



## **Independence Academy**

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### **Minutes**

#### **Board of Directors**

**Monday August 31, 2020**

**5:00 P.M**

**Meeting Call to Order: 5:11 PM**

#### **Role Call :**

#### **Present**

Sherry Price, President

Hadassa Berger, Member

Abbie Siegmund, Member

Brad Thompson, Member

#### **I. Staff and Student Celebrations:**

A. We made it to the 7th day of school

- II. Public Comment:** Time-limited TBA – individuals may make public comment, limited to items on the agenda, and two (2) minutes. The Governing Board asks that each member complete a public comment card, available in the front office, prior to commencement of the meeting. Public comment cards should be given to the Executive Director who will then deliver them to the Governing Board President.

A. Lisa read an appreciation letter from our Pre-K director, Margie Wass

**III. Approval of the July 13th Board Minutes.**

**Motion:** Brad Thompson

**Second:** Abbie Siegmund

**Vote:** 4-0

**IV. Approval of the July 25th Emergency Board Meeting.**

**Motion:** Brad Thompson

**Second:** Abbie Siegmund

**Vote:** 4-0

**V. Approval of the July 28th Work Session.**

**Motion:** Brad Thompson

**Second:** Abbie Siegmund

**Vote:** 4-0

**VI. Approval of the August 3rd Board Minutes.**

**Motion:** Brad Thompson

**Second:** Abbie Siegmund

**Vote:** 4-0

**VII. Approval of the June Financials.**

**Motion:** Abbie Siegmund

**Second:** Hadassa Berger

**Vote:** 4-0

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**IX. Approval of retaining Dustin Sparks as the IACS lawyer based on the original contract for payment.**

**Motion:** Abbie Siegmund

**Second:** Hadassa Berger

**Vote:** 4-0

**X. Approval of the resolution assignment contract. Agreement between Independence Academy and Asset because of a recent name change.**

**Motion:** Brad Thompson

**Second:** Abbie Siegmund

**Vote:** 4-0

**XI. Review and possible approval of applicants for board vacancy. Two applicants applied for the vacancy, Brandy Bogges and Lindsay Martin. The board would like to invite both candidates to meet the board on the September 28, 2020 board meeting so they can get to know both candidates better before making a final decision.**

**XII. Executive Director's Report.**

**A. Operations, Mrs. Gonsalves**

1. Pick up and drop off procedures-

a) IACS has refined the process a few times since the beginning of school and the process has drastically improved. IACS will take traffic consideration into future construction projects.

b) The issue is that parents show up 30 minutes early and the traffic quickly backs onto 29 road.

- c) The board would like the school to take into consideration hiring professional traffic crews to help direct afternoon traffic and handle parents who are not abiding by the traffic rules.
- 2. COVID update -
  - a) IACS hired a new nursing assistant, but the majority of her day is consumed with checking students who did not self report.
  - b) Lisa has offered a Pizza party to the first classes to have 100% self reporting for elementary and middle school classes.
  - c) Lisa will check in to gain more access to the self reporting app so that she can see if people are red flagged.
  - d) The board would like to see the school step up their efforts in reminding parents and students to self report.
- 3. IACS hired a certified nurse for two hours per week to serve the needs of a student who needs medication for their diabetes.
- 4. Chrome books have been challenging: FedEx lost 70 chrome books in the mail. IACS is currently completing a return claim to get new chrome books sent out soon. By the end of October IACS will have 410 chromebooks.

**B. Facilities/Maintenance Report, Mrs. Gonsalves**

- 1. Hired 1 new full time employee on August 25th to help with the extra cleaning and sanitation.
- 2. Lunch in the classroom is going well and procedures are coming along.

**C. Instruction/Assessment, Mrs. Bennett**

- 1. NWEA/Dibbles- Offered in person and online assessments
- 2. Meeting students where they are-this will be the professional learning theme for the 2020/2021 school year.
- 3. IACS purchases out special education services through the district and Lisa is negotiating costs due to insufficient qualifications for the Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant.
- 4. Online and Self Guided learning is off to a good start. Everyone is trying to get into a pattern with protocols and procedures.

**D. Community Outreach, Mrs. Gonsalves**

- 1. We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback for the distance and self guided as well as the efforts IACS is making to improve pickup and dropoff.

**E. Culture, Mrs. Gonsalves**

- 1. Teachers and students are happy and report a successful start to the school year, especially considering all of the new procedures they are becoming accustomed to.
- 2. The office is still working on finding alternative lunch options for Thursdays, possibly Taco Bell, and Subway.
- 3. Staff is super excited about the construction project to start.

**F. Events Calendar, Mrs. Gonsalves**

- 1. School Pictures are September 23rd.

**XIII. Discussion and updates on the Building Project**

**XIV. Family Council updates**

- A. They are bouncing ideas around for different virtual activities**
- B. The water bottle stations will be installed September 11.**

## **XV. Executive Session CRS Section 24-6-402**

C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f)- Personnel

C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) The members of a local public body subject to this part 4, upon the announcement by the local public body to the public of the topic for discussion in the executive session, including specific citation to the provision of this subsection (4) authorizing the body to meet in an executive session and identification of the particular matter to be discussed in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum present, after such announcement, may hold an executive session only at a regular or special meeting and for the sole purpose of considering any of the following matters; except that no adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action, except the review, approval, and amendment of the minutes of an executive session recorded pursuant to subparagraph (II) of paragraph (d.5) of subsection (2) of this section, shall occur at any executive session that is not open to the public.

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:34 PM**

**Next Regular Meeting:**

- **Date:** Monday September 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- **Location:** IACS Commons, 675 29 road, Grand Junction, CO. 81504