

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
August 19, 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 the Administration Building, Independence, 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**

- A. Pinicon Ford** – Mrs. Donlea thanked Pinicon Ford for loaning a vehicle for the Superintendent and Board of Education to ride in for the Brandon and Rowley parades.
- B. Employees of Geater Machining and Manufacturing** – Mrs. Merritt thanked the employees of Geater Machining and Manufacturing for donating several backpacks filled with school supplies for the students at East and West Elementary.
- C. Independence Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors** – Mrs. Donlea thanked the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors for giving apples to the staff at Welcome Back Day.
- D. Pepsi Beverages Company** – Mrs. Donlea thanked Pepsi Beverages Company for donating beverages for the staff on Welcome Back Day.
- E. Pizza Ranch** – Mrs. Donlea thanked Pizza Ranch for donating lunch for the staff on Welcome Back Day.
- F. Fareway** – Mrs. Weber thanked Fareway for donating fruit trays for the staff on Welcome Back Day and cookies for the Grand Opening of the new Junior-Senior High School.
- G. Kwik Star** – Mrs. Weber thanked Kwik Star for donating cookies for the Grand Opening of the new Junior-Senior High School.
- H. Subway** – Mrs. Weber thanked Subway for donating cookies for the Grand opening of the new Junior-Senior High School.
- I. Casey's** – Mrs. Weber thanked Casey's for donating cookies for the Grand Opening of the new Junior-Senior High School.

**2. Spotlight on Education**

- A. Stephanie McMillan** – Mr. Arnold recognized Stephanie McMillan for being selected to the Iowa Girls Coaches Association's Class 3A Third Team All-State in Softball for the 2013 season.

**3. Consent Items** – Motion Christensen, second Smith to approve consent items 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, 1-E, 1-F and 1-G. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**3-A. Approval of Minutes** Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on July 15, 2013, the special meeting on July 23, 2013 and the special meeting on August 9, 2013.

**3-B. Approval of Agenda**

**3-C. New Hires**

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	906.2*	Tobacco/Nicotine-Free Environment
2.	500	Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students
3.	501.1	Resident Students
4.	501.2	Nonresident Students
5.	501.3	Compulsory Attendance
6.	501.4	Entrance – Admissions
7.	501.5	Attendance Center Assignment
8.	501.6	Student Transfers In
9.	501.7	Student Transfers Out or Withdrawals
10.	501.8	Student Attendance Records

**3 -D. Transfers/Reassignments**

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Jess Chesmore	JH Volleyball Coach	Assistant Volleyball Coach	\$2,496	08/19/2013
Susan Palmer (Recall)	ECC 5.5 hr Sp Ed Associate	West Elem 7.0 hr Sp Ed Paraprofessional	\$9.45/hr	08/19/2013
Melissa Peyton	West Elem 7.0 hr Sp Ed Paraprofessional	East Elem 7.0 hr Sp Ed Paraprofessional	\$9.80/hr	08/19/2013

**3-E. New Hires**

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Travis McBride	Drumline Coach	\$1,560	07/29/2013

**3-F Resignation**

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Christina Snyder	East Elem 5.5 hr Sp Ed Paraprofessional	08/11/2013
Brooke Tournier	East Elem 2.0 hr Dishwasher/Food Service Assistant	08/13/2013

### **3-G Approval of Financial Reports**

1. Approval of 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 commented on how the Open House was such a wonderful day. He also attended the REAP meeting in Hazelton.

Mr. Smith was at the new school for the first day of class and thought it was neat to see the building as a school.

Mr. Donnelly thought the open house was great and really appreciated the teachers who came to their classrooms and helped with the tour.

Mr. Christensen stated he has heard nothing but positive comments and that the crowd far exceeded expectations.

Ms. Peterson stated it was so neat to see so many people there to support the school. She reported that the first day went well and it was a good start to the new year.

Mr. Eddy said he was also getting good feedback and was happy with the great media coverage. He recognized the staff and custodial staff for all they did to get the school ready. He updated that the list is getting smaller of what needs completed and there are only a few miscellaneous items remaining.

#### **4-C Presentations**

**1. Junior Achievement** – Erin Gray and Barb Rawson gave an overview of Junior Achievement and how they partner with school districts to help educate students.

**2. Volunteer Program Annual Report for 2012-13** – Val Maximovich presented to the Board final participation numbers for the volunteer program during the 2012-13 school year.

**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 Change Orders for Items Described in Bulletins #CC-2**

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve change orders for items described in bulletin #CC-2. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **6-B Drivers Education Contract with Precision Drive LLC**

Motion Henderson, second Smith to approve the revised drivers education contract with Precision Drive LLC. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7-A Consulting Services Agreement with SAI for the SAM Project for 2013-2014.**

Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve the consulting services agreement with SAI for the SAM project for 2013-2014. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-B Requirements for Buchanan County Success Center Alternative Program**

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the requirements for Buchanan County Success Center Alternative Program. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-C Millennium Therapy Contract 2013-2014**

Motion Henderson, second Christensen to approve the Millennium Therapy contract for 2013-2014 with date changes. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-D Activities Handbook 2013-2014**

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the activities handbook for 2013-2014. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-E Student/Parent Handbook for Athletic Participation 2013-2014**

Motion Henderson, second Christensen to approve the 2013-2014 student/parent handbook for athletic participation. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-F Affirmative Action Plan 2013-2014**

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the Affirmative Action Plan for 2013-2014. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-G Termination of farm Lease**

Motion Donnelly, second Christensen to approve the termination of the farm lease. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy  
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel  
Board Secretary/Treasurer