Meeting was called to order with all members present save Troy Walker. Troy joined remotely.

**Public Comment (SA/SAHS)**

**Amended Lease Agreement**

Lisa Cutler gave feedback on the expansion and said she believed it was necessity, but that she could not promise additional 60 students will attend. Holly asked if she had a plan in place to generate more students. Lisa said there will be a big marketing plan.

Concerns were discussed regarding the new school and how the competition will create uncertainty.

The board and Lisa Cutler discussed additional questions on parking and the outdoor classroom. Dave Crandall asked for Lisa’s worst case scenario. Lisa stated that without the expansion she would be forced to eliminate the music program. Dave stated that moving forward with the expansion and then actually losing students would be the worst case scenario.

Lisa stated that the smaller community coupled with the offering of robotics and coding will continue to create a draw.

Discussion on projected loses due to competition.

Lisa Cutler expressed concern regarding the impact on teachers if we do not expand.

BJ commented that if we do the expansion we forfeit a lot of savings from the refinance, but the environment at Independence would put teachers in difficult circumstances. He also stated that the marketing is mostly word of mouth and we need to keep programs.

Ramona Baik commented that the expansion has to work for beyond 5 years. Lisa Cutler said that Independence does not have capacity to ever grow beyond 1,000 students.

Dave Crandall questioned how large Summit Academy as a whole plans to grow.

Discussion on keeping a small atmosphere and still providing a large experience.
Discussion on estimated original cost vs. actual. From $5 M to $3 M.

Dave Crandall said that the refinance was intended to give us a cushion with the coming uncertainty of new schools and greater competition. He expressed concern that the school went through this same situation with the high school.

Chris Bleak suggested the school cut back and focus on what we do best.

Holly responded that in order to support a junior high we need programs and if we cut back we cannot meet current expectations and keep students.

Tyler commented that when we have 6 students in a classroom it costs us money as well.

Lisa asked if we could just do the gym and the stage.

Troy said that we will refinance the entire district.

Motion by Holly Sonntag to pass Lease agreement.

Second by BJ Vanderlinden

Motion fails due to any votes for or against.

BJ Vanderlinden asked for more information on how we might cut pieces out or decrease costs.

Troy said that he is too nervous to move forward.

Holly asked for more numbers. BJ asked for more numbers and options.

Troy Walker made a motion to postpone and Chelsea Welch added a second.

Motion passes.