

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brian C. Eddy at the Administration Building, Independence, Iowa

Members Present: Chairperson Brian C. Eddy, Heather Meador, Kim Hansen, Shelly Whited & Eric Smith

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec. /Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

1. FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

A. First Presbyterian Church

Mr. Hupke thanked the First Presbyterian Church for generously donating winter hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for the students at East and West Elementary.

B. Kiwanis Club – Byron Tabor

Mr. Hupke thanked Byron Tabor with the Kiwanis Club for donating dictionaries for the 3rd graders at West Elementary.

C. Prairie Hills Assisted Living

Mr. Hupke thanked Prairie Hills Assisted Living for generously donating winter hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for the students at West Elementary.

2. SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

A. Grace Bertelli

Mr. Howard recognized Grace Bertelli for scoring 99% (highest percentage possible) on the PSAT.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS – Motion Smith, second Hansen to approve Items 3A-3E. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 21, 2015.

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Board Policies

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	902.7 (New Policy)	Unmanned Aircraft or Aerial Systems
2.	505.6*	Graduation Requirements
3.	219.1	Association Membership
4.	219.2	Board of Directors' Member Development and Training
5.	219.3	Board of Directors' Member Compensation and Expenses
6.	219.4	New Board of Directors' Member Orientation
7.	219.5	Activity Passes for Board Members
8.	220	School Visitation by Board of Directors
9.	221	Gifts to Board of Directors

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	222*	Negotiations (I am requesting the Board waive the second reading of this policy.)
2.	300	Role of School District Administration
3.	301.1	Management
4.	302.1	Administration and Board of Directors
5.	302.2	Administration and Employees
6.	302.3	Administration and Adjoining District Administration
7.	302.4	Administration and Area Education Agency

D. Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Lois Johnson	BCSC 5.75 hr Special Education Para	01/15/2016
Cherri Strawn	JSH 5.75 hr POS Operator, Cook/FSW	01/12/2016
Ben Zizis	Assistant Football Coach	12/18/2015

E. New Hires

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Alice Fangman	JSH 4.0 hr Lunch POS Operator/Food Service Worker	\$9.25/hr	01/25/2016
Greg Gates	JH Boys Basketball Numbers Coach – 7th Grade	\$1,969	01/04/2016
Melissa Peyton	ECC 2.0 hr Special Education Para	\$10.80/hr	01/11/2016
Brandon Skinner	Bus Garage 8.0 hr Bus Mechanic/Bus Driver	\$18.00/hr	01/29/2016

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

1. Approval of Bills
2. Vendor Report
3. Board Report
4. Budget Report

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

A. Comments from the Public. No comments were made from the public.

B. Comments from the Board/Superintendent

Mr. Smith reminded everyone to go to the school website and fill out the calendar committee survey. The committee is looking for public feedback on items pertaining to the establishment of the 2016-2017 school calendar.

Mrs. Meador stated that the promotion of our holiday concerts was exceptional and well received. She has also enjoyed watching the success and support for our students during this winter season.

Mrs. Whited publicly thanked Justin Putz for organizing 28 school groups to participate as dessert chefs at the upcoming Mustang Foundation Banquet. She also thanked John Howard and Dewey Hupke for agreeing to be the Emcees for the Mustang Foundation Banquet.

Mr. Eddy announced that Tim O’Loughlin from Modern Woodsmen donated \$1500 to Spahn & Rose that the district can apply towards wooden benches for our buildings.

Superintendent Peterson had Mrs. Engel present a spreadsheet from Piper Jaffrey that explained what the possible ramifications would be for our district with the Governor’s proposal to cap the increase in district SILO funds and spend the rest on watershed quality across the state. At this time, this is just a proposal that we will be watching.

C. Presentations

1. Fusion Reading – John Howard and Michelle Dinger presented information and results on Fusion Reading, a reading program that is being used at the Junior/Senior High School.
2. Volunteer Mentor Program – Val Maximovich shared with the board the end of year data from last school year on the number of mentors, volunteers, silver cord participants and the hours that have been accumulated.

5. REPORTS

Building Administrators, Activities Director, Director of School Improvement, Technology Director, Food Service Director and Transportation/Buildings and Grounds employees reported on their respective buildings or areas of assignment.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Instructional Support Levy Resolution – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve the Instructional Support Levy Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Smith – aye, Meador – aye, Hansen – aye, Whited – aye and Eddy – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Merchant Agreement with RevTrak, Inc. – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

C. Farm Lease – Motion Smith, second Hansen to approve a one-year farm lease with Independence Agricultural Education, Inc. for \$225/acre with a change in the acres from 48 to 38. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

D. February Board Meeting – Discussion was held about the start time of the February board meeting because of a conflicting concert. It was agreed that the board meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2016.

E. Establish Asking Price for Additional Land from the Old Junior-Senior High School - Discussion was held about how to price the remaining land.

F. Establish Asking Price for Additional Land from the Old Junior-Senior High School – Motion Smith, second Meador to advertise the remaining 4.05 acres at \$80,000. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Motion Smith, second Whited to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.