

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:30 pm

Monday, August 11, 2025

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

Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, Bob White and Erin Whitney. Staff: Becky Brown, Beth Reid, Jen Josephson, Jarrah Myles and Becca Pratt. Student: Margareta (Maggie) Grant- Dreher Public: Cheryl Grant

3. Public Comment

Board Chair Pat Macias asked if there was any public comment, there was none.

4. Consent Calendar **6:35 pm**

- 4.1 Consider Approval of June 9, 2025 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

Ron Pope moved to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded by Juni Banerjee-Stevens. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, Bob White and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

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

Maggie Grant Dressher shared that we had our New Student Orientation and First Days event last week. We did all kinds of fun things including a classroom scavenger hunt, games and a concert in the park. We had student leaders, CTE camps participation, and students writing down song recommendations and putting them up around campus. The Concert in the Park for First Days is our annual tradition. The Perch is now a slide show. Some upcoming events are a Welcome Back Rally, a musical Big Fish, and Neverland. ASB would benefit from increased student participation and any suggestions are appreciated.

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

Jarrah Myles shared that we had our annual staff meeting last week. We had a staff social mixer at Danielle Reynolds' house, that was a lot of fun. We had 5 students stung by wasps at the concert in the park during First Days, but are all doing well. No students were allergic. It was teambuilding. We have 3 new Freshman Advisories. There was great energy. We are trying to up our communication on campus. We are doing a powerpoint Perch announcement. We are going to put short videos together after a suggestion from the board to be used as advertising. She took over student government and will be learning along the way.

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

Becky Brown shared that the Foundation has asked to consider donating two bottles of wine at \$20.00 or more for Neverland Ball.

8. Principal/Superintendent Report **6:55 pm**

Becky Brown shared that at the incoming student orientation, there were 60 incoming Freshman. They are a great bunch. First Days were fun and very positive! Becky gave a shout out to our new Associate Principal, Beth. In classrooms, we have introduced a new digital hall pass for signing out to bathrooms without cell phones. We asked a lot of teachers to take on hard schedules this year. Juni gave a brilliant workshop for parents, called "How to plunge a toilet, feelings 101." Becky is wondering if maybe it can be a future training for staff.

9. **Discussion/Action Items**

9.1 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Education Protection Act Funding **7:00 pm**

Jen shared we brought this to the board in June. It is based on our ADA. We use it to pay teacher's salaries.

Chris Fosen moved to approve 9.1. It was seconded by Debbie Travers. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, Bob White and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Inspire Video Cameras Policy **7:15 pm**

Becky Brown shared that we are trying to make sure all of our policies are up to date with clear expectations. It is a template that comes from our lawyers.

Bob White moved to approve 9.2. It was seconded by Ron Pope. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, Bob White and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.3 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Volunteer Form and Driver Certification **7:30 pm**

This is a way to tighten up our helpers. We require fingerprinting and a certain level of insurance coverage.

Ron Pope moved to approve 9.3. It was seconded by Bob White. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, Bob White and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.4 Discussion Discuss New Campus Construction Update **7:50 pm**

Becky Brown shared that Ken Hardy is staying on until Oct. Then he will come back as a Consultant. We are talking to Chico Country Day about providing meals for us at our new facility. Juni Banerjee-Stevens asked about murals. Becky said a mosaic will be designed.

10. **Announcements**

Pat Macias shared they have an event called Rust Bucket at the museum Fri. night. It is an adult puppet show.

Chico community ballet hired a dance coordinator, Jason and they recently held a performance at the Chico Air Museum. It was amazing! Jarrah asked for ideas to collaborate with the community. Butte College is starting in a few weeks and is having to turn people away.

11. **Adjournment 7:27 pm**
