



**Innocademy Allegan  
Campus**

2611 56th Street  
Fennville, MI  
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## Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

**December 19, 2023; 4:00 p.m.  
Innocademy Allegan Campus -  
Middle School Rooms  
2611 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fennville, MI 49408**

### School Mission Statement:

*By embracing Innovation, we inspire our students to be global leaders and thinkers who positively impact others at home and abroad.*

1. Call to Order: Jody Vogelzang called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
2. Attendance
  - a. Board members present: Jody Vogelzang, Leanne Geisterfer, Emily Kimber, Heather Deible
  - b. Board members absent: None
  - c. IES: Jake Hedges, Deb Feenstra, Dave Zimmer (virtually)
  - d. LSSU: Joe Thienes
  - e. Guest: Angie Irwin (virtually)
3. Consent Agenda: Jody Vogelzang made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Leanne Geisterfer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Prior Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2023
4. School Report
  - a. Strategic Planning: Angie Irwin educated the board on strategic planning and explained the process she uses to lead the board through the process of creating one.
  - b. Leanne Geisterfer made a motion to amend the agenda to include an action item

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requesting a proposal from Angie Irwin for her services in assisting the board in the creation of a strategic plan. Emily Kimber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School:

- a. Jake Hedges thanked Heather Deible for helping organize logistics when the bus needed to be towed this morning. Another celebration is that more social work time will be available to support more students as well as whole class support. Heather Deible celebrated that there is strong community interest in the kindergarten information night. Deb Feenstra added that targeted postcards with open enrollment information have been sent to area families.

6. IES Report

- a. Board Policy Update; First Read: Deb Feenstra reported on the board policy changes that need to occur based on National Charter Schools Institute's recommendations. All changes made are based on legal content or are legally required.

7. Financial Report (This was completed after 4. School Report)

- a. December Financial Report: Dave Zimmer reported on the November financials.

8. Action Items

- a. Angie Irwin proposal: Heather Deible made a motion to request a proposal from Angie Irwin regarding strategic planning support. Leanne Geisterfer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

9. Discussion Items

- a. Marketing Update: New street signage is coming, as well as signage at the main entrance. There also will be yard signs that will be utilized to alert the community of open enrollment dates.

10. LSSU Comment: Joe Thienes reported that LSSU shirts have come in for staff and board members, that the reauthorization process is continuing, and celebrated that there are several new possible board candidates.

11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

12. Adjournment: Jody Vogelzang adjourned the meeting at 5:22pm.

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting: January 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

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*Emily Kimber*