

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2010

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz in the Administration Office, Independence, 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"
Nichol Hohenbrink, "Independence Bulletin Journal"
John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

- A. Smith D. & L. Insurance was recognized for their donation to allow registration day to be held out at Heartland Acres.
- B. Walmart was recognized for their donation to allow our Welcome Back Day to be held out at Heartland Acres.
- C. BankIowa was recognized for their donation to allow our Welcome Back Day to be held out at Heartland Acres.
- D. Pizza Ranch was recognized for donating lunch to our staff on our Welcome Back Day.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

- A. Catie Flaucher was recognized for being named to the All-State First Team in softball and Kayla Hickon was recognized for being named to the All-State Honorable Mention in softball. Thanks to Lyle Hosch, Keith Donnelly and Trixie Reed for coaching these students.
- B. Lizzy O'Loughlin was recognized for being named to the Class 1-A All-State First Team in soccer. Thanks to Trish O'Loughlin and Erica Baedke for coaching her.
- C. The boys baseball team was recognized for qualifying for the 2010 State Baseball Tournament. Players who qualified included: Matt Beebe, Jeff Burns, Blaize Cabell, Kyle Fank, Michael Fischels, Adam Flaucher, Nick Fuller, Corbin Henningson, Keaton Hosch, Mike Krempges, Mitch McMartin, Colin Miller,

Andrew Niedert, Jayce Payne, Austin Pink, Sam Rasmussen, Mike Reiff, Nick Shannon and Nick Zieser. The bat boy was Jacob Burns and the coaches included: Jim Arnold, Rob Burns and Brad Arnold. A special congratulations to Keaton Hosch for being named to the Class 3A All-State Second Team.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the following consent items 4-A, 4-B, 4-C, 4-D, 4-E , 4-F and 4-G. All voted "Nay." Motion failed.

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the following consent items 4-A with the addition of the word "complete" in the following sentence; "McCardle made the point that this is not a new tax and will not cost the taxpayers any additional money and that it will not build a complete new building for us." 4-B, 4-C, 4-D, 4-E, 4-F and 4-G.

4-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the regular meeting on July 19, 2010 with corrections stated and the work session on July 22, 2010.

4-B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4-C APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES (All policies may be viewed in the Administration Office)

SECOND READINGS:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	200.1	Role of the Board of Directors
2.	200.2	Organization of the Board of Directors
3.	200.3	Powers of the Board of Directors
4.	200.4	Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
5.	201	Board of Directors Elections
6.	202.1	Qualifications
7.	202.2	Oath of Office
8.	202.3	Term of Office
9.	202.4	Vacancies
10.	202.5	Individual Authority

FIRST READINGS:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	203	Board of DirectorsøConflict of Interest
2.	204	Code of Ethics
3.	205.1	Board Security and Protection
4.	205.2	Board Member Liability
5.	206.3	Secretary-Treasurer
6.	207	Board of DirectorsøLegal Counsel
7.	208	Board of DirectorsøSelf-Evaluation
8.	209.1 & 209.1E1	Ad Hoc Committees and Ad Hoc Committees Exhibit
9.	504.6* and 504.6E1	Student Fund Raising and Fund Raising Request Form (New Form)
10.	507.9 & 507.9E1	Independence Comm Schools Wellness Policy and Physical Act. Contract
11.	802.4*, 802.4R1* & 802.4R2	Capital Assets (formally called Fixed Assets Management System), Capital Assets Regulation (formally Fixed Assets Management System Regulation) and Capital Assets Management System Definitions (New Regulation)

4-D TRANSFERS/REASSIGNMENTS

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Teresa Barske	5.75 hr ECC Regular Ed Assoc	4.0 hr ECC Secretary	08/16/2010
Brian Loughren (Recall)	East Elem Physical Ed Teacher	BCSC Teacher	08/19/2010
Brenda Zimmerly (Recall)	2.0 hr Food Service	3.0 hr Food Service	08/20/2010

4-E NEW HIRES:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Kris Gruber	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach (Grades 9-12)	\$2,428	08/11/2010
Corin Healey	Assistant Jazz Coach	\$3,035	08/2010
Coleen Meissner	7th & 8th Grade Special Education Teacher	\$41,506	08/19/2010
Jennifer Schmitt	.65 FTE HS Marketing Teacher	\$24,173	08/19/2010
Pat Thomas	Assistant Vocal Music Director	\$2,832	08/19/2010
Angie Williams	East Elem 5.5 hr Cook/Food Service Worker	\$8.75/hr	08/20/2010

4-F RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Nadine Chesmore	East Elem 5.5 hr Cook/Food Service Worker	08/05/2010
Kris Gruber	7 th Grade Boys Basketball	08/13/2010

4-G APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

All voted ñayeö. Motion carried.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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 patrons approached the Board.

Sturtz read a statement on behalf of Christensen stating the Wrestling documentary was inspiring, well done and informative. Jensen and Sturtz shared that Rusty Horn is planning a youth soccer complex on land he owns. This would be a win-win for everyone involved. Henderson thanked all those involved with the football complex clean up and Sturtz also thanked the West Parent Advisory Group and all volunteers and staff that assisted with the realignment.

