



## **Independence Academy**

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### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday November 27, 2023**

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

**Meeting called to order: 5:14 p.m**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

- Burke Martin
- Sherry Price
- Thomas Gibson
- Brad Thompson

**Absent:**

- Hadassa Berger
- Lisa Sutherland

**I. Staff and Student Celebrations:**

- A. 8th graders of the quarter were chosen and the nominees were Cayden Olsen, and Jasmine Hover.
- B. Megan Henry shared about her success in gaining grants for sketchbooks and additional money for mindful meditation.
- C. Lacey Weber shared her grants received and the money spent to purchase two new 3D printers. Lacey also shared her success in applying to present at the 2024 STEAM conference in California. Lisa Gonslaves will be joining her to represent the administration part of supporting STEAM in schools.

**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. Review and possible approval of the board meeting agenda.**

- A. Agenda Approved

**IV. Approval of the October 30, 2023 board minutes.**

**Motion:** Brad Thompson

**Second:** Thomas Gibson

**Vote:** 3-0 Vote passes

**V. Approval of the October 2023 financials.**

**Motion:** Thomas Gibson

**Second:** Brad Thompson

**Vote:** 3-0 Vote Passes

**VI. Executive Director's Report.**

**A. Operations**

1. The board discussed the drawbacks and benefits to applying for a highschool through district 51 and taking the denial and possibly working through the appeals process. The board would like Lisa Gonsalves to provide them with this followup information: What is the appeals process and criteria? What is the process of a state funded charter? Can the state just authorize a highschool? What is the fiscal impact of adding a highschool for a 4 year projection?

**B. Community Outreach**

1. Service club is launching their annual food drive December 4-12

**C. Events Calendar**

1. Pre-K concert December 12th 4:45-5:30 in the IACS Gym
2. K-5/Choir Winter concert December 11th 6:30-7:30 at CHS
3. Music Man Performance December 8/9 at the Art Center
4. Guitar Concert Dec. 21 6:00 pm at CMU
5. Staff Christmas Party on Thursday December 21 at 6:00 pm
6. No elementary school on November 30th for teacher training

**VII. 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: 6:20 pm