

Independence Community School Board Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 July 15, 2013

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, John Christensen, Rusty Donnelly, Eric Smith and Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Secretary/Treasurer: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. Consent Items – Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve consent items 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D and 1-E. All voted "aye", Donnelly abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

1-A. Approval of Minutes Approval of the minutes of the public hearing on June 17, 2013, the public hearing on June 17, 2013, the regular meeting on June 17, 2013 and the special meeting on June 27, 2013.

1-B. Approval of Agenda

1-C. New Hires

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Erin Kelchen	JSH .65 FTE Marketing Teacher	\$23,057	08/13/2013

1 -D. Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Mary Burkett	.5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach	07/01/2013
Coleen Meissner	.5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach	07/08/2013

1-E Approval of Financial Reports

1. Approval of Bills
2. Vendor Report
3. Board Report
4. Budget Report
5. New School Construction Report

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2-A No comments from the public.

2-B Superintendent Peterson attended the Buchanan County Community Foundation awards banquet where the school received a \$5,000 grant towards the creation of the new American Trotter Trail and the Landturner's also received a \$2,500 grant towards Farm to School.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3-A New Junior-Senior High School Facility

Mr. Eddy provided an update on the construction of the Junior-Senior High School. The Board discussed the possible upgrade from vinyl floor base to a matching terrazzo floor base. Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Donnelly to approve the installation of terrazzo floor base in the following areas: main street, commons, around perimeter of locker pods, weight room/wrestling room hallway for a total of approximately 1400 linear foot, for a total not to exceed \$27,000. All voted "aye". Motion carried. The Board also agreed to find a permanent home for the original school bell that is currently on display at Heartland Acres.

3-B Bus routes for the 2013-2014 School Year

Discussion was held with the Board by Director of Transportation Burt VanHorn regarding the suggested bus routes for the 2013-2014 school year. The board and Superintendent Peterson stated their desire for a bus route along Golf Course Blvd. even though state law does not require a bus route in that area given the close proximity to the new Jr./Sr. High School

3-C Bus Routes for the 2013-2014 School Year

Motion Smith, second Donnelly, to approve not charging a discretionary bussing fee for the 2013-2014 school year for those students who do not qualify under state laws for transportation. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

3-D 2014 IASB Legislative Action Priorities

Discussion was held by the Board to determine their top five legislative action priorities to be submitted to the Iowa Association of School Boards

3-E 2014 IASB Legislative Action Priorities

Motion Smith, second Donnelly, to approve 2014 IASB Legislative Action Priorities numbers 1, 3, 6, 14 and 29. All voted “aye”. Motion carried. The complete list is available at the Administrative Office.

3-F. Disposition of the Old Junior-Senior High School

Discussion was held by the Board regarding the disposition and timeline for the old Junior-Senior High School. The Board agreed that no formal action would be taken until this fall, after everything is moved into the new school and have either used or disposed of everything of value.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A Wellness Trail Name – American Trotter Trail

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly, to approve the wellness trail to be officially named the American Trotter Trail. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

4-B Iowa User Agreement for National Criminal History Record Checks

Motion Smith, second Henderson , to approve the Iowa user agreement for national criminal history record checks. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Henderson, second Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Secretary/Treasurer