

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:30 pm

Monday, January 12, 2026

Room IC-6

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** 6:30 pm

2. **Roll call of members**

Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Bob White and Erin Whitney. Staff: Becky Brown, Beth Reid, Jarrah Myles and Ken Hardy. Student: none, Public: Gareth Feldstein. Absent: Debbie Travers.

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 December 8, 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, Bob White and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

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

There was no student available to report.

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

Jarrah Myles shared

- School-wide Gala was last Saturday, a mix of our performing arts programs. Afterward was a school dance with over 100 students.
- Upcoming 8th grade visitation and parent night
- Musical rehearsals are in full swing

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

There was no Foundation report.

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

Becky Brown echoed Jarrah's praise for the Gala. Also, open enrollment is now and closes at the end of the month.

Debbie Travers arrived at 6:42 pm.

9. Discussion/Action Items

9.1 Discussion Discuss Inspire's New Campus Construction Progress 7:00 pm

Ken Hardy, with the help of Gareth Feldstein from CUSD Facilities, shared slides with photos and updates on the new campus. Provisions will be built for solar and electric vehicles on the student parking lot. The drainage built has helped with the heavy rain. When the puddles dry, there will be another lift poured on the parking lot, and more footings built. There is a fire access road around the campus. They are setting buildings at the end of January. Paving will begin by March.

Gareth shared the project was over \$32 million, with about \$1 million contingency. \$14 million worth has been built. A third of the project is complete, most of that underground, which is where most of the risk was. This is good news. Everyone is working well together - Modern Building, the architects, etc. They are on schedule. They're hitting the important milestones, including being able to move two of Inspire's current buildings during Spring break. It looks like in April there will be final power. Ken and Gareth are planning for the transition. "Crane days" begin Jan 29.

Gareth also shared that the retaining wall at the north side of campus is close to undermining the neighbors' fence, so they will build a new fence for four neighbors.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Policy on Referral for Student Behavioral Health 7:15 pm

Becky Brown shared a policy copied from CDE on new requirements for staff training to refer students for behavioral health.

Bob White moved to approve 9.2. It was seconded by Chris Fosen. 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 New Courses for Alternative Graduation Pathway 7:30 pm

Becky Brown shared courses needed for Alternative Graduation Pathway, as prepared by Special Education Director Matt McLaughlin.

Bob White moved to approve 9.3. It was seconded by Erin Whitney. 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 Mid-Year LCAP Update for 2025/26 7:45 pm

Becky Brown shared slides with LCAP updates, including a budget overview, our CAASPP test scores, and our attendance and graduation rates.

9.5 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of 2024/25 Student Accountability Report Card (SARC) **8:00 pm**

Becky Brown shared the SARC, which includes student demographics.

Juni Banerjee-Stevens moved to approve 9.5. 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.

9.6 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Principal Evaluation Process for 2025/26 **8:15 pm**

Becky Brown asked the board to have her evaluation take place this year the same as last year. Last year there was an open conversation with a small diverse group of staff. Becky had shared with them her goals for them to review ahead of time. Erin Whitney was present. This was informal.

Bob White moved to approve 9.6. 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.

9.7 Discussion Discuss Updates to Inspire Schedule/Structure Revamp **8:30 pm**

Becky Brown shared about the new schedule proposal meeting with staff during finals week, where the feedback was not positive. With the notes from that meeting, they have made another revision. She shared slides with a new proposal with the biggest change being two classes in the morning that last one semester.

Independent Study via Edgenuity and Hybrid options will be there. This was one offering all staff agreed to. We are piloting this now with a few students. Next year Inspire would not go over 20% independent study in order to maintain our funding model.

Staff will discuss this in depth this Friday. If it looks positive, Becky will meet with student groups. If feedback is negative, it will be dropped.

10. Announcements

The Snow Goose Festival is coming up.

11. Adjournment **7:58 pm**
