



## **Independence Academy**

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### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday February 26, 2024**

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

**Meeting called to order: 5:11 p.m**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

- Burke Martin
- Sherry Price
- Lisa Sutherland
- Brad Thompson
- Thomas Gibson
- Hadassa Berger

**I. Staff and Student Celebrations:**

- A. Bo Reimer, Delany Nostrand and Kyndal Reynolds won an award to decorate downtown sculptures with Mrs. Balzer.
- B. Math club took 3rd overall with 1 state qualifier in middle school.

**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 of the board meeting agenda February 26, 2024 meeting.  
Agenda Approved**

**IV. Approval of January 29, 2024 board minutes. (with requested changes)**

- A. Sherry Price made a correction to staff and student celebrations as it was lacking the end of the sentence.

**Motion:** Brad Thompson

**Second:** Lisa Sutherland

**Vote:** 5-0 vote passes

**V. Approval of the January 2024 financials.**

- A. Hadassa inquired about how the financial call went. Lisa Gonslaves informed them that it went well and that there were no questions from any of the investors.
- B. Sherry asked Lisa Gonslaves if she had any parts of the budget she wanted them to know about. She explained that the Capital Project line item is over because the fiscal year that the new playground was approved and the fiscal year that the new playground was different.

**Motion:** Thomas Gibson

**Second:** Haddasa Berger

**Vote:** 5-0 vote passes

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

**A. Operations**

1. The board agreed to move the next board meeting to Tuesday March 26th because of scheduling issues.
2. The board approved Lisa Gonslaves going forward with contracting with Mor Storage on additional shade structures on the elementary playground.

**B. Instruction/Assessment**

1. CMAS gearing up for April testing

**C. Community Outreach**

1. Trout release is scheduled for 3/13/24 with the release of approximately 250 trout.
2. Open house was incredibly successful and the lottery will be held this Friday March 1st.

**D. Events Calendar**

1. Literacy Night is this Thursday February 29th
2. Art and Music Festival on May 3rd

**E. Facilities Report**

1. Board approved the sell of an old flatbed truck

**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: 6:03 pm