

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:30 pm

Monday, May 11, 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, and Bob White. Staff: Becky Brown, Beth Reid, Jarrah Myles, Jen Josephson, and Ken Hardy. Students: none. Public: none.

Absent: Chris Fosen, Erin Whitney

3. Public Comment

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

This time is for members of the public to offer comments on agenda items or non-agenda items. For agenda items, members of the public will be allowed up to three (3) minutes per presentation not to exceed twenty (20) minutes in total and for non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

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

- 4.1 Consider Approval of March 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, Debbie Travers, and Bob White. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

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

No student report.

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

Jarrah shared that we are all requesting boxes and packing. Folks are excited and also overwhelmed. Spring showcases are happening. Prom went very well, held at MONCA, and students chose to use some of the set items for decoration.

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

Becky shared they are working on naming opportunities at the new campus like the Feather Wall.

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

There is a lot going on. The move has hit Hannah Metzger and Linnea Smith the most. The spring showcases are going well, and this Friday is the Musical Theater and Acting showcase. Becky is hosting a thank you for the Parent Support Team this Thursday. They have done so much for us, including last week's Staff Appreciation.

9. Discussion/Action Items

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

Ken shared updates, including the trash enclosure, the elevator, and the PG&E "Green tag approval." The new dance floor is coming in June. Much of the flatwork (cement) will be done this month, and the sign. The buildings to be relocated are being packed and moved in the next two weeks. Relocation begins May 26. On June 15 power and water will be shut off and demolition begins. June 15 PG&E plans to connect. Office staff hopefully will be at the end of July, and teachers by Aug. 11.

- 9.2 Discussion Introduction of Candidate for New Board Member **7:15 pm**

While Debbie Travers is leaving, Ken Hardy is nominated to join the board.

An attendance team has formed this year and meets biweekly to study research around chronic absenteeism, analyze our data, and conduct outreach to students and families. Beth leads attendance recognition and the culture around the importance of attendance has changed. Becky and Beth have begun a SARB process to disenroll students who are severely truant and haven't responded to offers of support or other measures of accountability.

- Crisis counselor Kristen Lape is retiring.
- James Krepelka began our computer programming classes and worked part time but is leaving to work full time in tech. We'll have a Butte College teacher teaching two classes next year to maintain the program.
- Malina Olson, science teacher, has been at Inspire since its inception. She is heading to PV. her daughters attend there.
- Danielle Atengo, English teacher, also leaving for PV.
- We bring this up because most of these are about salary. We need to remember to continue conversations about moving Inspire teacher salary closer to the district pay.
- We are in a budget crunch this year and have removed a recruitment release from our CTE teachers. These fund planning for summer camps and other community events to attract students. This has been a hard decision and made in order to not have to let go of a staff member. CTE teachers are very disappointed. We hope to reinstate the release if enrollment increases.
- Jen Josephson says the difference in pay is 10-15% higher at CUSD.
- Debbie notes the hours and preps are fewer at the district. The early Inspire teachers made the same at the district, and they were very excited to begin a new school. Then fatigue sets in.
- Becky shares that some have come to Inspire, like Hannah Metzger, where she can teach smaller classes and have what she needs for her classes.
- We have to be able to say to the state that in a budget crunch, we took steps to reduce costs.

Inspire was awarded a grant that begins a CTE Education pathway, which is also a Dual Enrollment opportunity. This will be good for students who want to become teachers. Cesar Mojica and Evita North are going to plan and implement this pathway. This next year, the intro course will be taught. This will likely be a Dual Enrollment class in Year 2 since both of these teachers have a Master's in Education.

Ron asks how we will sustain this after the grant ends, and how it might impact other programs. These will make for hard decisions. Jarrah, Juni, and Debbie share excitement for this opportunity for students to consider a career in teaching.

Debbie Travers moved to approve the new course. It was seconded by Juni Banerjee-Stevens. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Pat Macias, Debbie Travers, and Bob White. Ron Pope passed. The vote passed 4-0.

9.6 Discussion Public Hearing of the 2026 Local Control Accountability Plan **8:15 pm**

Becky Brown shared that the LCAP has not changed much since last year, except a drop in math scores. The math team is getting support from BCOE to improve collaboration, practices, and outcomes.

9.7 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of 2026/27 Title Funding Application **8:30 pm**

Federal funding application requires approval for Title I and II. We don't apply for Title III since we don't have enough.

Bob White moved to approve the Title Funding Application. It was seconded by Ron Pope. Ayes: Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers, and Bob White. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

10. Announcements

- Juni Banerjee-Stevens will be Inspire's graduation keynote speaker.
- Debbie Travers is retiring from the Board -we thank her for her service in teaching, leadership, and as a board member.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.
