

**Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors**  
**Regular Session – 6:30 pm**  
**Monday, August 14, 2023**  
**Room IC-6**

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*The mission of the Inspire School of Arts and Sciences is to provide high levels of learning and support within a personalized environment that allows students to explore their interests and develop their talents.*

**Board Meeting Norms**

1. We collectively own problems and we collectively solve them.
2. We respect time guidelines and strive to watch our own “air time.”
3. We commit to hearing all voices and we value the ideas, experiences, and perspectives of all stakeholders.
4. We assume good intentions and we are polite, even when we disagree.
5. We come prepared for discussion—we do our homework.
6. We value feedback that is supported with evidence.
7. We speak up when we do not feel good about a decision before that decision is made.

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** 6:30 pm
  
  2. **Roll call of members**  
Brian Boyer, Daniel Donnely, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Debbie Travers, and Erin Whitney. Staff: Jen Josephson, Becky Brown, Ken Hardy, and Becca Pratt .
  
  3. **Public Comment**  
None.
  
  4. **Consent Calendar** 6:35 pm
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- 4.1 Consider Approval of June 19 and June 26, 2023 Minutes
- 4.2 Consider Approval of Monetary/In-Kind Donations
- 4.3 Consider Approval of Pending Expenditures over \$5,000
- 4.4 Consider Approval of Consulting Agreements
- 4.5 Consider Approval of Contracts
- 4.6 Consider Approval of Field Trips
- 4.7 Consider Approval of Fundraising Requests
- 4.8 Consider Approval of Monthly Check Register
- 4.9 Consider Approval of Personnel Changes
- 4.10 Consider Approval of PE Exemption

**Brian Boyer moved to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded by Daniel Donnely. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Daniel Donnely, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Debbie Travers, and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.**

**5. Student Report 6:40 pm**

No student was available. Becky Brown shared we had a great new student orientation. She had spoken to ASB and they were off to a great start for the year.

**6. Teacher Report 6:45 pm**

No teacher was available.

**7. Foundation Report 6:50 pm**

Becky Brown said after the CUSD meeting we will know more and be able to have a Foundation reboot.

**8. Principal Report**

Becky Brown reported that enrollment is at about 356. This is about a 20% reduction since 2018. It is time to change our thoughts on recruitment. The summer camps are helpful to get younger kids here. Around 30% of our students are receiving services. It may be possible to get student teachers that are SPED related. Also last week, Marysol De laTorre, who is a master teacher, held a new teacher orientation. Our First Days start tomorrow.

Andrea Rioux came and spoke to staff about secondary trauma. She is focusing on supporting staff as well. There is a new student equity council led by Evita North. She will come and speak to the board during this school year.

**7:55 pm**

**9. Discussion/Action Items**

**9.1 Discussion Facilities Update 7:00 pm**

Brian Boyer shared that the CUSD board agreed to loan us the money needed to move to Fremont Street. They directed their staff to come up with a plan, such as a bond to help alleviate the \$10 million. The 2024 funds might have interest attached to borrowing.

The next CUSD meeting is Wed. Aug. 23rd. We should all show up with speakers ready to go. Brian Boyer agreed to speak at the meeting. Brian would like for the Facility Committee to meet after Fri. so on Mon. 8/21.

Discussion only, there was no action taken.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Classroom Based Attendance Policy and Process

7:15 pm

Becky Brown shared that attendance is a huge concern. It is a chronic problem. Solutions include really clear communication with parents and students. Students are to be here on time, all day, everyday. However, with student mental issues it is hard.

We have an Attendance Liaison (Gabe Quezada) in place, as a level intervention. First, a letter goes home, 2nd there is a request for a meeting, 3rd is a more in depth intervention. There is a plan to make up absences with short term independent study. We might be able to make up for the lost revenue. Becky Brown said the biggest piece is mental health for the reason students are not coming to school. Independent Study will not be advertised to students. We want to make sure freshmen parents understand the tardy policy with students too. The best way to support your student is for them to be here. This policy was put together by our lawyers.

It was suggested from the board that there be monthly awards for attendance, such as a pizza party, etc. maybe do so in Advisories.

**Debbie Travers moved to approve 9.2. It was seconded by Erin Whitney. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Daniel Donnely, Pat Macias, Debbie Travers, and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.**

9.3 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Education Protection Account (EPA) for 2023-2024

7:35 pm

Jen Josephson shared that last time this information was information only. This time it is estimated \$1.2 million EPA funds go towards teacher salaries.

**Chris Fosen moved to approve 9.3. It was seconded by Debbie Travers. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Daniel Donnely, Pat Macias, Debbie Travers, and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.**

10. **Announcements**

We got news that we aren't able to provide nutrition services for students this year. They have to go back to Chico High.

11. **Adjournment 7:35 pm**

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