



Independence Academy
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Board Meeting Minutes
Monday November 29, 2021
5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Meeting Call to Order:

Role Call : 5:15 pm

Present

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

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

- A. Congratulations to Mr. Javier de Los Santos and his middle school guitar students and IACS alumni who performed beautifully at the Hope West Fundraiser. Thank you for allowing IACS to be part of such a wonderful way to give back to the community.

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.

- A. None at this time

III. Approval of the November 1, 2021 Board Minutes.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Brandi Savoni

Vote: 5-0 Vote Passes

IV. Approval of the October Financials.

- A. The board discussed the large amount of the technology budget that has been used so far this school year. Mrs. Gonsalves explained that this is partially because of ESSER reimbursement from District 51 that has not come through yet and a grant in Pre-K that has yet to be reimbursed.
- B. The board would like Mrs. Gonsalves to reach out to CDE if the district does not reach out soon with a meeting about how they intend to use the 20% of the ESSER funds they retained.
- C. The board and Mrs. Gonsalves discussed current and future PPR increases and how that could potentially affect the annual budget.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 5-0 Vote Passes

V. Discussion and possible approval of benefit changes.

VI. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

- 1. Discussion around possible PPR increase (Over \$9,000.00 per pupil-about a 450,000.000increase for IACS)
- 2. ESSER II money is expected to be reimbursed by December 15th-approximately \$45,000.00
- 3. The 5 year strategic plan will be presented at the January 31st board meeting-Top priorities are pay/benefits for teachers, continued availability of resources in classrooms, capital construction phase 3.

B. Instruction/Assessment

- 1. We are in the process of getting approval for 8th graders getting high school credit for math and science.
- 2. We are working on options for English and Socials Studies (exploring AP classes and AP environmental science or Honors English pathways).

C. Community Outreach

- 1. 5 IACS Families benefited from the Thanksgiving Giveaway.

D. Culture

- 1. IACS will host their annual Holiday Party at CMU on December 17th, 6:00-9:00 pm.

E. Events Calendar

- 1. 6th graders are traveling to a Fish Hatchery tomorrow in Gunnison Colorado as part of their science units of study.
- 2. Music concerts are on the 6th and 8th of December after school.

3. Music and Theatre students will travel to GJHS on December 9th to view a Holiday Musical.
4. December 9th is Angelos Ornament Painting in the Commons from 5-7 pm.

F. Facilities Report

1. The white bus was sold for \$5,000.00, the Dodge Truck was sold for \$2,500.00 and the MiniVan was sold for \$500.00.
2. IACS started contracting with the Despain company to do some night cleaning.
3. Staffing changes are happening in the facilities department including a facilities intern a couple nights a week.
4. Constructions and repairs near the basketball court will happen over winter break and is signed and completed

VII. Family Council Updates

- A.** The Christmas Store will be December 6-9th.

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.

Next Regular Meeting:

- **Date:** Monday January 31, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
- **Location:** IACS Commons, 675 29 road, Grand Junction, CO. 81504

Adjourned: 6:13 pm