



## **Independence Academy**

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### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday October 30, 2023**

**5:00 P.M-Commons Area**

**Meeting called to order: 5:26 pm**

**Role Call:**

**Present:**

Hadassa Berger

Jermiah Fenske ( via phone)

Brandy Savoni

Thomas Gibson

Burke Martin

Lisa Sutherland

Brad Thompson (via phone)

**Absent:**

Sherry Price

**I. Staff and Student Celebrations:**

**A. IACS received their Performance Banner for test scores**

- 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 board meeting agenda.**

A. Agenda approved

**IV. Acceptance of Brandy Savoni and Jermiah Fenske board member resignation letters.**

**Motion:** Brad Savoni

**Second:** Hadassa Berger

**Vote:** 4-0 vote passes

**V. Approval of new board members Thomas Gibson, Lisa Sutherland and Burke Martin( non voting member).**

**Motion:** Brad Thompson

**Second:** Hadassa Berger

**Vote:** 4-0 vote passes

**VI. New School Board Member Oath of Office-Administered by Lisa Gonsalves**

A. Lisa Gonsalves administered the Oath of office to each of the nes members of the IACS board.

**VII. Approval of September 26, 2023 board minutes.**

**Motion:** Thomas Gibson

**Second:** Lisa Sutherland

**Vote:** 3-0 vote passes

**VIII. Approval of the September 2023 financials.**

A. Hadassa inquired about any major changes to the budget. Lisa Gonsalves pointed out that the line item for Professional Development because IACS is sending the majority of elementary and some middle school teachers to a National Conference for the newly adopted literacy curriculum.

B. Burke inquired about one line item "Curriculum and Meetings". Lisa Gonsalves explained that this is a representation of the EL PD as well as fees associated with the Rise Disney trip.

C. Thomas Gibson Inquired about a different jump in funds in comparison to last year. It was decided that the number represented the final payoff of the construction of the parking lot and drop off loop.

**Motion:** Lisa Sutherland

**Second:** Thomas Gibson

**Vote:** 3-0 vote passes

**IX. Discussion regarding corporation members and turnover.**

A. The board discussed possibly voting Burke Martin on to a corporation.

B. They decided they will hold a corporation meeting to make formal decisions on members.

## **Executive Director's Report.**

### **A. Operations**

1. The District has advised that a Highschool will probably not be approved in the near future and Lisa was encouraged to reconsider applying for a High School in the next year or so.
2. Thomas Gibson said he would volunteer to take the Title IX training.

### **B. Instruction/Assessment**

1. The UIP-Unified Improvement Plan is finished and submitted to the district for review. IACS is hopeful it will be on a biennial review moving forward.

### **C. Community Outreach**

1. Middle School would like to raise money to help out Pear Park since someone burnt down their playground. They will be hosting a hat day on Thursday November 9th. Students can pay \$1.00 to wear a hat for the day.
2. IACS will be dropping off Thanksgiving Dinners to families in need again this year. Please let Lisa know if you know of any families in need.
3. In talks with a possible 4H partnership

### **D. Culture**

1. Build Day for Middle school is Thursday November 9th.

### **E. Events Calendar**

1. The Music Man musical will be on December 8 and 9 at 6:00 pm at the Art Center.
2. Band Club's first meeting is November 6th.
3. Next Board meeting is November 27th.

### **F. Facilities Report**

1. More conversations in the future about potential uses for the House on the Corporation land.

## **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: 6:46 pm