



## **Independence Academy**

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### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 28, 2024**

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

**Brought to order: 5:08 pm**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

- **Jane Pizem**

**I. Staff and Student Celebrations:**

- A. The school was awarded a 160,000 grant from the MCMLF, which will go towards upgraded seating for the auditorium.

**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 September 30, 2024 Board Minutes.**

**Motion:** Thomas Gibson

**Second:** Burke Martin

**Vote:** 5-0 vote passes

**IV. Review and possible approval of the September Financials.**

- A. The board had some questions regarding a \$900,000.00 overage in the budget and Lisa and Becky needed to confer with the accountant for the approval of the financials was tabled until they had more information.

**V. Executive Director's Report.**

**A. Operations**

1. The health department inspection went very well and IACS has been downgraded to a three-year inspection because Becky and the maintenance team did so well with compliance.

**B. Instruction/Assessment**

1. Lisa continues working on the high school plan to submit to the district.

**C. Community Outreach**

1. Fourth grade is working with the Reach Foundation as part of their end-of-unit project in Civic and civic responsibility.

**D. Events Calendar**

1. Fall Festival was a success.

**VI. 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: 6:23 pm