



Inlet Grove Community Middle/High School
600 W. 28th Street
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Inlet Grove Community High School

Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Attendance

In Person:

1. Dr. Emma Banks
2. Monica Banks
3. Francisco Lopez
4. Dr. Charles Woodard
5. Lavoise Smith
6. Bill Washington
7. Prakash Patel
8. Sheretta Hackett

Meridian Representatives:

1. Pedro Brescia
2. Mark Ezzard

STIFEL Representative:

1. Ike Papadopoulos

Via Google Meet:

1. Dr. George Lockhart – Governing Board Member
2. Jim Pegg – Governing Board Member
3. Brendan Ross – STIFEL Staff Member

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.



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Governing Board Access to Campus

Mr. Lavoise Smith inquired whether Governing Board members have access to enter the campus. It was confirmed that, as discussed during the November Governing Board meeting, background checks and fingerprinting are required. An entry badge will be issued upon completion of these requirements.

Meridian Presentation

Mr. Pedro Brescia of Meridian provided a presentation to the Governing Board. Supporting documents have been attached to these minutes.

Q&A:

Mr. Lavoise Smith asked whether a full kitchen would be included in the development plans. Mr. Mark Ezzard responded that warm serving stations are typically used to help control budget costs. Operating a full kitchen would require additional staffing (three or more employees) and significant regulatory paperwork.

STIFEL Presentation

Mr. Ike Papadopoulos of STIFEL presented to the Governing Board. Supporting documents have been attached.

Mr. Papadopoulos forwarded an Engagement Letter to Chairperson Dr. Charles Woodard.

Q&A:

Mr. Bill Washington asked about the estimated cost of building a K–8 school.

Mr. Papadopoulos stated that, depending on enrollment, the estimated total cost would be approximately \$33,459,040, including pre-construction, construction, permits, and a base cost of \$28,019,040.

Additional projected costs include:

Land acquisition: approximately \$4,500,000

Other project-related costs: approximately \$940,000

Mr. Clarence Williams asked whether Inlet Grove is operating from the previously created strategic plan.

Mr. Lopez agreed that a five-year strategic plan should be developed.



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All Governing Board members agreed to further discuss this matter at the next scheduled meeting in March.

Lincoln Elementary Walk-Through

Dr. Emma Banks discussed the walk-through conducted at Lincoln Elementary on February 5, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. She thanked Governing Board members Jim Pegg, Dr. Charles Woodard, and Dr. George Lockhart for attending.

Inlet Grove Community Middle/High School is considering relocation to 1160 Avenue N, Riviera Beach (Lincoln Elementary location). Necessary repairs, including ceilings, bathrooms, toilets, and flooring, will be completed prior to relocation.

Dr. Banks will meet with Debra from the Palm Beach County School District regarding next steps.

Marketing Update

Inlet Grove currently has two marketing billboards along I-95:

- Near Blue Heron Boulevard
 - Near Lake Worth
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Capital Funds Discussion

There was discussion regarding the potential loss of Capital Outlay Funds upon relocation. Dr. Banks expressed uncertainty about this information and requested that Mr. Pegg investigate the matter for clarification.

Capital Outlay Funds:

- \$180,000 (distributed in monthly payments)
 - Local Capital Improvement Funds: \$1,099,528
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Board Membership Update

Dr. Banks announced that Lonnie Martens and Danny Jones are no longer members of the Governing Board. The school is seeking new board members, including a parent liaison. Resumes must be submitted for review by Dr. Charles Woodard.

C.A.N. Title I Schoolwide Plan

Mr. Lopez and Mr. Grejak are completing the C.A.N. Title I Schoolwide Plan Comprehensive Needs Assessment Stakeholder Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2026. Governing Board members were informed of the progress. Mr. Lopez's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Technology Donation

A donation was received from Garden School of the Arts, including:

- 169 Student iPads
 - 146 Chromebooks
 - 2 Smartboard stands
 - 9 Smart Boards
 - 5 Chromebook carts
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Enrollment Report

- Seniors: 129
- Juniors: 195
- Sophomores: 151
- Freshmen: 180
- 8th Grade: 39
- 7th Grade: 77
- 6th Grade: 47

Total Enrollment: 818



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Athletics Update

Dr. George Lockhart inquired about the hiring of a new Head Football Coach and expressed willingness to assist in the selection process. He noted that football is an expensive sport and emphasized that if the school does not intend to continue the program, that decision should be communicated promptly.

Mr. Lopez stated that two candidates are currently under review. Football will continue at Inlet Grove, along with Boys' and Girls' Basketball programs.

The boys' basketball team advanced to District Playoffs. The Board acknowledged Inlet Grove's continued success as a high-performing charter school and reaffirmed its commitment to the school's Mission and Vision.

Mission Statement

Inlet Grove Community High School will prepare students to be college and career ready through career academies by nurturing creativity and developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary to become successful members of a diverse society.

Vision Statement

The vision of Inlet Grove Community High School is for all students to be college and career ready through career academies so that life choices are limited only by creativity, passion, and hard work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

The next Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2026.

Charles W. Woodard, Ph.D.

Dr. Charles Woodard, Chairperson

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