



Independence Academy
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Board Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2024
5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Brought to order: 5:10 pm

Roll Call

Present:

- **Lisa Sutherland**
- **Brad Thompson**
- **Thomas Gibson**
- **Jane Pizem (no voting community member)**
- **Burke Martin**

Absent:

- **Sherry Price**
- **Hadassa Berger**

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

A. None at this time

- 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 May 20, 2024 Board Minutes.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

IV. Approval of the June 5, 2024 Board Minutes.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

V. Approval of the July 1st Board Minutes.

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VI. Approval of the May 2024 Financials

A. Lisa Gonsalves pointed out that the budget had a large carry over in a number of line items and IACS ended the school year with an overage.

B. Lisa Gonsalves pointed out an overage in the purchase services because the new playground was delayed so far that the cost ended up going on to the next fiscal school year.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VII. Review and possible approval of the June 2024 Financials

A. Did not receive financials in time for the board meeting. The board will review at the next board meeting.

VIII. Approval of the reimbursement resolution for the upcoming bond.

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

IX. Acceptance of resignation letter from Sherry Price.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Lisa Sutherland

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

X. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. The board has looked at many different options to obtain facilities for performance space and gym space. When pricing the costs the board found the best option would be to build both facilities on the South side of the property. This option will save money when compared to purchasing the Patterson road

property. Lisa Gonsalves has begun the process of working with DA Davidson to secure the bond for this next capitol construction project. The board discussed the details of the facilities which will house a full size performance space and a full size gym space with connecting entry and lobby area. The board also discussed adding additional parking on the North end of the property where a dirt field currently exists off of the middle school pick up loop. Currently a residential house occupies the facility space. That house will be demolished and the land will be repurposed for the new facilities.

B. Events Calendar

1. Staff returns on August 5th
2. Back to School Night August 8th 4:00-7:00 pm
3. First day of school is August 12th

XI. 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: 6:00 pm