned 1:14pm

*Charles W. Woodard, PhD*

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**Board Member**

12/10/2024

**Date**