



Innocademy Allegan  
Campus

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Fennville, MI  
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## Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

**November 28, 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, Heather Deible, Leanne Geisterfer, Emily Kimber
  - b. Board members absent: None
  - c. IES: Jake Hedges, Dave Zimmer, Deb Feenstra
  - d. LSSU: Joe Thienes
  - e. Guest: Ryan Freemire
3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Agenda: Jody Vogelzang made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
  - b. Prior Meeting Minutes - Sept 19, 2023  
*(October meeting did not meet quorum - canceled)*
4. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School (This section was moved to and discussed after the IES Report.)
  - a. Board: Heather Deible and Emily Kimber reported on professional development they attended on the health and purpose of a charter school board. Joe Thienes

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added that Angie Irwin is available to help the board create strategic planning.

- b. Staff: Deb Feenstra celebrated that the academy was approved for a 5 year reauthorization. Work will be ongoing throughout the rest of the year until the contract is submitted in June. Jake Hedges celebrated that RECON inspected the school facility and only found several items that need action steps. He also celebrated that a school bus driver has been hired and after completing training will begin driving the bus full time. Finally, he celebrated that last year the school's overall performance score increased from the previous year.

#### 5. IES Report

- a. Auditor's Report: Ryan Freemire reported on the findings of the financial audit for the 2022-23 school year. Overall, IAC received the highest level of assurance from the auditors.

#### 2. School Report

- a. Reauthorization Application and Timeline: Jake Hedges explained the timeline for the reauthorization process with LSSU. The reauthorization was approved for 5 years, but work will be ongoing through June 15 when the contract will be submitted.

#### 3. Financial Report: Dave Zimmer gave the September, Quarterly, and November financial reports.

- a. September Financial Report
- b. Quarterly Financial Report
- c. November Financial Report

#### 4. Action Items

- a. Motion to accept the Financial Audit: Heather Deible made a motion to accept the Financial Audit as presented. Leanne Geiferster seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- b. Motion to approve the Quarterly Financial Report: Jody Vogelzang made a motion to accept the Quarterly Financial Report as presented. Heather Deible seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- c. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Proposal: Emily Kimber made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Proposal as presented. Heather Deible seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### 5. Discussion Items

- a. CSO Communication: Board Governance Expectations: Jody Vogelzang led a discussion about board governance expectations. Completing the work needed to review and update the board's strategic planning was also discussed.

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1. LSSU Comment: Joe Thienes complimented the board for its compliance award, the academy was awarded a grant from LSSU that will be used to help transport students for field experiences.
2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None
3. Adjournment: Jody Vogelzang adjourned the meeting at 5:19pm.
  - a. Next Regular Board Meeting: December 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

*This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.*

Emily Kimber  
12/19/23

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