

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 20, 2010

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

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

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec/Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: Tari Robertson, "The News"
John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

A. Dr. Blaisdell recognized Gina Trimble from the Independence Rotary Club for buying I Can Read CDs for all students in Kindergarten.

B. Chairperson Sturtz recognized the Independence Ladies Literary Club for donating \$150.00 to the 5th Grade Book Club.

C. Chairperson Sturtz recognized Glenda Wilson and James Boyland for donating \$100.00 to the 5th Grade Book Club.

D. Dr. Blaisdell recognized Kate Barloon for donating 600 books for students in grades K-5 for Christmas.

E. Dr. Blaisdell recognized the American Baptist Women's Ministries for their Christmas donation of \$100.00 to both East and West Elementary.

F. Mr. Donnelly recognized RC Ertl Toys and Operation Santa Claus for donating and distributing Ertl toy cars to all students at East and West Elementary. We would also like to thank Dunlap Motors for providing a truck to deliver the toys.

G. Chairperson Sturtz recognized ITA Representative Sonia Himlie who sought out donations for district staff in honor of National Education Week. We thank Sonia for her efforts in getting contributions from the following local businesses: Bill's Pizza & Smokehouse, Casey's Pizza and Subway. The District also thanked the local businesses for their generosity and support.

H. Mr. Donnelly recognized Bart Campbell from Lucky Lanes. He allowed students to come to the bowling alley many times to practice bowling and also allowed us to use his ramp.

2. SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

A. Mr. Donnelly recognized Kyle Eilers and Xavier Fitz for qualifying for the 2010 Special Olympics State Bowling Competition. Xavier took home a gold medal in his division and Kyle took home a silver medal in his division. The Board also recognized their coaches Rachael Tegeler and Keith Donnelly for helping them prepare.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the following consent items 3-A, 3-B, 3-C, 3-D, 3-E, 3-F and 3-G. with the deletion of the closed session and the work session from the current agenda. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

3-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the regular meeting on November 15, 2010, the special session on November 22, 2010, the special session on December 2, 2010 and the work session on December 2, 2010.

3-B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3-C Approval of Board Policies (* changes noted)

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	215 & 215.1R1	Public Participation in Board Meetings and General Complaints by Citizens
2.	216	Public Hearings
3.	217.1	Board of Directors and Superintendent
4.	217.2	Board of Directors and Employees
5.	217.3	Board of Directors and Adjoining District Board of Directors
6.	217.4	Board of Directors and Area Education Agency
7.	217.5	Board of Directors and Elected Officials

3-D Approval of Board Policies (*changes noted)

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	219.1	Association Membership
2.	219.2	Board of DirectorsøMember Development and Training
3.	219.3	Board of DirectorsøMember Compensation and Expenses
4.	219.4	New Board of DirectorsøMember Orientation
5.	219.5	Activity Passes for Board Members
6.	220	School Visitation by Board of Directors
7.	221	Gifts to Board of Directors
8.	222	Negotiations

3-E New Hires

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Paul Brown	7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,023	Winter, 2011

3-F Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Erica Baedke	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	12/02/2010
Trisha Gee	West Elem 5.0 hr Special Education Associate	12/22/2010

3-G APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. Approval of Bills ó Director Henderson reviewed the bills
2. Vendor report
3. Board report

4. 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.

Community Member Eric Smith approached the Board and expressed his concern and frustration with the One-Call system that the school utilizes to notify parents when things are happening at the school, such as late starts and no school.

Christensen commented on the status of the Mustang Foundation and the new multipurpose facility. Final blueprints are available through the Mustang Foundation.

They will be taking them for approval at their January 13th meeting and then presenting them to the Board of Education for approval at their January 17th meeting. He also attended the Holiday concert and felt it was excellent. öIt was a blast to be there.ö

Sturtz shared a letter she received from the Independence Educational Support Personnel indicating the initiation of bargaining for the 2011-2012 school year.

Superintendent Peterson shared that Oelwein is looking into having a three district meeting and inviting Larry Sigel and Margaret Buckton to speak about school finances.

This meeting is still in the works of getting set up.

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 Independence PK4 Program Fully Verified

On Friday, November 19, 2010, the Independence Preschool Program was officially verified by the Department of Education, meeting all standards at high levels. Dr. Mary Jean Blaisdell, Administrator, discussed the work that went into this verification as well as what that means for the program.

6-B 2010-2011 Early Graduation Applicants

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the following early graduation applicants as long as they have earned the required fifty four (54) credit hours: Phelan Berry, Tina Fratzke, Alex Hansen, Ashley Hermsen, Dystany Johnson and Jennifer Williams. All voted ðayeö. Motion carried.

6-C Travel Request Form for Steve Noyes

Motion Jensen, second Henderson to approve for Steve Noyes to travel to Chicago, Illinois for PowerSchool training, scheduled for June 26-30, 2011. All voted ðayeö. Motion carried.

6-D Fund Raising Requests

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the following fund raising requests:

GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	START UP COSTS	TARGET AMOUNT	DATE
ICSD Mentor Program	Sell pizza for \$2.50 per slice	Raise funds for activities for mentors and mentees in the mentoring program		\$500 - \$1,000	01/15/2011
HS Girls Basketball	Ask for \$20 donations from businesses & parents to advertise on poster	Raise money for warm ups, gym dots, supplies and posters		\$300	Beginning 12/21/2010

All voted ðayeö. Motion carried

6-E School Bus Bids

Motion Henderson, second Christensen to accept the school bus bid from School Bus Sales for a Bluebird bus in the amount of \$73,330.00. The other bids were as follows: Thomas Bus Sales (Thomas bus) \$75,891.00
Hoglund Bus (International bus) \$72,986.00
All voted ðayeö. Motion carried.

6-F Changes in GLE's

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the following changes in GLEs in 6th grade math and 7th grade language arts. The 7th grade proposal is to combine existing GLEs to make better use of time. It also provides an opportunity for more authentic application of concepts. The 6th grade proposal is to drop a GLE because it is covered as components in other GLEs. Problem solving and real life application is covered throughout the year and in multiple content areas. Both math and language arts SACs have approved the changes. There is no loss of content in either change. All voted ðayeö. Motion carried.

6-G Farm Lease

Motion Jensen, second Christensen to approve allowing the current tenants leasing rights to the farmland. All voted ðayeö. Motion carried.

6-H Technology Plan

Steve Noyes, District Technology Directory, presented to the board the makeup of the district technology plan. The plans included Channel 8, the district webpage, wireless internet access, computer replacement schedule and standardization of classroom technology.

6-I ICSD Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the adoption of the ICSD Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Appointment Resolution and the Grant Application Memorandum of Understanding. Roll call vote: Henderson ó aye, Jensen ó aye, McCardle ó aye, Sturtz ó aye and Christensen ó aye. Motion carried 5-0. A full copy of the resolution is available at the District Administration Office.

6-J Instructional Support Levy Resolution

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to approve the adoption of the Instructional Support Levy Resolution signaling intent to participate. Roll call vote: Henderson ó aye, Jensen ó aye, McCardle ó aye, Sturtz ó aye and Christensen ó aye. Motion carried 5-0. A full copy of the resolution is available at the District Administration Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Henderson, second McCardle to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. All voted óAyeö. Motion carried.

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Secretary