

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2011

A Regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz at the Rowley Community Center, Rowley, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz, Charlie McCardle,
Kathryn Jensen & Stacy Henderson

Members Absent: John Christensen

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec/Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: Steven Smith, "The News"
John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. FRIEND OF EDUCATION

A. Mrs. Sornsen recognized the R and R Coffee Group. The group has given a scholarship for ten years and for the past six it has been in the amount of \$1000.00. Joe Olson, Lloyd Davis and Jerry Behan, members of the group, are morning greeters at the Jr/Sr High School.

B. Mrs. Merritt recognized Security State Bank for donating pencils for students to use during the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and the Iowa Tests of Educational Development.

C. Mrs. Merritt recognized the Independence Eagles and Independence Eyes of the Future Committees for generously donating over \$500.00 to the mentoring fund with two separate fund raisers.

2. SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

A. Mrs. Merritt recognized the sixth grade Future Problem Solving Team for qualifying for the State Bowl competition. The students are Ryan Adams, Grace Bertelli and Tia Whited. They received 5th place at state for skit presentation. Special thanks to Jackie Berryhill for sponsoring the students.

B. Mrs. Sornson recognized the Independence High School Jazz Band for finishing 2nd at the Iowa Jazz Championships. Members include Aaron Allen, Rachel Barloon, Blake Bitterman, Joshua Briggs, Hannah Butler, Austin Ciesielski, Benjamin Crawford, Luke Crawford, April Donlon, Jasmine Fischels, Kayla Fleming, Julia Grover, Kyle Harms, Peter Haverkamp, Adam Kurt, Tony Lake, Angela McCardle, Kyle Mentzer, TJ Peters and Brittany Robb. We would also like to recognize Mr. David Lang for sponsoring the students.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the following consent items 3-A, 3-B, 3-C with the tabling of policy 304.1, 3-D, 3-E and 3-F. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

3-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of the minutes of the public hearing on March 21, 2011, the regular meeting on March 21, 2011, the public hearing on April 6, 2011 and the special session on April 6, 2011.

3-B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3-C Approval of Board Policies (all policies may be reviewed in the Admin. Building)

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	303.5	Superintendent Evaluation
2.	303.6	Superintendent Professional Development
3.	303.7	Superintendent Civic Activities
4.	303.8	Superintendent Consulting/Outside Employment

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	304.1	Administrative Positions (tabled)
2.	304.2	Administrator Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment
3.	304.3	Administrator Contract and Nonrenewal
4.	304.4	Administrator Salary and Other Compensation
5.	304.5	Administrator Duties
6.	304.6	Administrator Evaluation
7.	304.7	Administrator Professional Development

3-D Transfers/Reassignments:

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Bridget Becker	Third Grade Teacher	Fourth Grade Teacher	2011-2012 School Year
Janette Hopkins	4 hr Media Assoc/4 hr PK4	8 hr East Elem Secretary	2011-2012 School Year
Brandi Klima	First Grade Teacher	Kindergarten Teacher	2011-2012 School Year

3-E New Hires:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Allison Anderson	7 th Grade Softball Coach	\$1,461	05/01/2011
Michael Doyle	Driver Education Coordinator	\$1,012	03/01/2011
Jayme Hurley	Driver Education Instructor	\$5,114	05/27/2011
Nichole LaMarsh	8 th Grade Softball Coach	\$1,405	05/01/2011
Robert Lynch	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	\$2,248	03/23/2011
Steven Posey	Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,518	05/09/2011
Pam Wendel	West Elem 2.25 hr Dishwasher/FS Worker	\$8.75/hr	04/18/2011

3-F Resignations:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Keith Donnelly	7 th Grade Football Coach (.6 FTE)	04/12/2011
Mike Donnelly	Director of Transportation, Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance	06/30/2011
Elizabeth Gloede	East Elementary 5.5 hr Sp Ed Student Associate	04/21/2011
Dave Jacobson	Assistant Jr/Sr HS Principal/Activities Director	06/30/2011

3-G Termination of Contracts – Certified Staff: Motion McCardle, second Jensen to terminate the following employees due to budgetary decisions and/or program elimination for the 2011/2012 school year:

