

Independence Community School Board Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 July 19, 2010

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz in the Administration Office, Independence, Iowa.

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

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. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the following consent items 4-A, 4-B, 4-C, 4-D, 4-E, 4-F and 4-G. All voted "aye."

1-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the June 21st Regular Meeting

1-B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1-C APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	102*	School District Instructional Organization
2.	206.1*	President
3.	206.2*	Vice President
4.	211.1*	Annual Meeting
5.	211.2*	Regular Meeting
6.	211.7R*	Rules of Order Regulation
7.	218.1E1*	Board Meeting Minutes
8.	402.10*	District Landline and Cellular Telephone Usage
9.	504.6* and 504.6E1	Student Fund Raising and Fund Raising Request Form (New Form) These are being pulled from the agenda at this time.

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	200.1	Role of the Board of Directors
2.	200.2	Organization of the Board of Directors
3.	200.3	Powers of the Board of Directors
4.	200.4	Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
5.	201	Board of DirectorsøElections
6.	202.1	Qualifications
7.	202.2	Oath of Office
8.	202.3	Term of Office
9.	202.4	Vacancies
10.	202.5	Individual Authority

1-D TRANSFERS/REASSIGNMENTS

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Cynthia Barenz (Recall)	East 4.5 hour Media Assoc	East 4.0 hour Media Assoc	08/19/2010
Janette Hopkins	8.0 hr East Media Assoc	4.0 hr East Media Assoc & 4.0 hr PK4 Admin Assistant	08/01/2010
Byron Reeder (Recall)	HS Math Teacher	.5 FTE HS Math Teacher	08/19/2010

1-E NEW HIRES

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Kate Barloon	Assistant High School Band Director	\$4,451.00	08/01/2010
Jillian Butters	Assistant Summer Band	\$1,124.00	07/03/2010
Corin Healey	High School Drumline Coach	\$1,157.00	07/26/2010
Julie Johnson	Admin Office Associate/Receptionist	\$9.50/hr	07/29/2010
Ryan Meissner	Assistant Football Coach (Grades 9-12)	\$2,967.00	07/26/2010
Jean Peterson	Four Oaks Administrator	\$3500.00	07/01/2010
Casey Reinkoester	Assistant Activities Director (Grades 7&8)	\$5000.00	07/01/2010

1-F RESIGNATIONS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Dan Dederling	Jr/Sr High 7 th & 8 th Grade Strat II Special Ed Teacher	07/02/2010
Robert Espe	Jazz Coach	07/14/2010
Todd Stabenow	Jr/Sr High Math and Marketing Teacher	06/29/2010
Diane Yeager	Summer Band and Assistant Band Director	06/29/2010

1-G APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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.

Henderson reported that he was going to be attending a REAP meeting on Wednesday. McCardle reported that he has been working with the Athletic Boosters on some new weight equipment that is now in and ready to be delivered and set-up. He also congratulated the Girls Softball for their play in Regional finals and wished the Boys Baseball good luck as they continue to play towards State.

Sturtz received a letter from the auditor and part of it was reminding the Board that it is their responsibility to give direction to Administration to help oversee internal controls. Sturtz reported recent meetings with the new City Manager as well as the Economic Development Director. Jensen also attended the meeting with the City Manager.

Christensen has received some calls and emails about our facility use policy and he feels we should possibly take another look at that policy down the road.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3-A ENROLLMENT STUDY

RSP and Associates presented the findings of their enrollment study to the Board. It was concluded that enrollment will most likely continue to decrease over the next five years. Robert Schwartz discussed issues that may affect the enrollment such as housing and economic changes and gave possible actions that could help change the direction of the enrollment.

RECESS WAS TAKEN FROM 8:02P.M. – 8:08P.M.

3-B 2011 IASB LEGISLATIVE ACTION PRIORITIES

Motion Jensen, second Henderson to choose

1. Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions of buying down the highest additional levy rates to the state average.
9. Supports increasing the regular program state cost per pupil to the current maximum district cost per pupil.
11. Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that ensures continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts and AEA's. Our priority is to increase and maintain the state cost per pupil and the spending authority associated with it to build a strong base for future education resources.
21. Supports legislation allowing school bond issues to be passed by a simple majority vote and to permit the local school board to levy a combination of property taxes and income surtaxes to pay the indebtedness.
30. Opposes unfunded mandates.

as the top five legislative action priorities to submit to the IASB for the upcoming delegate session in November. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A NEW FAMILIES TO DISTRICT

Motion Jensen, second Christensen to donate a family activity pass to new families coming into our district. All voted ðNayö. Motion failed. Motion McCardle, second Jensen to donate a family activity pass to new families moving into our district. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

4-B FARM LEASE AGREEMENT

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to direct Superintendent Peterson along with legal counsel to take the necessary steps needed to terminate the lease agreement for this upcoming year prior to September 1st. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

4-C ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Motion Christensen, second McCardle to approve contract changes of \$50,000 Term Life Insurance and \$600 stipend for additional Term Life Insurance, a \$750 education stipend and payment of dues to one local organization. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

4-D FUND RAISING REQUESTS

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the following fund raisers. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	START UP COSTS	TARGET AMOUNT	DATE
Mentors & Students/ Fraternal Order of Eagles	Cash donations for pumping gas	Funds for special events for mentors and students		\$1000	07/24/2010
Administration and Local Citizens	Sell tickets for supper, take donations from community to support items needed; \$5 adults, children up to 6 \$3	Raise money for technology but primarily provide opportunity for students, families and staff to join together to celebrate a new school year		\$7000	07/26/2010 through 08/24/2010
HS Football	Football Camp ó Camp T-shirt, Camp shorts and football instruction for \$50	Purchase coaching equipment		\$2000	08/02/2010 through 08/07/2010
Activity Spending/Fund Raising Committee	Sell magazines and music	Fund all purchases through the activity spending/ fund raising committee to meet all 7 th & 8 th student needs		\$10,000	09/02/2010 through 09/14/2010
HS Football	Sell old game jerseys for \$10	Raise money for coaches clinic and get rid of old		\$200	Days of varsity football games

		jerseys			
HS Football	Pigskin Bingo	Purchase a Blaser Machine		\$4000	Home football games

4-E FACILITY/SILO PLANNING

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Revenue Purpose Statement vote to be held September 14th.

Christensen made the statement that it was vital that we get this passed. Jensen stated the passage will assist the board in future planning. McCardle made the point that this is not a new tax and will not cost the taxpayers any additional money and that it will not build a new building for us. He recommended we bring a group of leaders of other organizations together to have them help get the word out and to actively participate.

Sturtz also put an open request out to anyone in the public that would like to help, please contact a board member.

4-F BOARD SELF EVALUATION

The board was provided an evaluation form that they were asked to complete and return to Lynnette Engel over the next 2 weeks. Lynnette will compile the responses and bring them to the August board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. All voted aye.

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Secretary