



Independence Academy

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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday August 29, 2022

5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Meeting Call to Order: 5:07 pm

Role Call :

Present:

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

Absent:

- **Jermiah Fenske**

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

- A. The 6th annual middle school guitar competition was held at CMU at the end of May and Isabella Fenske took first place, Addison Fox took second place and Maddison Pile took third place.
- B. Office staff was nominated for a national award form Horizon One for their implementation of MyPaymentsPlus. Winners will be announced in October.
- C. Lacey Weber received a Geo information system grant from the Geo Institute to put up a time zone map in her classroom.

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 July 18, 2022 Board Minutes.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Brandy Savoni

Vote: 4-0 Vote passes

IV. Approval of the June, 2022 Financials.

- A. Questions were posed about ESSER III designation which Lisa will be meeting with District 51 about these designations on August 30th-Approximately \$800,000.00.
- B. The board asked about upcoming legislation for free preschool beginning in 2023. Mrs. Gonsalves apprised the board of the requirements surrounding the program including the amount of time and money connected to any students attending preschool. More needs to be known about this and information is expected to be released as it gets closer.

Motion: Brandy Savoni

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 Vote passes

V. Approval of the July, 2022 Financials.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 Vote passes

VI. Approval of grant application opportunities.

- A. Lisa Gonsalves briefed the board on two possible grant opportunities. One has to do with turning the barn into a hydroponics area and the other is a theater project that would include building an auditorium.
- B. The board talked about the sustainability of the hydroponics grant and the regulations around food supply and safety.
- C. The board discussed the logistics about moving forward with the auditorium grant and planning. They pointed out the community need for this space and feel it could organically tie into phase three building projects.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 Vote passes

VII. Discussion and possible approval of additional investment into the Colorado Trust account.

- A. The board would like Lisa to talk with Kate about investing more discretionary funds into the trust and they will revisit this next meeting.

VIII. Discussion and possible vote on replacement of the middle school pickup shade structure.

- A. Brad apprised the board about pricing for a metal building which is running \$120,000.00.

- B. Another avenue is to ensure that a different tent meets the requirements for the shade structure and if a new structure meets all of the criteria and if so they will purchase a new tent that has all of the paperwork and they can get a permit for.
- C. The board is waiting on more information about the permit requirements and will continue the conversation at the next board meeting.

IX. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

- 1. Update on the 3-5 grade playground- Rob let us know that the playground company is slowing going. Their initial idea was way over budget and it was denied. Rob requested that they scale the ideas back to meet the budget.

B. Instruction/Assessment

- 1. Update on CMAS scores- Across the board IACS did well with slight gains in Literacy. We did see a dip in mathematics which was not on our radar. We are already evaluating the disaggregated data which is showing us that we have a huge population of students who are approaching, meaning they were only a few points from met. This means with targeted support these scores should be a quick rebound.

C. Community Outreach

- 1. Asset Management is working with IACS on a fall advisory challenge and is inviting other professionals to compete against one another in the competition as well.
- 2. James Riley, The author of Novels such as the Story Thief, will be hosting a ZOOM Q&A on September 6th for all 5th and 6th graders.

D. Culture

- 1. The New Phoenix Family and Teacher Community had a healthy initial turnout with over 30 families showing up and signing up for the Movie Under the Stars Event and the Fall Festival.

E. Events Calendar

- 1. GJ Rockies Baseball night with IACS families on September 6th
- 2. The Movie Night Under the Stars on Saturday September 10th-Gates open at 7:00 pm
- 3. Fall Festival on the Calendar for Friday October 28th- Gates open at 4:00 pm
- 4. Volleyball is in full swing. We have a full schedule of games and are hosting games as well. The district has done a great job of including us on the schedule this year.
- 5. Mrs. Eller will be taking her Outdoor Wilderness class on their first rafting fieldtrip 9/14
- 6. Picture day is 9/15

F. Facilities Report

1. We are working on warranties for the AC units in the new part of the building. parts are on backorder.
2. The minibusses are still ordered and are expected whenever they become in stock.

Moved into executive session at 6:14 pm

X. 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: 6:32 pm