



Independence Academy

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Board Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2025

5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Brought to order: 5:09

Present:

- **Brad Thompson**
- **Lisa Sutherland**
- **Burke Martin**
- **Jane Pizem**
- **Hadassa Berger (via phone)**

Absent:

- **Thomas Gibson**

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

- A. Jacob Waldon is one of the prize recipients for the "I voted"
- B. 19 students placed at Altrusa, including Judges' Choice and Best of Show
- C. 5 IACS students placed in the Bank of Colorado art contest
- D. Maddy P. placed first at the state History Day Competition and will attend the national competition this summer.
- E. Our choir competed at CMU this last week and earned a superior rating from the judges.

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 of this time

III. Approval of the March 31, 2025 Board Minutes.

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

IV. Approval of the March 2025 Financials.

Motion: Lisa Sutherland

Second: Burke Martin

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

V. Approval of the estimate from Mor Storage Shed for the middle school shade structure.

Motion: Lisa Sutherland

Second: Burke Martin

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VI. Approval for the purchase of new furniture for the media classroom for next year.

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VII. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. Brad was asked to price out adding an additional parking lot on the property over the 2025 summer break.

B. Instruction/Assessment

1. CMAS is finished. The school had one student opt out for medical purposes.

C. Community Outreach

1. Competition day is May 8th and is hosted by Alpine Bank
2. IACS is hosting a happy hour this upcoming Friday, May 2nd, to launch teacher appreciation week, which begins May 5th.

D. Culture

1. The sports teams will be getting new uniforms next year.

E. Events Calendar

1. The Art and Music Festival and Celebration of Learning is on May 9th from 4-7 pm.
2. The last day of school is May 21st.

Moved out of regular session: 5:26 pm

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

A. Discussion of Personnel.

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: 5:58 pm