

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2011

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
By Phone: John Christensen
Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson
Board Sec/Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel
Press Present: Steven Smith, "The News"
John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"
Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

A. Sandy Merritt recognized Cy and Charley for their donation of soccer balls to both East and West Elementary.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

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

2-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the work session on December 13, 2010, the public hearing on December 13, 2010, the special session on December 13, 2010 and the regular meeting on December 20, 2010.

2-B APPROVAL OF AGENDA with the amendment of the location change from Brandon Community Center to the Administration Building due to the inclement weather.

2-C Approval of Board Policies (all policies may be reviewed in the Admin. Building)

Second Reading:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	219.1	Association Membership
2.	219.2	Board of Directors Member Development and Training
3.	219.3	Board of Directors Member Compensation and Expenses
4.	219.4	New Board of Directors Member 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

First 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

2-D Transfers/Reassignments

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Melissa Kearns	West Elem 5.75 Sp Ed Assoc	West Elem 5.75 hr Sp Ed Class Assoc	01/10/2011

2-E New Hires (pending acceptable background checks)

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Marie Alston	West Elem After School Program Support-Math	\$8.75/hr	01/03/2011

2-F Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Keith Donnelly	Assistant Softball Coach	01/07/2011
Amy Gustafson	8 th Grade Softball Coach	01/10/2011

2-G 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 gave a reminder of the Mustang Foundation Banquet that will be held on January 22nd. He and Christensen have attended the Mustang Foundation Meetings recently held. He also commented that it was nice to see the mascot at some games. Sturtz reminded everyone that it was spirit week and encouraged people to attend an event at the school this week.

Sandy Merritt gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Student/Teacher/Parent surveys that were completed. A copy of those results can be viewed at the Administration Office

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 Multi Purpose Facility Plan

Mr. Chad Beatty and Mr. Brian Eddy presented to the Board the layout and design that has been approved by the Mustang Foundation for a multi-purpose facility to be built by privately donated money.

Motion Henderson, second McCardle to approve the multi purpose facility plan. All voted aye. Motion carried.

5-B Fund Raising Requests

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the following fundraising requests. All voted aye. Motion carried.

GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	START UP COSTS	TARGET AMOUNT	DATE
East Elementary	Lifetouch Photos - receive a % of sales from spring photos	Raise money for book cart books needed every year to replace/expand take home collection		\$600	Spring 2011
East Elementary	Time Inc - Magazine subscriptions for out of town friends and family	Raise money for field trip to Gallagher-Bluedorn		\$1000	2/1/11 - 2/4/11
HS Cheerleaders	Cheerleader Clinic; \$10/child	Raise money for pom poms, warm ups and state wrestling		\$200	1/31, 2/3, 2/4, 2/9, 2/11
HS Musical	Sell/Collect donations for ad space in the Musical Programs	Raise money for the Musical		\$2000	1/10/11 - 3/10/11
HS Musical	Sell t-shirts for \$10	Shirts for the Musical cast		\$0	3/07/11 - 3/19/11
National Honor Soc	Sell daffodils	Raise money for cancer society		?	1/18/11 - 2/14/11
7th and 8th Grade Advisor Groups	Sell carnations for \$1.50 each	Raise funds to adopt an animal at Fontana & promote fun for students on Valentine's Day		\$25 - \$40	1/31/11 - 2/11/11
7th and 8th Grade Advisors	Bake Sale & sell pies, cookies, brownies before and after school for \$0.25 & \$5.00	Raise money for flood victims in Australia		\$50	01/18/11 & 01/21/11

5-C Mustang Foundation Auction Items

Motion Christensen, second McCardle to approve the Mustang Foundation to auction off four free passes as part of a package with four reserved seats to all five home sophomore/varsity football games in 2011 and a Family Activity Pass for 2011-2012 at the Foundation Banquet on January 22, 2011. All voted *aye*. Motion carried.

5-D Licensing Agreement with PEL Industries, Inc.

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve to enter into an agreement with PEL Industries, Inc. McCardle, Jensen and Sturtz voted *aye*, Henderson and Christensen voted *no*. Motion carried 3-2.

5-E Bid for General Food Purchases

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to award the bid for general food purchases for January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 to Hawkeye Food Service Distribution as proposed by Kelly Crossley, Food Service Director. All voted *aye*. Motion carried. Bids are available to be seen at the Food and Nutrition Office at West Elementary.

5-F Agreement for 403(b) Plan Administration

Motion Henderson, second McCardle to approve the Administrative Services Agreement between The State of Iowa, Department of Administrative Services and Independence Community School District. All voted *aye*. Motion carried.

5-G New SIAC Members for 2010-2011

Motion Jensen, second Henderson to approve Susan Johnson as a member of the council this year as well as Kevin Jimmerson who will be filling the vacated position of Ruth Duritsa. All voted *aye*. Motion carried.

5-H Course Credits for Staff

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to approve for staff to get credit for courses offered through Professional Development during our Wednesday Early Dismissals when a portion of the time required for the credit is spent outside of the school day. This refers to renewal credits. All voted *aye*. Motion carried.

5-I Review Board Goals

The six board goals were reviewed and discussed by the board.

Recess was taken from 8:05-8:13 p.m.

6. Closed Session

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to recess to a closed session as provided in Section 21.5(i) of the Iowa Code; *To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and*

that individual requests a closed session. Roll call vote: Henderson ó aye, Jensen ó aye, McCardle ó aye, Sturtz ó aye and Christensen ó aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Jensen, second Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. All voted òAyeö. Motion carried.

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Secretary