



Independence Academy

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Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2024
5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Brought to order: 5:04 pm

Roll Call

Present:

- **Lisa Sutherland**
- **Thomas Gibson**
- **Jane Pizem (none voting community member)**
- **Burke Martin**
- **Hadassa Berger**

Absent:

- **Brad Thompson**

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

A. Mrs. Henry shared some of her accomplishments about grants she received and her amazing accomplishments of finishing her masters degree.

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. The board took and signed the annual Oath of Office facilitated by Lisa Gonsalves.

IV. Approval of the July 29, 2024 Board Minutes.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Burke Martin

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

V. Approval of the June Financials.

A. Lisa Gonsalves walked the board through the financials and explained the process of the district's "true up."

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VI. Approval of the July Financials.

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VII. The staff reviewed and filled out their conflict of interest agreements, which will be held on file and renewed annually.

VIII. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. Lisa Gonsalves talked with the board about the necessity for board members to be mandatory reporters. Board members should submit their certificates before the next board meeting.
2. The new staff members are settling in well and creating a great balance of collaboration.
3. Lisa debriefed the board on the S&P rating call and the anticipated triple B minus rating expected to be finalized at the beginning of September.

B. Instruction/Assessment

1. No CMAS scores yet; preliminary numbers should be out in September/October.

C. Events Calendar

1. Movie night on September 6th, showing the movie IF- gates open at 7:00 pm.

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: 6:01 pm