

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:30 pm

Monday, February 9, 2026

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, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, Bob White and Erin Whitney. Staff: Becky Brown, Beth Reid, Jarrah Myles, Cesar Mojica, Jen Josephson and Ken Hardy. Student: none, Public: none.

Absent: Chris Fosen

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 January 12, 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

Juni Banerjee-Stevens moved to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded by Bob White. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, 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

Cesar Mojica reported on Danielle Astengo's Little Free Library Project, Library proposals, and growing Outdoor Adventure Club. Hannah Metzger's Engineering classes visited the new campus, and the drone training is going well with "Throttle Thursdays" practice on the field. Mojica and Metzger are starting an archery club with a grant they received. Materials are here but they have to secure training and insurance for next year, and will integrate more teachers and courses. They hope to eventually make it a CIF (sport) in future years.

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

Rose Krepelka is not here to report. No meeting was held in February.

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

Becky Brown shared that the 8th grade visitation is this Thursday and Incoming Families night that evening. We have reorganized so that teachers do not have to be here. Course selection nights are next week with counselors.

Students returned from Lenaea Festival, competing in various theater competitions and several awards were won by Inspire students. They had a great time.

Friday staff had a tailgate party to see the new campus - it was a great time to see it up close.

Big Fish is in the works - Jarrah Myles shared some special Foundation Night activities - drinks, catering, a special candle for sale, an auction, and backstage tours. One dad is a welder and will help with the set, including pieces that can be used in the future. Tickets are on sale, and the higher price point gets the extra Foundation activities, with a gold wrist band and tokens. Students and staff are working on set building at the scene shop behind Chico Creek Dance.

9. Discussion/Action Items

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

Ken Hardy shared photos of construction since the last meeting. All of the new buildings are up, including the two story, with space for the ones that will be coming from our current campus. The student parking lot is complete. Next steps include curbs for the staff parking lot, underlayment for the dance room roof, and dismantling our IC-20 and 21 for moving during Spring break.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of New Course for 2026/27 **7:15 pm**

Cesar Mojica shared a new course, AP World History. This would offer an AP course to sophomores as an opportunity to learn the demands of an AP-level course. Other high schools offer an AP sophomore history course. This would replace one of the World History sections. Cesar has taught this curriculum and had training. The only con is the challenge to the master schedule.

Debbie Travers moved to approve 9.2. It was seconded by Erin Whitney. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, Bob White and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

9.3 Discussion Discuss Principal Evaluation Chat Outcomes **7:30 pm**

Becky Brown shared she appreciates this process, having an informal evaluation chat every other year. Last week a diverse group met to share feedback to Becky. Two big takeaways were the importance of a clear formal evaluation process for all staff, and the value of returning consistently to our vision.

Erin Whitney shared that some staff were interested in revisiting and revising the vision, and that we could improve our show of value for non-teaching staff.

Debbie Travers shared that she heard informal evaluations are also appreciated, and they appreciate chats to express both fears and dreams.

Cesar Mojica added that the discussion included the importance of sharing also the realistic picture.

Becky feels very supported by the school and board, and hopes reporting back to the board on these regular chats with staff will help her fulfill this goal.

9.4 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Revised Independent Study Policy **7:45 pm**

Becky Brown shared that we currently have five independent study or hybrid students to pilot this for next year, (Beth and Becky are supervising these). The lawyer has drafted a policy which prioritizes maintaining robust in-person numbers, including our CTE course enrollment. Independent Study students can take courses at Butte College. IEP students still qualify for services but the team decides what is the best fit for them. It's important to track this carefully to see how it affects student learning and our school, and revisit or change the policy if needed. We can't have over 20% of our ADA be from IS, which translates to about 45 students. It is also highly audited so we are carefully trying this out right now. We aren't sure yet how the teacher supervision will look, but there are ratio requirements.

Juni Banerjee-Stevens moved to approve 9.4. It was seconded by Bob White. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, Bob White and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

10. Announcements

MONCA Gala March 21, 2026 at Silver Dollar Fair. Sponsors needed.

11. Adjournment 7:31 pm
