

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2013

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brian C. Eddy at Rowley Community Center, Rowley, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Brian C. Eddy, John Christensen, Rusty Donnelly, Eric Smith and Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Secretary/Treasurer: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. Friend of Education

1A. Mrs. Merritt recognized the VFW Auxiliary for donating a gift certificate to West Elementary for students in need.

1B. Mrs. Merritt recognized the Leo Club for donating \$100 for the 6th grade for organisms to be used in one of their science units.

2. Spotlight on Education

2A. Mrs. Sornson, Mrs. Merritt and Dr. Blaisdell recognized the following students for reaching the state level for the Iowa Reading Association Creative Writing and Poetry Contest.

Poetry Contest State Qualifiers included:

- Katelyn Trimble, 1st grade – East Elementary
- Jenna Smith, 5th grade – West Elementary
- Allie Wilkes, 9th Grade – Junior-Senior High School – Placed 2nd
- Jamie Jo Corkery, 12th Grade – Junior-Senior High School – Placed 2nd

Creative Writing Contest State Qualifiers included:

- Talan Conrad, Kindergarten – East Elementary
- Havanah Griffith, 1st Grade – East Elementary – Placed 3rd
- Jazlyn Smith, 4th Grade – West Elementary – Placed 1st
- Elizabeth Moore, 5th Grade – West Elementary
- Janessa Barloon, 6th Grade – West Elementary
- Josie Fischels, 7th Grade – Junior-Senior High School – Placed 2nd
- Mitch Ohl, 9th Grade – Junior-Senior High School – Placed 1st
- Madeline Rummel, 12th Grade – Junior-Senior High School – Placed 2nd

A Special thanks to Jackie Berryhill and Megan Rawlins for sponsoring the students.

2B. Mrs. Sornson recognized Stephanie McMillan for being named the Iowa Affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Science High School Student of the Year.

3. Consent Items - Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve consent items 3-A, 3-B, 3-C, 3-D, 3-E, 3-F and 3-G. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

3-A. Approval of Minutes Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on March 18, 2013, the public hearing on April 4, 2013 and the special meeting on April 4, 2013.

3-B. Approval of Agenda

3-C. Approval of Board Policies

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	413.3*	Classified Employee Early Retirement Plan (I am requesting the Board waive the second reading of this policy.)

3-D. Transfers/Reassignments

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Erin Blasberg	West Elem Summer Enrichment Camp Instructor	West Elem Summer School Teacher – Grades 3-6	\$23.28/hr.	06/24/2013

3-E. New Hires

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Melody Barker	East Elem Summer School 2nd Grade At Risk Assoc	\$9.00/hr.	06/24/2013
Carol Kieler	ECC/East Elem PK-2 Summer School Sp Ed Assoc	\$9.00/hr.	06/24/2013
Sue Knott	East Elem Summer School 2nd Grade At Risk Teacher	\$38.47/hr.	06/24/2013
Heather Nefzger	Summer Accelerated Reading Program Associate	\$9.00/hr.	06/24/2013
Diane Shonka	West Elem Summer School Assoc Gr 3-6	\$9.35/hr.	06/24/2013
Robin Van Raden	ECC/East Elem Summer School PK-2 Sp Ed Teacher	\$35.50/hr.	06/24/2013
Nicci Weber	West Elem Summer School Assoc Gr 3-6	\$9.60/hr.	06/24/2013

3-F. Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Allison Anderson	Junior High Softball Coach (7th Grade)	03/28/2013
Robert Burns	Assistant Baseball Coach (Grades 9-12)	04/12/2013
Cathy Gilson	West Elem 5.5 hr. Special Education Associate	05/31/2013
Coleen Meissner	Junior-Senior High School Special Education Teacher	06/03/2013
Loren Staton	West Elem 8.0 hour Custodian	06/30/2013

3-G. Volunteer Coach (es)/Sponsor(s)

NAME	VOLUNTEER AREA(S)	DATE
Heath Evens	Boys Soccer	04/16/2013
Derick Rasmussen	Boys Soccer	04/16/2013
Casey Reinkoester	Boys Soccer	04/16/2013

3-H. Approval of Financial Reports – Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve all Financial Reports. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0. Eddy abstained.

