

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2011

A Regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz at the Brandon Community Center, Brandon, 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: Steven Smith, "The News"  
Eric VanSickle, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

**1. FRIEND OF EDUCATION**

A. Dawnye Sturtz recognized the Brandon United Methodist Church for their donation of mittens, hats and socks to East Elementary.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the following consent items 2-A, 2-B, 2-C, 2-D, 2-E and 2-F. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**2-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the public hearing on January 17, 2011, the regular meeting on January 17, 2011, the public meeting on January 19, 2011, the special session on January 26, 2011, the work session on January 26, 2011, the public meeting on January 31, 2011, the public meeting on February 2, 2011, the work session on February 9, 2011 and the public meeting on February 11, 2011.

**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.	300	Role of School District Administration
2.	301.1	Management
3.	302.1	Administration and Board of Education
4.	302.2	Administration and Employees
5.	302.3	Administration and Adjoining District Administration
6.	302.4	Administration and Area Education Agency

**First Readings:**

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	303.1	Superintendent Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment
2.	303.2	Superintendent Contract and Contract Nonrenewal
3.	303.3	Superintendent Salary and Other Compensation
4.	303.4	Superintendent Duties
5.	401.6 & 401.6R1	Employee Records and Employee Records Regulation
6.	401.17	Internet Acceptable Use Policy for Staff
7.	401.18	Email Acceptable Use Policy for Staff
8.	605.6, 605.6E1 and 605.6R1	Internet ó Appropriate Use, Internet Access Forms and Internet ó Appropriate Use Regulation

**2-D New Hires** (pending acceptable background checks)

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Kay Bunn	West Elem 4.0 Hour Media Associate	\$8.75	02/17/2011

**2-E Resignations**

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Karyl Hand	West Elem 2.25 hr Dishwasher/Food Service Assistant	02/11/2011
Katie Lechtenberg	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach	02/06/2011

**2-F APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

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.

No members of the audience addressed the Board.

McCardle commented on the number of awards given to teachers and helpers at the annual chamber banquet. He also has attended two Mustang Foundation meetings with

Mr. Christensen. Mr. McCardle congratulated the Wrestlers, Speech & Jazz Orchestra on their great performances. Mrs. Sturtz and Mrs. Jensen will be attending a county/city/school meeting to talk about ways they can all work together. Mrs. Sturtz has also been attending a small group meeting that is working on the planning for a future bond vote. She also reminded everyone about the number of legislative issues out there and to stay in touch with our legislators. Mr. Christensen complimented the framework put in place for fundraising through the Mustang Foundation. Mrs. Jensen also commented there is some confusion about what events are covered by activity passes.

**4. 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.

**5. New Business**

**5-A 2009-2010 Audit**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the 2009-2010 school audit. Roll call vote: Henderson öayeö, Jensen öayeö, McCardle öayeö, Sturtz öayeö & Christensen öayeö. Motion carried 5-0.

**5-B 2011-2012 School Calendar**

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the proposed 2011-2012 school calendar with the addition of full day school held on December 22, December 23, January 2, February 20 and April 9. All voted öNayö. Motion failed.

**5-C Special Education Supplement (SES)**

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the 2009-2010 Special Education Supplement Report. All voted öAyeö. Motion carried.

**5-D Buchanan County Success Center Graduates**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the following early graduates from the Buchanan County Success Center: Ashley Hempstead, Kristy Hahesy, David Latham, Christina Leach, Ashlee Chamberlain and Alicia Foland. All voted öAyeö. Motion carried.

**5-E Fund Raising Requests**

Motion Henderson, second McCardle to approve the following fund raisers. All voted öayeö. Motion carried.

GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	START UP COSTS	TARGET AMOUNT	DATE
HS Speech	Sell Theater-grams/ roses for \$1.00-\$2.00	Raise money for awards/banquet		\$300	3/17/11 - 3/19/11
National Honor Society	Sell tickets to Junior High Dance for \$5.00 each	Raise money for 7th grader Gage West who has had multiple surgeries and is receiving dialysis treatments in Iowa City			02/25/2011

**5-F Renewal of Cooperative Sponsorship of Soccer with East Buchanan**

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the renewal of the existing cooperative program agreements with East Buchanan for boys and girls soccer for the 2011-2012 school year which includes 2012 summer activities. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

**5-G Agreement With PaySchools**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the agreement with PaySchools beginning March 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 and renewing annually for three years unless terminated by either party by giving the other written termination notice 60 days prior to the renewal date. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

**5-H Ray and Associates Contract**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve termination of the contract with Ray and Associates for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call vote: Henderson öayeö, Jensen öayeö, McCardle öayeö, Sturtz öayeö & Christensen öayeö. Motion carried 5-0.

**5-I Amount to Borrow from SILO Funds**

Motion Jensen, second McCardle to borrow up to the maximum of \$9 Million to be used for the 7-12 facility. Roll call vote: Henderson öayeö, Jensen öayeö, McCardle öayeö, Sturtz öayeö & Christensen öayeö. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Jensen, second Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

Dawnye Sturtz  
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel  
Secretary