

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2009

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 Building, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz, Vice-President Charlie McCardle, Director Kathryn Jensen, Director John Christensen, Director Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Devin Embray

Board Sec./Treas. Present: Charmaine Wickwire

Press Present: Steven Smith öThe Newsö
John Klotzbach öIndependence Bulletin Journalö

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

The Board recognized and thanked the following Friends of Education:

Independence Light & Power for their generous donation of \$1,250 to the Mentor/Volunteer Program.

American Legion for their generous donation of \$50 to the Mentor/Volunteer Program.

VFW for their generous donation of \$100 to the Mentor/Volunteer Program.

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the following consent items with the exception of 3-C Board Policy 711.11. All voted öaye.ö

3-A Approval of Minutes of the November 12, 2009 Work Session and the November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting.

3-B Approval of Agenda with the exception of 3-C Board Policy 711.11.

3-C Approval of Board Policies as follows, with the exception of changing the wording in policy 711.11 from öCommercial Radioö to Automated Calling System and Local Media.ö

Second Readings (*changes noted):

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	710.1*	School Food Program
2.	710.2*	Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility
3.	710.3*	Vending Machines
4.	710.4	Records and Reports
5.	711.1	Student School Transportation Eligibility
6.	711.2, 711.2R1* & 711.2R2	Student Conduct on School Transportation, Student Conduct on School Transportation Reg. and Use of Video Cameras on School Buses Reg.
7.	711.3	Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities
8.	711.4	Transportation Equipment
9.	711.5	School Vehicle Routes
10.	711.6	Discretionary Stops by School Vehicles
11.	711.7	Summer School Program Transportation Service
12.	711.8*	Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic School Students
13.	711.9	Transportation of Nonschool Groups
14.	711.10	School Bus Safety Instruction
15.	711.11	Transportation in Inclement Weather
16.	711.12 & 711.12R1	District Vehicle Idling and District Vehicle Idling Regulation
17.	904.3* & 904.3E1	Visitors to School District Buildings & Sites

711.11 language change as listed above.

First Readings (* changes noted):		
	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	800	Objectives of Buildings & Sites
2.	801.1	Buildings & Sites Long Range Planning
3.	801.2	Buildings & Sites Surveys
4.	801.3	Educational Specifications for Buildings & Sites
5.	801.4	Selection of an Architect
6.	801.5	Site Acquisition
7.	801.6	Bids and Awards for Construction Contracts
8.	801.7	Financing Sites & Construction
9.	801.8	Supervision of Construction
10.	802.1	Maintenance Schedule
11.	802.2	Requests for Improvements
12.	802.4*, 802.4R1* & 802.4R2	Fixed Assets Management System, Regulation and Definitions
13.	413.5*	Classified Employee Dismissal
14.	507.1*	Student Health and Immunization Certificates
15.	507.2*, 507.2E1, 507.2E2 & 507.2E3	Admin of Med to Students, Author-Asthma or Airway Constricting Med Self-Admin Consent Form, Parental Author and Release Form for the Admin of Prescription Med to Students and Prescriber's Authorization for Prescription Med for Asthma or Airway Constricting Disease
16.	507.3, 507.3E1, E2* & E3*	Communicable Diseases of Students, Communicable Disease Chart, Reportable Infectious Diseases and Reporting Form
17.	507.4	Student Illness or Injury at School

3-D New Hires

Mark Geertsma 8th Gd. Boys' Basketball Coach \$2,023 12/14/09

3-E Resignations

Amy Gustafson Asst. Volleyball Coach 11/23/09
Diane Kinseth Head Volleyball Coach 11/10/09
Charmaine Wickwire Director of Finance/Board Sec.-Treas. 06/30/10

3-F Approval of Financial Reports

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the second reading of board policy 711.11, Transportation in Inclement Weather, with the exception of changing the wording from "Commercial Radio" to Automated Calling System and Local Media. All voted aye.

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.

Helen Lukes, West Elementary 3rd grade teacher, shared information about the Guided Reading program. Sandy Merritt presented MAP data.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve a trip for the speech group to travel to Bloomington, MN on March 11-13, 2010 to attend a professional theater performance. All funds are paid by the students or through a fund-raising activity. All voted öaye.ö

SPRING PHOTOS

Discussion took place on proposal requests from Lifetouch and Wilson Photography for spring photos grades K-8. This is a fund-raising activity with prior approval.

SPRING PHOTOS

Motion Christensen to approve the proposal from Wilson Photography for K-8 spring photos. This motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion Henderson, second Jensen to approve Lifetouch Photography for K-8 spring photos. Sturtz voted öaye,ö Jensen voted öaye,ö Henderson voted öaye,ö Christensen voted önay,ö McCardle abstained. Motion carried 3-1.

2009-2010 EARLY GRADUATION APPLICANTS

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to approve the early graduation of Jacob Freeman, Nascha Mahoney, Samantha Bonefas, Mason Gallup, Jennifer Hickey and Carley Robison in January, 2010 providing they have the required fifty-four (54) credits. All voted öaye.ö

LINN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve an updated letter of agreement with Linn County with respect to the nuclear power plant located in Palo. Should a disaster occur we would be an evacuation place for residents and students from that area. All voted öaye.ö

DISTRICT THREE IASB REPRESENTATIVE

Motion Jensen, second Christensen to approve Roger L. Shaffer, from Sumner to serve as District Three IASB Representative. All voted öaye.ö

MAINTENANCE PLAN

Discussion took place regarding a "Maintenance Plan for School Buildings" as compiled by Mike Donnelly, Kim Chesmore, and Supt. Embray. This document is a rough draft and will continue to be a work in progress including future building maintenance. The current document is a reflection of the past seven years.

RSP AND ASSOCIATES

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to approve RSP and Associates to do an in depth enrollment study of our district. All voted "ay." Motion failed.

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to postpone this agenda item to a later date when a representative from RSP and Associates could be available to give a presentation to the Board. All voted "aye."

NETWORKING PURCHASE SERVICES

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to hire an outside firm to help identify and fix networking issues. Sturtz voted "aye," Jensen voted "aye," Henderson voted "aye," McCardle voted "aye," Christensen abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

RECESS

A recess was called at 8:48 p.m.

EXEMPT SESSION

The Board entered exempt session at 9:00 p.m. as provided in Section 20.17 of the Iowa Code; Negotiations Strategy Session.

There was consensus to return to open session at 10:33 p.m.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATION

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to hire Ray & Associates at an hourly rate for collective bargaining and other services they provide, as needed. All voted "aye."

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Christensen, second McCardle to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. All voted "aye."

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Charmaine Wickwire
Board Secretary