

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
May 11, 2012

A special meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Chairperson Brian C. Eddy in the Administration Building, at 1207 First Street West, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Brian C. Eddy, John Christensen,  
Rusty Donnelly, Eric B. Smith,  
Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Secretary/Treasurer: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: Tari Robertson

**1. Consideration of Action on Consent Items**

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve 1-A with an amendment to add 4 M. Approve change to upgrade electrical panels from G.E. to Square D in the new Junior-Senior High School. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

**1-A Approve Agenda**

**2. Announcements, Communications and Presentations**

Presentations – Energy Committee

The Energy Committee presented to the Board their findings on whether to include geothermal in the new school facility. Due to many factors, including cost and lengthy payback periods, the Committee suggested that the school district not install geothermal at this time. The facility will feature a "hybrid HVAC" system, which will allow the district to add geothermal at any point in the future. A complete copy of the Energy Committee's report and findings can be seen at the Administration Office.

**3. Old Business**

**3-A Existing Junior-Senior High School Facility**

It was announced that the school district has withdrawn from the task force with the City for use of the old JR/SR High School facility . A new task force of Mike Donnelly, Rusty Donnelly and John Christensen was formed to look at other options, such as tearing down the facility. The task force will evaluate the various costs and share pricing with the Board in the future.

**3-B Approve the Amended Indee Agricultural Education, Inc. Farm Lease Agreement.**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the amended Indee Agricultural Education, Inc. farm lease, changing the number of official acres to 48 and making the lease a one-year term. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**4. New Business**

**4-A Additional Options for SILO Funds**

Rob Robinson and Jennifer Sornson, members of the Oversight Committee for the new JR/SR High School project, suggested that the Board add two additional classrooms onto both the Junior High and Senior High wings of the new building. After the original drawings were designed and approved by the Board, the District has increased its full time staff creating a need for additional classrooms. The Board discussed the benefit of having a couple additional rooms to allow for future growth and the cost savings of adding rooms as opposed to 2-5 years in the future. The Board also discussed the need for a SILO work session in the future to talk about the District’s facility planning and available SILO funding.

**4-B Approve to Change Original Drawings to Include Two Additional Classrooms on both the Junior High and Senior High Wings.**

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve adding two additional classrooms on both the Junior High and Senior High wings. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**4-C Approve Larson Construction Contract for New Junior Senior High School.**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the Larson Construction Co., Inc. contract for the New Junior - Senior High School. Roll call vote: Henderson – aye, Smith – aye, Donnelly – aye, Christensen – aye and Eddy – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**4-D Approve ISFIS Redistricting Participant Agreement**

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the ISFIS Redistricting Participant Agreement. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**4-E Approve Change to Upgrade Electrical Panels and Systems from G.E. to Square D in the New Junior-Senior High School.**

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve change to upgrade electrical panels and systems from G.E. to Square D in the new Junior – Senior High School. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy  
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel  
Secretary/Treasurer