- Allison Anderson, .5 FTE West Elementary Math Strategist
- Amy Gustafson, .6 FTE Jr/Sr High School Math Teacher
- Molli Jacobsen, .5 FTE Jr/Sr High School Reading Strategist
- Therese Olson, Home School Coordinator

Roll call vote: Jensen ó Aye, McCardle ó Aye, Sturtz ó Aye, Henderson ó Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

3-H APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: Motion Henderson, second Jensen to approve the financial reports. All voted óAyeö. Motion carried.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. This time is reserved for patrons and Board members to speak to items not on the agenda and to request to speak to any items on the current agenda.
No members of the audience addressed the Board.

B. Henderson discussed the completion of the Exploratory Committee's work and the organization of five new separate committees. They are Finance, Marketing/Publicity, Voter Registration, Community Connection and School Coordinator. If anyone is interested in being on a committee, please let Supt. Peterson know.

McCardle has been taking a lot of pictures at different events. He attended the Jazz contest and thought it was very enjoyable. He also thanked the 7th and 8th graders who participated in the community clean up project. He attended a Hazard Mitigation meeting and learned that the plans are still in the works for the safe room. He has been asked to be a guest speaker at our Farm Safety Day where he will talk about severe weather. He also wanted to remind everyone about the Drive One 4 Your School that will be coming up. Sturtz spoke on behalf of Christensen who wanted to congratulate our Jazz Band on their performance at the Iowa Jazz Championships. He also attended the Music in our Schools dinner and thought it was awesome.

Sturtz attended the DARE program and said it was truly a phenomenal program for our kids and thanked Sheriff Wolfgram for his involvement.

Superintendent Peterson shared that she along with all Administrators and two teachers from each building will be attending a 1:1 laptop conference in Des Moines on the 20th. She also shared that the Sr. High concert band was selected to play at the 2011 Iowa Bandmasters Conference on May 13th and will represent all of class 3A. She was asked to speak prior to the band performing.

C. Presentations

1. Spotlight on Independence Schools

- A. Student Presentation ó Jasmine Fischels presented a report she did for Mrs. Steger's High School Mass Media Class where they had to pick a person known for something and research to learn about them.

5. Reports

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

6. New Business

6-A Fund Raising Requests: Robin Crawford addressed the Board proposing the idea of a fund raising calendar. Fifth grade student, Jadah Krieger also shared her thoughts about a fund raising requests. Motion Jensen, second Henderson to approve the following fund raising requests. All voted öAyeö. Motion carried.

GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	START UP COSTS	TARGET AMOUNT	DATE
HS Fashion & Fabrics II Class	Sell can koozies w/Indee logo & made from bright fabric for \$2	Entrepreneur project. Profits go to purchase materials for a quilt for someone w/breast cancer; other \$ will be used to replace embroidery & equipment for the FCS lab		\$100 - \$125	4/19/11 ó 5/10/11
HS Girls Track	Get donations for the poster from parents and businesses	Produce a track schedule poster		\$150 - \$250	As soon as approved
West Elem Enrichment Camp	Sponsorship for camp	Supplies, field trips and materials for camp			4/19/11 ó 8/30/11
West Elem	Mother/son, father/daughter dance at West; ticket price may be approx \$5	Raise money for children in Africa through Africare			Late May

6-B School Meal Price Increase for 2011-2012

Motion Henderson, second McCardle to approve the meal price increase for the 2011-2012 school year as proposed by Kelly Crossley, Food Service Director. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

6-C School Registration Fees for 2011-2012

Motion Henderson, second Jensen to approve the school registration fees for the 2011-2012 school year. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

6-D Cooperative Agreement for Student Teaching with UNI for 2011-2012

Motion Jensen, second McCardle to approve to participate in the student teaching placement program with the University of Northern Iowa for the 2011-2012 academic year. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

6-E Agreement for Food Services Operations Between Kidsville and ICSD

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the agreement for Food Services Operations between Kidsville and Independence Community School District for 2011-2012. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Jensen, second Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Secretary