

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
December 10, 2012

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 School Administration Office, Independence, Iowa.

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

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

**1. Spotlight on Education –**

**A.** Mrs. Sornson recognized and honored seven Independence High School students for being named All-State Musicians. Mikayla Burk, Devan Cummings, Aunna Marzen and Austin Wright were selected for All-State Band and Tim Andersen, Rachel Barloon and Megan Lang were selected for All-State Choir. These seven musicians were selected to perform in the 66th Annual Iowa All-State Music Festival held in Ames on Saturday, November 17th.

Junior High vocal students Ryan Adams, Ericka Barloon and Brynn Martin represented Independence in the 27th Annual Iowa State Opus Honor Choir. The students performed on Thursday, November 15th in Ames. Ericka Barloon received top honors in the state.

Mrs. Sornson also recognized their sponsors David Lang and Roger Barloon.

**2. Consideration of Action on Consent Items:**

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve consent items 3-A, 3-B, 3-C and 3-D. All voted "aye." Motion carried.

**2-A. Approval of Minutes** Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on October 15, 2012 and the work session on November 7, 2012.

**2-B. Approval of Agenda**

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

**Second Readings:**

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	604.1 & 604.1E1*	Competent Private Instruction and Competent Private Instruction Report
2.	604.2	Individualized Instruction
3.	604.3	International Study
4.	604.4	Program For Talented and Gifted Students
5.	604.5	Program For At-Risk Students
6.	604.6	Religious-Based Exclusion From a School Program
7.	604.7	Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution
8.	604.8*	Dual Enrollment
9.	604.9	Foreign Students
10.	604.10	<del>Home School Assistance Program</del> This policy is being deleted.

**First Readings:**

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	605.1 & 605.1R1	Instructional Materials Selection and Selection of Instructional Materials
2.	605.2 & 605.2R1	Instructional Materials Inspection and Regulation
3.	605.3, 605.3E1, 605.3E2, 605.3E3 and 605.3R1	Objection to Instructional Materials, Instructions to the Reconsideration Committee, Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Reconsideration Request Form, Sample Letter to Individual Challenging Instructional Materials and Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Regulation
4.	605.4	Technology and Instructional Materials
5.	605.5	School Library
6.	605.7 & 605.7R1	Use of Information Resources and Use of Information Resources Regulation
7.	906.2*	Tobacco-Free Environment

**2-D Transfers/Reassignments**

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Heather Nefzger	JSH 4.0 hour Media Associate	\$9.00/hour	01/14/2013
Rob Ratchford	.5 FTE Assist Girls Basketball Coach (Grades 9-12)	\$1,459	11/28/2012
Jessica Weber	.5 FTE Assist Girls Basketball Coach (Grades 9-12)	\$1,231	11/28/2012

**3-E Approval of Financial Reports** – Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve financial reports. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0. Eddy abstained from the vote.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**4-B** 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.

Mr. Henderson recently toured the new school and was impressed with how it looks and the progress. Mr. Smith recognized some outstanding math students who recently took part in a math contest. We had four students receive medals and another eleven students

receive honorable mention. Mr. Christensen recently attended the winter vocal/band concert and was once again impressed with the outstanding talent between those groups and was pleased to see a full house. Mr. Eddy attended the girls basketball game last Friday and enjoyed the pep band being there as well as the atmosphere of fans. Ms. Peterson also attended the winter concert and it really helped get her into the Christmas spirit. She also shared with the Board a magazine titled Halftime that is dedicated to marching bands. There was an article in the latest edition that interviewed David Lang and had a photo of our middle school marching band. She also updated the Board regarding the continued work of the 1:1 committee and their plan to bring the proposal to the Board after break.

**4-C** Mr. Lang and the High School Robotics Team gave a brief introduction and overview to the Board about their new program, what they are learning and where they are going to take this new team.

## **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 status of construction of the Junior-Senior High School. A complete status listing can be seen at the Administration office.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7-A Approve Preliminary At-Risk Funding for 2013-2014**

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the preliminary At-Risk funding for 2013-2014. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-B Approve District #3 IASB Board Member to Fill Three Year Term Ending January 2016**

Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve District #3 IASB Board Member to fill a three year term ending January 2016. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-C Approve Travel Request for Student Council to Travel to Chicago, IL on February 15, 2013 and Return on February 17, 2013.**

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the travel request for student council to travel to Chicago, IL on February 15, 2013 and returning on February 17, 2013. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

### **7-D Approve Pitney Bowes Agreement**

Motion Henderson, second Donnelly to approve the Pitney Bowes Agreement. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy  
Chairperson

Jean Peterson  
Superintendent