

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brian C. Eddy at the Administration Building, Independence, Iowa

Members Present: Chairperson Brian C. Eddy, Shelly Whited, Heather Meador, Rusty Donnelly and Eric Smith

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec./Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. Friends of Education:

1-A. Independence Fraternal Order of Eagles– Mrs. Maximovich thanked the Independence Fraternal Order of Eagles for generously donating \$500 to the Independence Schools Mentoring Program.

1-B. Security State Bank– Mrs. Merritt thanked Security State Bank for donating pencils for students to use during Iowa Assessments.

1-C. Catherine Smith and Gina Homan – Mrs. Merritt thanked Catherine Smith and Gina Homan for the time and work they put into directing the 6th grade play.

1-D. Kathy Smith – Mrs. Merritt thanked Kathy Smith for helping with the West Elementary Rappers again this year.

2. Consideration of Action on Consent Items:

Motion Smith, second Meador to approve consent items 2-A, 2-B, 2-C (with the removal of policy 603.3 that will come back to the next meeting) and 2-D with 3(C)(1) and 3(C)(2) removed from the agenda. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

2-A Approval of Minutes Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on January 20, 2014 and the special meeting on February 6, 2014.

2-B Approval of Agenda Items 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(2) were rescheduled due to the weather conditions. These presentations will be during the March board meeting.

2-C Approval of Board Policies

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	103, 103.E1*, 103.E2, 103.E3, 103.E4 and 103.R1*	Equal Educational Opportunity, Notice of Non-Discrimination, Grievance Form for Complaints or Discrimination or Non-Compliance with Federal or State Regulations Requiring Non-Discrimination
2.	106*, 106.E1, 106.E2 and 106.R1	Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy, Anti-Bullying/Harassment complaint Form, Anti-Bullying/Harassment Witness Disclosure Form and Anti-Bullying/Harassment Investigation Procedures
3.	603.3*	Multicultural and Nonsexist Education
4.	504.1	Student Government
5.	504.2	Student Organizations
6.	504.3 and 504.3R1	Student Publications and Student Publications Code
7.	504.4	Student Social Events
8.	504.5	Student Performances
9.	504.6 and 504.6E1	Student Fund Raising and Fund Raising Request Form
10.	504.7	Student Work/Intern Programs

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	504.8	Student Activity Program
2.	505.1*	Assignment of Courses
3.	505.2	Student Progress Reports and Conferences
4.	505.3	Student Promotion – Retention – Acceleration
5.	505.4*	Student Honors and Awards
6.	505.5	Testing Program
7.	505.6	Graduation Requirements
8.	505.7	Early Graduation
9.	505.8	Commencement
10.	505.9	Parental Involvement

2-D Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Steven Posey	Assistant Softball Coach	01/31/2014

2-E Approval of Financial Reports – Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the financial reports. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0. Eddy abstained.

3.ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3-A Comments From the Public: Alicia Scott addressed the Board regarding her desire to see the return of K-6 Art.

3-B Mr. Smith recently attended the 6th grade play and is pleased with the flexibility of the building. Within a 24 hour period, there was a jazz band performance, an assembly and then an elementary play. Mrs. Meador has enjoyed watching the girls basketball games and seeing how packed the facility has been. Mrs. Whited also is happy to see the building being used but stated she is worried about the hours the staff are having to put in to keep everything running smooth. Mr. Eddy read a student petition that he received from his 5th grade student. The petition was requesting that the Board bring back elementary art. He also thanked Mr. Arnold and his staff for their hard work over the last few months. Superintendent Peterson stated she is always receiving positive comments about the new facility. She also attended and thoroughly enjoyed the 6th grade play. She feels it is nice to be able to give that kind of theater experience to elementary students. Ms. Peterson and High School Principal, Jennifer Sornson recently attended ALICE training in Cedar Rapids along with a couple local law enforcement officers. They are now certified trainers and will be working with our staff to train on strategies.

3-C All-Sports/Activities Complex Committee Presentation – Mr. Arnold and Mr. Krusey, presented a power point presentation to the Board showing the plans for an All-Sports/Activities Complex to include: turf, tennis and a baseball/softball complex.

A recess was taken from 6:30-6:36

4. 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.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5-A Agreement with the Old Creamery Theatre Company of Amana, Iowa

Motion Smith, second Meador to approve the agreement with The Old Creamery Theatre Company of Amana, Iowa. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

5-B Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Agreement for 2014-2015

Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the Project Lead The Way Agreement for 2014-2015. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

5-C Approve Purchase of 65 Passenger School Bus

Motion Donnelly, second Meador to approve the in-stock 65 passenger school bus from School Bus Sales in the amount of \$79,448 to include the camera. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

5-D Budget Guarantee Resolution

Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Meador – aye, Smith – aye, Whited- aye and Donnelly – aye. Motion carried 5-0. The full Resolution can be seen at the Administration Office.

5-E Usher Architecture LLC Contract for Bus Garage

Motion Meador, second Donnelly to approve the Usher Architecture LLC contract for the bus garage. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

5-F Independence High School Course Registration Guide 2014-2015

Discussion was held regarding the extensive content contained in the High School Course Registration Guide.

5-G Independence High School Course Registration Guide 2014-2015

Motion Smith, second Meador to approve the Independence High School Course Registration Guide 2014-2015. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

5-H Fiscal Year 2013 Audit

Motion Smith, second Meador to approve the Fiscal Year 2013 audit. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Meador- aye, Smith – aye, Whited – aye and Donnelly – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

5-I Negotiation Proposal Update

Mrs. Engel gave a recap of initial proposals from both the Teachers Union and the Classified Union. Once negotiated, both contracts will be presented to the Board for approval prior to becoming official.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Meador, second Whited to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Sec./Treas.