APPROVED

Spokane International Academy

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 28, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Location
Spokane Internal Academy
1st Floor, Media Center/Library
777 E. Magnesium Rd.
Spokane, WA 99208

Directors Present
Ashlee Lent (remote), Cassie Anderson, Charina Carothers, Javier Medina (remote), Maureen Rosette (remote), Ron Poplawski

Directors Absent
Guillermo Espinosa

Guests Present
Caryn McGee, Caryn McGee, Casey Bruner, Chandalee Wood, Katrina Rathbun, Morgen Flowers-Washington, Myra Keast, Pamela Predesik, Sam Schweda

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Cassie Anderson called a meeting of the board of directors of Spokane International Academy to order on Wednesday Oct 28, 2026 at 4:35 PM.

II. Consent Agenda

A. September Board Minutes

Maureen Rosette made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 09-23-26.
Ron Poplawski seconded the motion.
All items on the Consent Agenda has been approved.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. September Financials

C. Policies for Board Approval

III. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Pamela Predisik, a grandparent of an SIA student volunteers on Mondays. Ms. Predisik shared her observation on how busy recess and lunch periods are. She mentioned that students do no have enough time to eat and play. She also observed the amount of wasted food.

IV. ASB Update

A. ASB Update

Dr. Wood presented on behalf of ASB.

Homecoming Week-October 5-October 9

- The homecoming game was held on campus this year and was a success.
- This year's Spirit Week was extended to the primary academy.
- First high school homecoming dance and pep rally also took place during homecoming week.

Upcoming projects and events

- Winter formal for Middle School
- ASB is working on policies regarding dress codes for grades 6-10 and student parking
- 1st semester awards assembly will be held in December

- Active and upcoming clubs

V. Student Representation to the Board

A. Student Representation to the Board

Morgen Flowers provided two options for the board to review. The first option is a local district comparison and the second option is a pathway for student representation.

Option #1 - Local districts in comparison:

- Student representation on the board are non-voting and they do not attend executive sessions.
- Student representation on the board are high school students; however at SIA, board representation would be extended to grades 5-8 and grades 9-12 (two representatives).
- Teacher nomination
- Student completes application process
- School leadership and board review; the board selects the representative(s)

Option #2 - Pathway option:

- Student representative must be in high school (grades 9-12)
- Student representation on the board are based on teacher nomination.
- Students have to complete the board representation process
- Student representatives are expected to attend monthly meetings
- Student representation on the board are non-voting and they do not attend executive sessions.
- The board reviews and selects the student representative.

Ron Poplawski prefers option #2. Charina Carothers, Ashlee Lent, Maureen Rosette prefer option #1.

Morgen will design the process and put together a policy to present at the November board meeting.

Note: The ASB representative at monthly board meetings is separate from the student representation on the board.

VI. SIA Student Data

A. Fall Data 2026

Caryn McGee, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented. Caryn explained the difference between Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) and Measure of Academic Progress (MAP). Students in grades 3-8; and grades 10-11 took the SBA test in the

spring of 2026. Students in grades 1-10 took the spring and fall MAP test. SBA is achievement-based; whereas MAP is growth-based and is administered 3x a year. SBA and MAP help the school plan instruction and monitor progress.

Using the results, the school established its goals and arcs for the year to help students in the bottom 40th percentile meet their expected growth.

Student support:

- Adopted Eureka Square last year for Math support
- Adopted Fish Tank, new ELA curriculum in Kindergarten-5th grade
- Piloted IXL for reading support at home
- 9th Grade Success - after-school tutoring for 9th graders for all subjects

VII. Enrollment

A. Enrollment Report and Update

Headcount: 899
Current enrollment: 884.54
Budget: 872.39

Running Start students are not counted in the above numbers.

Enrollment numbers are good, although Kindergarten enrollment is low (current count at 78; budget was at 94). SIA is meeting all budget metrics. Some classrooms have 26 students; 24 would be idea. In middle school, the average class size is 30, but can take up to 32.

VIII. High School Graduation Policy

A. Early Graduation Amendment

Charina Carothers made a motion to approve the amended high school graduation requirement policy 2410, procedure2410P, and Board Resolution Adoption of 2410 and 2410P.
Ashlee Lent seconded the motion.
One student is able to meet all requirements to graduate as a junior. School leadership presented a policy to be put in place to honor a student to graduate early.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IX. Head of School Report

A. Monthly Head of School Update

Morgen briefly shared some highlights from the written report:

- The 8th grade International trip to Panama in 2027 has 30 students signed up as of this date.
- Phoenix Love - Student begin to log their service hours. K-4 students are required to complete 10 hours per school year; and 5th-12th graders complete 20 hours.
- SIA joined the list of high schools participating in the Spokane Scholars Foundation. SIA nomination process begins.
- Athletics - Cross country and Track and Field families began their fundraising efforts to help offset competition expenses.

B. Yearly Calendar

A reminder that board members are welcome to visit the school.

X. Governance

A. Board Recruitment

Cassie Anderson is actively recruiting for potential board members.

Today, three individuals were invited to attend the board meeting. They have completed and submitted the Board Interest form.

- Casey Bruner with legal background, and a parent of an SIA student
- Pamela Predisik, a grandparent of an SIA student with fundraising and education background
- Katrina Rathbun, background in banking and believes families should have an option for their children's education.

The next step will be an interview and tour of the school with Morgen Flowers and a current board member. Myra Keast will schedule the meeting.

B. Reminder: Board & Administrative Staff Training-Due November 16

A reminder to the board members who have not completed their training. The due date is on November 16th.

C. Reminder: Board Commitment Form 26-27

Changed the due date to November 18.
Revise the form to show the $500 financial contribution allocation:

- SIA Foundation (enter %)
- Private Fund (enter %)

D. Board Committees Updates

The finance committee reported that they will be submitting the 25-26 financial statement commission this month.

There were no other committee reports.

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassie Anderson
Motion to adjourn - Charina Carothers
Seconded by - Ron Poplawski

Documents used during the meeting

- Student-Board-Representation-District-Comparison.pdf
- Student Representation on the SIA Board_ Two Proposed Pathways.pdf
- SIA Board Briefing • October 2026 • Schoolwide View & Academic Arcs — Revised Copy.pdf