



Independence Academy

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Board Meeting Agenda Monday September 26, 2022 5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Meeting Call to Order: 5:22 pm

Role Call :

Present:

- **Brandy Savoni**
- **Sherry Price**
- **Brad Thompson**
- **Hadassa Berger**
- **Jermiah Fenske**

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

- A. Phoenix Ticket Celebration is off to a great start. So far they have earned 184 tickets in the first four weeks. This positive incentive seems to be speaking to middle school students' currency.
- B. Trout Babies are on their way
- C. Movie night was a success- approximately 250 people attended the event
- D. The next round of trips are gearing up including a lunch for a Japan trip and a Hawaii trip in the summer of 2023.

II. Public Comment: Time-limited TBA – individuals may make public comments, 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.

III. Approval of the August 29, 2022 Board Minutes.

Motion: Jeremiah Fenske

Second: Brad Thompson

Vote: 5-0 Vote passes

IV. Approval of the August, 2022 Financials.

- A. Brad Inquired about the 200, 000.00 that was withheld from the ESSER funds. Lisa explained that no one will entertain a conversation with her about it and the only option left would be to take legal action but it is not in IACS's best interest because the law for ESSER was written so vague that it would be hard to prove the burden of proof.
- B. Hadassa inquired about when our charter would renew. Lisa informed her that this happens this Spring 2023. Hadassa asked if Dustin is working revamping our Charter contract as it is old and needs to be updated with new charter law, waivers, and purchase services.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Brandi Savoni

Vote: 5-0 Vote Passes

V. Continued discussion and possible approval of additional investment into the Colorado Trust account. Discussion moved to next month's meeting.

VI. The board motioned to authorize Lisa Gonsalves to spend up to \$25, 000.00 on a replacement of the middle school pickup shade structure.

- A. Brad has located a tent that he believes will pass all of the tent codes but he is still waiting to ensure it also meets the wind requirements. The board discussed granting authorization for Lisa Gonsalves to make a purchase when all specs are met.

Motion: Hadassa Berger

Second: Brandi Savoni

Vote: 5-0 Vote Passes

VII. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. All 6th graders will have the opportunity to take part in the OWL program on November 9-11.
2. The board was briefed on the outcome of the 2022 audit
 - a) \$5,916,613 is the combined fund balance
 - b) Decrease of \$733,026 due to bond funds in 2021
 - c) Net position increase of \$1,188,894
 - d) Our total assets- \$17, 118,912\
 - e) Below budget in 2021 by \$533,713, \$190,889 was ESSER related
3. A discussion about changing student fees for the following year to represent a more equitable distribution and utilization. This may also look like a larger fee for middle school students.

B. Event Calendar

1. Fall Festival is set for Friday October 28th from 4-7 pm.

2. The school will be partnering with the local theater production Moana and will be hosting a IACS viewing for families-Approximately 50 tickets

C. Facilities Report

1. A roll away has been ordered to finish cleaning out the barn and house.

Additional Information:

The board agreed to reschedule the next board meeting from 10/31/22 to 10/24/22

VIII. Executive Session CRS Section 24-6-402 (4)(f)

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.

Adjourned: 6:21 pm