1. Approval of Bills – Director Christensen will have reviewed the bills
2. Vendor Report
3. Board Report
4. Budget Report
5. New School Construction Report

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4-A No comments from the public.

4-B Mr. Henderson was pleased to hear how well prom and post prom went. Mr. Christensen attended a recent City Council meeting to listen to a possible Resolution to not allow the City to pursue future District property. Mr. Christensen informed the board that the Resolution did not pass, and clarified some information reported at the council meeting regarding the existing JR/SR high school. Superintendent Peterson sent best wishes to the Jazz band for their upcoming State competition and to all the spring sports as they begin their seasons.

4-C Mrs. Rawlins presented a video to the Board showing the creative writing pieces performed by a couple of students in her Talented and Gifted class.

5. Reports

Building Administrators, Activities Director, School Improvement/Curriculum Director, Technology Director, Food Service Director and Transportation/Buildings and Grounds employees reported on their respective buildings or areas of assignment.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6-A New Junior-Senior High School Facility

Mr. Eddy provided an update on the construction of the Junior-Senior High School.

6-B Change Orders for Items Described in Bulletins #46, 51R, 52, 53, 55 and 56

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve change orders for items described in Bulletins #46, 51R, 52, 53, 55 and 56. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

6-C Approve Mustang Foundation, Inc.'s Request to Proceed with Leinbaugh Field Complex Paver Project

Motion Christensen, second Smith to approve the Mustang Foundation, Inc.'s request to proceed with Leinbaugh Field Complex paver project. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7-A Additional JSH and BCSC Early Graduation Applicants

Motion Henderson, second Smith to approve additional JSH and BCSC early graduation applicants. All voted "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

7-B Appointment of Additional Trustees to the Mustang Foundation, Inc. Board

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the appointment of Charles McCardle, Lloyd Davis, Amy Holle and Susan Johnson as additional trustees to the Mustang Foundation, Inc. Board. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-C 1:1 Budget

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve the 1:1 budget. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-D School Bus Bids for 65 Passenger School Bus

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the school bus bid for the 65 passenger school bus from Bluebird. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-E Thomas School Bus Bid for Micro Bus with Lift and Air Conditioning

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the Thomas school bus bid for Micro bus with lift and air conditioning. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-F Contract with Lowery McDonnell Company for the Furniture Package for the New Junior-Senior High School: Base Bids A, B, C, D and F

Motion Henderson, second Christensen to approve the contract with Lowery McDonnell Company for the furniture package for the new Junior-Senior High School: base bids A, B, C, D and F. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-G Contract with Business Interiors by Staples for the Furniture Package for the New Junior-Senior High School: Base Bid E

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the contract with Business Interiors by Staples for the furniture package for the new Junior-Senior High School: base bid E. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-H Contract with School Specialty, Inc. for the Furniture Package for the new Junior–Senior High School: Base Bid G.

Motion Christensen, second Smith to approve the contract with School Specialty, Inc. for the furniture package for the new Junior-Senior High School: Base bid G. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-I Contract with Grout Museum

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the contract with the Grout Museum. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-J Field Experience Contractual Agreement with Luther College

Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve the field experience contractual agreement with Luther College. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-K NWEA Contract

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve the NWEA contract. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-L Application for Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity for Boys Soccer with Jesup and East Buchanan

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the application for cooperative sponsorship of an activity for boys’ soccer with Jesup and East Buchanan. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-M School Meal Rates for 2013-2014

Motion Donnelly, second Smith to approve the school meal rates for the 2013-2014 school year. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-N School Registration Rates for 2013-2014

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the school registration rates for 2013-2014. Eddy, Henderson, Christensen and Donnelly all voted “aye”. Smith voted “nay”. Motion carried 4-1

7-O School Start Date Waiver Resolution

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the school start date waiver resolution. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Henderson – aye, Smith – aye, Christensen – aye and Donnelly – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

7-P 2013-2014 Staffing Plan

Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve the 2013-2014 staffing plan. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Henderson, second Donnelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Secretary/Treasurer