



Independence Academy

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Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2024

5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Brought to order: 5:01 pm

Present:

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

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

- A. IACS administration and teachers have been invited to teach at the National STEAM conference in San Francisco in February.
- B. IACS received an additional \$20,000.00 in grant money from the Gate Foundation.
- C. IACS was honored at the D51 board meeting for maintaining performance scores on standardized testing.

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 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 October 28, 2024 Board Minutes.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 5/0 vote passes

IV. Approval of the October 2024 Financials.

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 5/0 vote passes

V. Review and possible approval of the November 2024 Financials.

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 5/0 vote passes

VI. Agreement of the Continuing Disclosure Policy Concerning Municipal Securities

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 5/0 vote passes

VII. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. Lisa Gonsalves reviewed the projected PPR for the 2025/2026 school year and made some different recommendations to the board for growth within the school to boost funds. The board discussed potentially adding another 6th grade and additional 7th grade and eventually growing the entire middle school to three-round. The board would also like Lisa Gonsalves to continue to pursue adding the high school back to the charter agreement for future growth.

B. Instruction/Assessment

1. Mid-year NWEA scores show a lot of growth and teachers have been stopping by the office to celebrate with admin.

C. Events Calendar- January 6th, there are no students in the building because it is a teacher work day.

VIII. Executive Session CRS Section 24-6-402 (4)(f)

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: 6:16 pm