Members of Absolutely Indee spoke to the board about their new initiative, what they are doing and what they are hoping to accomplish. The Independence PTO informed the board of the upcoming activities they are planning on doing over the course of the school year. Sandy Merritt addressed the board regarding the AYP and APR.

6. 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.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. One Cent Sales Tax Extension/Facilities Plan Presentation

Matt Gillaspie from Piper Jaffray presented financial information to the Board and the public regarding the SILO vote and what can and cannot be done depending on whether the vote passes or not. The board will use this information to help explain the Revenue Purpose Statement vote

B. P4P and One Cent Sales Tax Extensions

P4P board members presented the committees that are needed to be formed: Marketing, Fundraising, Letters to the Editor, Community, Absentee Ballot and "Get Out to Vote" are the committees that will be forming. Board members will have the opportunity to participate on a committee as an individual. P4P members encourage others to step forward if they are interested in volunteering.

C. Safe Room/FEMA Grant/Hazard Mitigation

Charlie updated the board on where things stood regarding the Hazard Mitigation process. The school needs to hold a public hearing on the plans and then adopt them to submit as part of an application. This process will make us eligible for safe room grants. Application deadline is November 1, 2010.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Communication

The Board is searching for ideas to increase communication between schools and the public. Jensen will contact AEA to see about having someone come to a meeting to explain our options regarding having our meetings go live.

B. Contracted Services Agreement with Tri-County

Motion Jensen, second McCardle to approve the Contracted Services Agreement with Tri-County Child & Family Development Council, Inc. All voted aye. Motion carried.

C. 28E Agreement with Hawkeye Community College

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the 28E agreement with Hawkeye Community College to continue the Project Lead the Way programming partnership for the 2010-2011 school year. All voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Fund Raising Requests

Motion Jensen, second McCardle to approve the following fund raising requests.

All voted Aye. Motion carried.

GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	START UP COSTS	TARGET AMOUNT	DATE
HS Football	American Family Insurance Safe Driving Promotion; See attached sheet.	Purchase food after road games.		\$900	Home football games
West Elem - Milk Moola	Milk Moola ó Collect milk lids and turn in for reimbursement	Bldg activities such as pizza parties for Kids of Character		\$100	Throughout school year
West Elem - Pencils	Sell pencils for \$0.25 from machine in office area	Activities throughout year		\$12.50/gross	Throughout school year
West Elem - Readers Digest	Disseminate post cards for Readers Digest and possibly selling cookie dough	Field trip to Living History Farms & other trips		\$1000	02/2011
West Elem - Life Touch	LifeTouch - Pictures offered to families for purchase; school gets % of sales	Funding for special projects/ field trips		\$900	02/10/2011
Athletic Booster Club	Sell Cotton Candy & Sno Cones for \$1.00-\$2.00	Fundraiser to be given by athletic teams under Booster Club name		\$200 - \$300 per game	All Home Football Games
Athletic Booster Club	Pigskin Lottery ó Turf Wars \$10-\$100 Note: This goes with the Pigskin Bingo fund raiser submitted by HS football on July 19, 2010	Raise money		\$6,000-\$7,000	All Football, volleyball games etc.

E. Buchanan County Success Center Year End Report

Shelly Bertelli introduced to the board the new counselor at the Success Center/High School. She also went through her report and updated the board on the excellent growth performances from last year.

F. Sale of Old East Elementary

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to solicit bids for the sale of the Old East Elementary utilizing the Request for Proposal and seeking assistance from our attorney as needed. All voted öNayö. Motion failed.

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to solicit bids for the sale of the Old East Elementary seeking legal advice to assist and update the Request for Proposal to eliminate language pertaining to leasing and to include language to allow bidders the opportunity to raise their bids. All voted öayeö. Motion carried.

G. School Administrative Manager (SAM) Contract with School Administrators of Iowa (SAI)

Motion Jensen, second Henderson to approve the SAM contract with SAI utilizing At-Risk funds. If grant money is secured, the funds will be paid back to At-Risk. All voted öayeö. Motion carried.

H. Annual Progress Report 2009-2010

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the Annual Progress Report for the 2009-2010 school year. All voted öayeö. Motion carried.

I. Employee Theft Insurance

Lynnette updated the board that as long as we have a stipulation of ösegregation of dutiesö on our audit, we are at the maximum allowed for employee theft insurance.

J. Community Use of School District Facilities & Equipment Policy (906.1)

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the first reading of the Community Use of School District Facilities and Equipment Policy with the recommended changes. The policy may be viewed in the Administration Office. All voted öayeö. Motion carried.

K. Guidance Regarding Athletics and Students Involved in Other Sports/Activities

Activities Director, Dave Jacobson, presented a print out to the board regarding information he reviews with all coaches prior to their season. The Board emphasized student participation in more than one sport and good sportsmanship.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Henderson, second Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. All voted öayeö.

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Secretary