



**CIVA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023 – Approved
Location: Online
Time: 5:35**

Members Present: Dawn Eiber-Thurmond, Keith Benson, Joey Finkbeiner, Viola Lee, Jason Reeve, Nathan Willers, and Jean Rice.

Members Absent: Paula Salazar

Advisors Present: Randy Zimmerman and Shaya Johnston

Called to Order:

Dawn called to order at 5:35

- Consent August Agenda
- Joey made a motion to approve the August Agenda. Nathan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jason made a motion to approve the May Minutes. Joey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Action Items

- Shaya presented the financial review for July and the June audit.
- Keith made a motion to accept the financial review and audit. Joey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jason made a motion to vote Joey Finkbeiner as Vice President of the Board. Nathan Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jean made a motion to vote to cancel the September Board meeting. Keith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Non-Action Items

- Tom Saney termed out of the Board
- School report
 - First day of school was a success. Forum set the tone
 - 190 student count for first day
 - The new mural continues to elevate our presence in the community
 - Costa Rica trip lead by Randy and Rose was a fantastic experience for all travelers
 - We continue to have the building south of us for evacuations and McDonalds as a backup.
 - New fall schedule is now offering quarter classes as well as new classes, allowing us to be a small school with a wide variety of classes. New classes are Art of Math, Oceanography, Geography, botany, Forensics, Astronomy, Modern History, AP 3D Art, CU Succeeds 12th grade English, Performance Choir, and Performance Theater.
 - No full time staff turnover. Yoga teacher retired and Sarah Hogan was hired to take their place.
 - D11 is now one of the highest paying districts for teachers with a 20% increase. Historically CIVA has paid more than the district. Waiting for Count Date before asking for a change in the budget.
 - Shari Murphy QL training strengthened the pedagogy that has been a part of CIVA since the beginning.
 - Shared standardized testing results, PSATs and SATS and Benchmarks. 15 years ago, CIVA was the lowest performing school in District 11. Now CIVA has scored higher than the District on average for the past several years. Conversation whether testing continues to be relevant. Testing is a state requirement.
 - Conversation regarding the balance in our General Fund

Next Board Meeting is on October 11, 2023.

Jason made a motion to adjourn. Joey seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:21.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023.