

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Special Session  
January 14, 2010

A special session of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chairperson Sturtz in the Administration Building, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz, Vice-President Charlie McCardle, John Christensen (via audio), Stacy Henderson, Kathryn Jensen

Superintendent Present: Devin Embray

Board Sec./Treas. Present: Charmaine Wickwire

Press Present: Steven Smith, "The News"

Visitors Present: Robin Crawford, ITA President

**RACE TO THE TOP**

Race to the Top, a federal grant for education to provide funds for staff development was discussed. If we wish to be part of this grant we would need to sign a memorandum of understanding. The Board feels that the rules and regulations are too vague and may take away local control. The memorandum must be turned in by 4:30 p.m. today.

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to sign the Race to the Top memorandum of understanding, but hold it for submission until 4:15 p.m. pending more language clarification from the IASB, SAI or ISEA. If the language clarification is not received by 4:15 p.m., then the memorandum of understanding will not be submitted.

Roll Call Vote – Christensen voted "aye," Jensen voted "aye," McCardle voted "aye," Henderson voted "aye," Sturtz voted "aye." Motion carried 5-0.

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to adjourn at 12:28 p.m. All voted "aye."

Chairperson  
Dawnye Sturtz

Secretary  
Charmaine Wickwire