

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 15, 2010

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz in the Administration Building, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz, Vice-President Charlie McCardle, Director Kathryn Jensen, Director John Christensen, Director Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Devin Embray

Board Sec. /Treas. Present: Charmaine Wickwire

Press Present: Steven Smith öThe Newsö  
John Klotzbach öIndependence Bulletin Journalö

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

**SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION**

**The Board honored the following:**

State Wrestling: Tyler Endres - placed 4<sup>th</sup> at 130 lbs  
Cam Savage - State qualifier at 160 lbs  
Blaize Cabell - State qualifier at 189 lbs  
Ryan Fank - State champion at 215 lbs  
Cameron Hayward - placed 5<sup>th</sup> at 285 lbs

Independence placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 96 teams in Class 2A

Congratulations also to coaches: Michael Doyle, Keith Donnelly, Brent Lenox, Michael Zimmerly, Nate Alber, Matt Shannon and Kalika Staker (trainer).

**National Merit Scholar**

Congratulations to Craig Adam Gustafson for being a National Merit Scholar Finalist.

**FRIENDS OF EDUCATION**

The Board would like to thank:

**Boubin Tire Company**

Donation of parts and labor for a school vehicle.

**Independence Light & Power and WPPI Energy**

Continued partnership and support for energy saving projects.

**Security State Bank**

Donating pencils for students to use during testing.

**CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the following consent items 4-A, 4-B, 4-C removing Policy 904.1, 4-D, 4-E, and 4-G. Policy 904.1 and 4-F will be voted on separately. All voted öaye.ö

**4-A Approval of Minutes** of the February 19, 2010 Public Meeting; February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting; February 22, 2010 Public Hearing; March 4, 2010 Special Session; and March 4, 2010 Work Session.

**4-B Approval of Agenda**

**4-C Approval of Board Policies (without policy # 904.1)**

**Second Readings** (may be reviewed on line or in the Administration Building):

POLICY #	POLICY NAME
802.4, 802.4R1 & 802.4R2	Fixed Assets Management System, Regulation and Definitions
900	Principles and Objectives for Community Relations
901.1	Public Examinations of School District Records
901.2	Board of Directors and Community Relations
902.1	News Media Relations
902.2	News Conferences and Interviews
902.3	News Releases
902.4	Students and the News Media
902.5	Employees and the News Media
902.6	Live Broadcast or Videotaping

**First Readings** (may be reviewed on line or in the Administration Building):

POLICY #	POLICY NAME
803.2	Lease, Sale or Disposal of School District Buildings & Sites
903	Other Intradistrict Relations
904.2	Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
904.4	Public Conduct on School Premises
904.5 and 904.5R1	Distribution of Materials and Distribution of Materials Regulation
905.1	Transporting Students in Private Vehicles
905.2	Advertising and Promotion
906.2	Tobacco-Free Environment

#### **4-D Transfers/Reassignments**

Jeanne Bachman MS 4 hr/day Sec. to HS 8 hr/day Guidance Sec. 2010-2011

#### **4-E Resignations**

Cory McBride Drum Line Coach 4/1/10  
Gary Waters HS Head Varsity Football Coach 3/10/10

#### **4-G Approval of Financial Reports**

#### **APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY**

Motion Christensen, second McCardle to approve Board Policy 904.1 School-Community Groups, as amended. The policy may be reviewed on line or in the Administration Building.

#### **4-F TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS – CLASSIFIED STAFF**

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the following terminations due to budgetary decisions for the 2010-2011 school year:

Lanette Frye, MS Breakfast Cook & Purchase Order Operator/Food Service Worker  
Brenda Zimmerly, West Elementary Dishwasher/Food Service Worker

Roll Call Vote: Henderson voted ðaye,ö McCardle voted ðaye,ö Jensen voted ðaye,ö Christensen voted ðaye,ö and Sturtz voted ðaye.ö Motion carried 5-0.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **FARM LEASE**

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve leasing of the school property to Lisa and James Duffy at a price of \$23,000 for one year. The district has options to acquire the land at harvest time and prior to harvest time if needed. All voted ðaye.ö

#### **RFP – EAST ELEMENTARY**

Discussion took place in regard to a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for individuals or entities interested in the purchase or lease of the facility. Patron Daryl Roberts addressed the Board on this item.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FIELD EXPERIENCE CONTRACT WITH LUTHER COLLEGE**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve participation in a field experience program with Luther College, which includes, but is not limited to: Student Teaching, Student Observations, and other field experiences during the 2010-2011 academic year. All voted ðaye.ö

### **OFFICIATING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTS**

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the following contracts:

Charles Brittain, Sports Commissioner for Football and Basketball  
Bryan Foster, Sports Commissioner for Soccer  
Teri Neil, Scorekeeper for Basketball

All voted ðaye.ö

### **2009-2010 EARLY GRADUATION**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve three seniors for early graduation at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> term, if they have earned the required fifty-four credits. All voted ðaye.ö

### **BUDGET GUARANTEE RESOLUTION**

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to pass the budget guarantee resolution as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION**

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Independence Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

Roll Call Vote: Henderson voted ðaye,ö McCardle voted ðaye,ö Jensen voted ðaye,ö Christensen voted ðaye,ö and Sturtz voted ðaye.ö Motion carried 5-0.

### **SCHOOL BUS BIDS**

Motion Jensen, second Henderson to approve the purchase of a Bluebird Bus with a trade in of our current Bus #17. All voted ðaye.ö

Bids were as follows:

Thomas	\$77,506
Bluebird	\$68,784
International	\$70,849

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL REMODELING**

Motion Henderson, second Jensen to approve the Middle School remodel for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Jensen voted ðaye.ö Henderson, McCardle, Christensen, and Sturtz voted ðnay.ö Motion denied 4-1.

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the Middle School remodel for 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Mike Donnelly's discretion after securing a second bid. All voted aye.

**RENAMING OF BUILDINGS**

Motion Jensen, second Henderson to table this agenda item. All voted aye. Patrons Brian Eddy and LeRoy Greenley addressed this item.

**SNOW MAKE-UP SURVEY**

Results of the staff survey on how to make up days missed due to weather were shared. The board discussed the various options.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Henderson, second Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. All voted aye.

Dawnye Sturtz  
Chairperson

Charmaine Wickwire  
Secretary