

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:30 pm

Monday, March 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, and Erin Whitney. Staff: Becky Brown, Beth Reid, Jarrah Myles, Danielle Astengo, Jen Josephson, and Ken Hardy. Student: Genevieve Alvarado, Nicolette Tonelli, Jaxon Strausbaugh, Lilah White, Caitlin Tooker, Gavin Hix, Alyssa Jensen, Public: none.

Absent: Debbie Travers, Bob White, 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 February 9, 2026 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, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 4-0.

5. Student Report

6:40 pm

Students from AP/Dual Enrollment 11th grade English sharing work they have been doing on a library-like plan for Inspire. One group developed a schedule with spaces and rules for most days of the week on campus which are now in place.

Another group shared an online system to catalogue books in the English classrooms for student borrowing, libib.com. Students and the English department are requesting a subscription for \$6.25 a month.

A third group shared a plan for acquiring more diverse books and media. They propose half of the new materials be focused on diverse resources, and are seeking grant, donation, and fundraising support.

6. Teacher Report

7:20 pm

Jarrah Myles reported that the musical this last weekend, Big Fish, turned out really great, despite lower numbers of people involved. Tough topics were portrayed but it was moving for many people. Teachers are looking forward to the new school year and planning for the move.

7. Foundation Report

7:26 pm

No report tonight, but Foundation is working on the Neverland Ball for the fall, and honoring past donations.

8. Principal/Superintendent Report

7:27 pm

Becky Brown shared a successful 8th grade visitation day and a revamped Incoming families night from February.

9. Discussion/Action Items

- 9.1 Discussion Discuss Inspire's New Campus Construction Progress 7:29 pm
- Ken Hardy shared updates with the new campus, including weatherizing of G building, stairs for the two-story, and preparing the staff parking lot and fire lane. They are waiting for more drying of the
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ground before paving. They are beginning to stucco G3 and the office. He shared landscaping plans, including tree species and placement, shrubs, etc. IC-20 is being packed up currently, and it moves next week, along with IC-21.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Second Interim Budget

7:45 pm

Jen Josephson shared this represents where we are as of January, with ADA and attendance rate as of Dec 31. These represent a decrease from the previous year. Many grants are ending this year, requiring last year's expenses to be paid this year. Becky is working on some other state grants. No new big expenses; staff, as usual, is the biggest expense. Classroom supplies and software costs have gone up.

The deficit is around \$295,000. Ending balance looks like it will be \$3.6 million, not including the moving costs (since those aren't normal expenses).

Ron Pope moved to approve 9.2. It was seconded by Erin Whitney. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 4-0.

9.3 Discussion

Discuss Initial Enrollment for 2026/27

7:56 pm

Becky Brown shared Enrollment numbers over the years, including first and last day numbers. Trends show a steady decrease since the Camp Fire and the pandemic. However, this next year we see an increase in new enrollment. If we can keep those numbers for a few years, and retain them, we will be in good shape.

Additional statistics were shared, including reasons for applying and program interests based on surveys.

10. **Announcements**

Jarrah is taking some students to the USITT conference, and Disneyland to interview various alumni. Alumni and their stories can be an important part of recruitment.

Becky shared that alumnus Wyatt Hervey is making videos to promote our program.

MOD pizza fundraiser tomorrow night for senior grad trip.

MONCA Gala coming up at the fairgrounds - March 21, 2026.

11. **Adjournment at 8:15 pm.**
