



Independence Academy

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Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2024

5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Meeting called to order: 5:15 pm

Roll Call:

Present:

- Sherry Price
- Brad Thompson
- Thomas Gibson
- Hadassa Berger
- Burke Martin

Absent:

- Lisa Sutherland

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

- A. Colorado Creates Publishing- 13 students from IACS published in this year's book.
- B. 4 IACS students were finalist in the Alpine Bank Calendar contest
- C. IACS took home the best in show in the Altrusa Art Show along with many many other placed ribbons.
- D. Megan Henry had the opportunity to be on the morning news to speak about Altrusa and plugged IACS a ton.
- E. The annual art fundraiser did really well and made the art program over \$1,000.00
- F. Megan Henry received a \$1,000.00 scholarship for PD experience this summer.

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. Approval of the March 26, 2024 Board Minutes.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Hadassa Beger

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

IV. Approval of the March 2024 Financials.

Motion: Hadassa Berger

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

V. Review and discussion on the Independence Academy Fund Balance Appropriation Resolution 2024/2025 budget school year.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VI. Approval of new Child Birth Medical Leave policy.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VII. Approval of student travel scholarships.

A. The board would like these scholarships to be determined year to year based on budgets and people who apply for travel scholarships.

B. Thomas Gibson suggested that the approval amount for the scholarship based on current funds be \$1,000.00.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Brad Thompson

Vote: 3-1 vote passes

VIII. Approval of new professional development policy.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

IX. Nomination of new president for the IACS board.

Motion: Hadassa Berger

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

X. Review of a letter of interest for a community member position on the board.

- A. Hadassa reached out to the potential community member to join the board as a non-voting community member while Hadassa and Brad made a slow transition off of the IACS board throughout the next year.**

XI. Approval of 2024/2025 Budget

Motion: Hadassa Berger

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. The board discussed the possibility of applying for a high school again with the district, which led to a deeper discussion regarding prioritizing capital projects and revenue comparisons. The board has asked Lisa Gonsalves to bring additional information and updated costs on modular buildings.

B. Instruction/Assessment

1. IACS students grew a ton in literacy according to our standardized test scores which is great news because that is the area we targeted this year with interventions.

C. Community Outreach

1. Lisa Gonsalves will be working with Hadassa Berger on fundraising efforts to help with capital construction projects.

D. Culture

E. Events Calendar

1. Student awards are on Thursday morning
2. Continuation is on Friday the 24th at 10:00 am
3. Teacher lunch and awards are on Friday the 24th at 12:00

F. Facilities Report

1. Adding rock to low places, adding more mulch on the playgrounds, shade structures will go up in July, grass mitigation needs to happen on the south lawn over the summer. We are still getting bids on that service.

XII. 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:7:10 pm