**Irvington Community Schools, Inc.**
**Board of Governors Meeting**
**Wednesday, September 23, 2026**
**6:00–7:30PM**
**Irvington Community Middle School**
*The Irvington Way. . . "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Involved, Be Focused"*

**September Board Minutes**

**I. Opening Items**

A. Call the meeting to order - 6:02pm

B. Record attendance

i. Present: Heather Rodriguez (Board Chair), Keith Young (Vice Chair), Madison Monfreda, Chloe, Erica Young (Treasurer), Justin Hagen, Dr. Maldonado (CEO)

ii. Absent: Eric Serrano

D. Public Comments

a. Speakers are allowed 2 minutes for their comments

b. Board members cannot respond to public comments

**II. Finance Committee Report**

A. Reviewed the key highlights of the District Roll-Up Summary

a. Total income declines from 11.19M to $10.49M - 6.3% reduction driven by falling enrollment; annual budget review and cuts required

B. Expenses- enrollment (ADM) declines from 760 to 710 student district-wide

**III. Academic Committee Report**

A. No academic committee meeting in September.

B. Scheduled to meet in October

**IV. Governance Committee Report**

A. No meeting in September

B. Meeting schedule changes- 2nd Wednesday each month at 4:30 p.m. effective October 14th

**V. Advancement Committee Report**

A. Thanksgiving Annual Food Drive - held by Ms. Lisa (IPA school nurse).

i. Collecting food items for Irvington families to take home

B. Golden Apple Nomination Form - will be sent to everyone. This is a nomination form of any teachers doing great things.

C. Future Fundraising Events (Double Good Popcorn)

i. Double Good Popcorn fundraiser to make a competition with the different schools

**VI. CEO Report**

A. Updated budget for Board approval- *Vote (passed)*
    i. *Madison - yes*
    ii. *Chloe- yes*
    iii. *Erica - yes*
    iv. *Justin - yes*
    v. *Heather - yes*
    vi. *Keith - yes*
B. Summary of Financials
    i. Provided a high level financial report but broke it down into the different schools with their budgets.
    ii. Schools are being looked at as 3 individual entities and not at as whole district
    iii. Looking at the downspending due to lower birth rate
    iv. The current budget has negatives on it per school. Must adjust due to enrollment decline.
    v. Looking to hear back from state about grant submitted for $2M for over 2-years
    vi. Looking to reduce vendors and certain services to see what we are paying and what we can do without.
    vii. Lilly grant is divided out over 5 years
    viii. The plan is to extend ICS 5 miles out from where we are now. Right now the radius is 2 miles out.
    ix. The full leadership team has met to see where the organization can cut to support the 5 year budget. The leaders have a plan to offset some of the expenses.
    x. The budget is fluid and based on a 760 ADM and no grants are included in the 5 year budget proposal to the board.
    xi. Increased cash on hand from 20 days to 28.3 days in 2-months. We need to continue to pay attention to the cash spending to stay on track.
    xii. We can not refinance our bonds due to the federal government increasing the interest rate so the banks have asked us to hold off.

**VII. CAO Report**

A. Updates on marketing sub committees
    i. Checked in with subcommittee members last week (Marketing and Communications, and Brand the story), has started making updates and doing work in getting information from alumni.
    ii. The engagement committee is meeting soon and plans to move forward.
    iii. Mentioned getting a logo or tent for the Irvington festival

**VIII. ICES Report**

A. Still above attendance goal for the year
B. Raffling off prizes for students who are meeting the 95% attendance rate
C. Math and reading flight groups (high quality resources being used)
D. Using school improvement plan to set goals for each student

**IX. ICMS Report**

A. No report to share
B. Shout out to teachers for doing a great job and really assisting students
C. Almost at 93%

**X. IPA Report**

A. Doing a Bean Boozle for students with 95% attendance
B. Additional plated lunch for students who are meeting attendance goals
C. Homecoming week is almost over. Going on this week. Pep rally and game this week.

**IX. Closing Items**

A. SY26-27 Scorecard (Board Dashboard)
    a. Board vote for approval
        a. Madison moved
        b. Keith second
        c. All present board members voted yes

A. Board member terms ending 9/30/26
    a. Keith Young
    b. Heather Rodriguez

B. Board Member nominations
    a. Keith Young- *Vote*
        i. (Erica motioned, Justin second)
            1. All present board members voted yes
    b. Heather Rodriguez- *Vote*
        i. (Justin motioned, Erica second)
            1. All present board members voted yes

C. Board Chair and Vice Chair nominations
    a. Board Chair (effective 10/1) - Keith Young- *Vote*
        *i. Madison motioned, Erica seconded*
    b. Vice Chair (effective 10/1) - Justin Hagen- *Vote*
        *i. Chloe motioned, Keith seconded*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm*

**Next Board Meeting Wednesday October 21st , 6 p.m.**
**at Irvington Community Middle School**