

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Special Session
January 27, 2010

The special session of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz in the Middle School Commons, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz, John Christensen, Kathryn Jensen, Charlie McCardle, Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Devin Embray

Board Sec/Treas Present: Charmaine Wickwire

Press Present: Tari Robertson, "The News"
Nichol Hohenbrink, "Independence Bulletin Journal"
Josh Nelson, "Waterloo Courier"
Lauren Squires, "KWWL Channel 7 News"
Alice Barr, "KGAN Channel 2 News"
Mary Geary, "KCRG Channel 9 News"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Christensen, second McCardle to approve the agenda. All voted "aye."

NEW BUSINESS

FUND RAISERS

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the following fund-raising requests. All voted "aye."

GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	START UP COSTS	TARGET AMOUNT	DATE
MS Change to Make a Change	Collect Money	Raise funds for victims of Haiti Earthquake			01/18/2010 through 01/29/2010
West Elem; Mrs. Mueller's Class	Sell baked goods after lunch at school	Send proceeds to Haiti/Red Cross		\$100	Feb through April 2010
West Elem	Lifetouch Pictures; school receives a % of picture sales	Fund field trips, special projects		\$900	02/16/2010
East Elem 2 nd Grade	Freewill donation	Raise funds for Red Cross to help Haiti		\$100	February 2010

BUDGET REDUCTIONS

At this time, Chairperson Sturtz allowed those who filled out comment cards to address the Board. Only one person addressed the Board.

Motion Jensen, second McCardle to approve the budget reductions for the 2010-2011 school year as recommended:

Reduction	Amount
East Closure	\$43,000
Custodial; East Closure West Night	\$60,000
Reg Associates	\$8,500
Health Tech.	\$9,800
Admin Reduction	\$86,229
East Closure Total	\$207,529
K-12 Coaches	\$10,000
K-12 Title 1	\$13,950
K-12 Physical Ed.	\$46,235
K-12 Media	\$75,157
K-12 Music	\$72,230
MS FCS	\$6,600
HS Business (marketing)	\$32,213
HS .5 Science	\$18,725

HS Spanish	\$46,040
HS .5 Math	\$35,143
HS .5 Office Assoc.	\$10,200
HS 10 Month Guidance	\$15,000
MS Science	\$77,540
MS Social Studies	\$46,500
Honor Band	\$2,000
Core Music Comps.	\$2,400
Secretarial Support	\$8,600
Art Position	\$52,000
HS .5 Soc. Stud. Post .5 FTE English	\$32,400
	\$810,462

After a considerable amount of time discussing the proposed reductions, the board members voted as follows: Christensen and Henderson voted “nay,” Sturtz, McCardle, and Jensen voted “aye.” Motion carried 3-2.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. All voted “aye.”

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Charmaine Wickwire
Secretary