



Independence Academy

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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday January 29, 2024

5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Meeting called to order: 5:19 p.m

Roll Call:

Present:

- Burke Martin
- Sherry Price
- Lisa Sutherland
- Brad Thompson

Absent:

- Thomas Gibson
- Hadassa Berger

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

- A. Dalton Benson and Emma Smith received the Alpine Bank/CMU honorees for this quarter.
- B. Lisa Gonasalves and Lacey Weber will be attending the National Stem Conference in California.
- C. 130+ attended the art opening for advanced art students and photography students.
- D. Three 8th graders- Aidyn, Emma and Brook took 3rd, 2nd and 1st place in the MLK art poster contest and won the overall grand prize.
- E. One 8th grade student- Rin was a finalist in the Mesa County sticker art contest.

- 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. Review and approval of the board meeting agenda for January 29th.

- A. Agenda Approved

IV. Approval of November 27, 2023 board minutes.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 3-0 vote passes

V. Approval of the November 2023 financials.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 3-0 vote passes

VI. Approval of the December 2023 financials.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 3-0 vote passes

VII. Approval of the Tech expenditure for necessary upgrades.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 3-0 vote passes

VIII. Approval of the readopted budget.

- A. The board talked about mill levy funds, ESSER funds and PPR rates as part of a larger discussion to help the new members understand the difference between all of the different line items on the budget**

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 3-0 vote passes

IX. Approval of the 2024/2025 IACS school year calendar.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 3-0 vote passes

X. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. Annual Investors call - 9:00 am 2/13. Lisa Gonsalves explained what the investor call is and the reason why it happens annually to the new board members.
2. Annual open house is this Friday-Already have a ton of intent to enroll forms have been submitted, we anticipate large wait lists for all grade levels.

B. Instruction/Assessment

1. Literature Night at the end of Feb 29th - 5:00-6:30 pm. The theme is a book tasting and the Phoenix Family will supply a soup dinner for attendees. Students can earn free meals and treat vouchers around town once they have finished their book of choice.

C. Community Outreach

1. The Community partner with Theater Project is helping us with Finding Nemo the Play. The performance will be sometime in May.

D. Events Calendar

1. Disney Trip Leaves - Feb 6

E. Facilities Report

1. Roof Leaking in the main office area - repairs are being done and under warranty from original build.

XI. 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: 6:22 pm