



Independence Academy

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Board Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025

5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Brought to order: 5:06 pm

Present:

- **Brad Thompson**
- **Thomas Gibson**
- **Lisa Sutherland**
- **Burke Martin**
- **Jane Pizem**

Absent:

- **Hadassa Berger**

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

A. RubyJean B. and Nathaniel C. were nominated for our CMU students of the semester.

- 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, before the 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 December 16, 2024 Board Minutes.

Motion: Lisa Sutherland

Second: Burke Martin

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

IV. Approval of the December 2024 Financials.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

V. Approval of the 2025/2026 School Year Calendar

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VI. Approval of the readopted budget for the 2024/2025 school year.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Burke Martin

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VII. Approval of early release on 1/23/25 for Liz Dahl's memorial.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VIII. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. Lisa Gonsalves updated the board on the application process to add the high school to our charter.

B. Instruction/Assessment

1. Teachers and administration are gearing up for the CMAS assessment
2. The new addition to middle school "Creat" has had much interest and is expected to be at full capacity for the 2025/2026 school year.

C. Community Outreach

1. IACS's Annual open house went well, with a long list of families who have submitted their intent to enroll forms. The lottery will be held on February 28, 2025.

D. Facilities Report

1. The board reviewed a bid for heating and HVAC maintenance. The board requested that Lisa Gonsalves get a bid from another company to compare pricing, as they felt it was too steep.
2. Lisa Gonsalves informed the board of a new maintenance staff member, Andrew.

IX. 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: 5:39 pm