

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2015

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, Heather Meador – arrived at 6:10, Kim Hansen, Shelly Whited & Eric Smith

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec. /Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

1. FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

A. Independence Insurance Agency

Mrs. Meyer thanked Independence Insurance Agency for donating 1000 white folders to the staff at the Early Childhood Center, East Elementary, West Elementary, the Jr/Sr High School, the Buchanan County Success Center and the Bus Garage.

B. Security State Bank

Mr. Howard thanked Security State Bank for donating pencils for students at the Jr/Sr High School to use during Iowa Assessments.

C. Iowa Assessment Breakfast Snacks

Mr. Hupke thanked Culligan Total Water, Fareway, Independence Ambassadors, Mustang Foundation, Pinicon Ford, Rotary Club and Security State Bank for generously donating to West Elementary for breakfast snacks during the Iowa Assessments.

D. Smith - D. & L. Insurance

Mrs. Harbaugh thanked Smith - D. & L. Insurance for generously donating to the School Lunch Program.

E. First Presbyterian Church

Mrs. Harbaugh thanked the First Presbyterian Church for generously donating to the School Lunch Program.

F. McDonalds

Mr. Hupke thanked McDonalds for creating an opportunity for the staff at West Elementary to fundraise for their building.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS – Motion Smith, second Whited to approve 2A-2E with policy 902.7 being brought back at the December meeting as a first read. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on October 19, 2015, the special meeting on October 26, 2015 and the work session on October 26, 2015.

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Board Policies

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	504.8*	Student Activity Program
2.	505.3*	Student Promotion – Retention – Acceleration
3.	212	Open Meetings
4.	213	Closed Sessions
5.	214.1	Board Meeting Agenda
6.	214.2*	Order of the Regular Board of Directors’ Meeting
7.	214.3	Consent Agendas
8.	215 & 215R1	Public Participation in Board Meetings and General Complaints by Citizens
9.	216	Public Hearings
10.	902.7 (New Policy)	Unmanned Aircraft or Aerial Systems

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	217.1	Board of Directors and Superintendent
2.	217.2	Board of Directors and Employees
3.	217.3	Board of Directors and Adjoining District Board of Directors
4.	217.4	Board of Directors and Area Education Agency
5.	217.5	Board of Directors and Elected Officials
6.	218 & 218E1	Board of Directors’ Records and Board Meeting Minutes

D. Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Jeanne Bachman	East Elementary 8.0 hr Secretary	10/30/2015
Pam Shannon	JSH 5.75 hr Cook/Food Service Worker	11/24/2015

E. New Hires (*pending acceptable background checks*)

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Diane Kinseth	JH Girls Basketball Numbers Coach – 8th Grade	\$2,286	11/06/2015
Victoria Reinkoester	.5 FTE PK4 Academic Interventionist	\$20,025	11/09/2015
Nikki Sidles	East Elementary 8.0 hr Secretary	\$10.00/hr	11/17/2015

F. Approval of Financial Reports – Motion Smith, second Hansen to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0. Eddy abstained.

1. Approval of Bills
2. Vendor Report
3. Board Report
4. Budget Report

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

A. Comments from the Public - Theresa Mueller and Jacquie McTaggart addressed the board regarding long term substitute rates. John Klotzbach introduced the new reporter for the Bulletin Journal.

B. Comments from the Board/Superintendent – Mrs. Meador discussed the wrap up with all the fall activities and how she is looking forward to seeing all the great things the winter activities will bring to the district. Mrs. Hansen attended an excellent performance of Peter Pan as well as the 5-12 choir concert and the Junior High awards ceremony. Mrs. Whited attended the school play and is also looking forward to the start of winter activities. Mr. Eddy gave an update on the progress on the Final Push projects. Superintendent Peterson thanked the staff and administrators for successfully administering the fall Iowa Assessments. She also publicly thanked Brian Eddy for all his donated time overseeing the baseball/softball project.

C. Presentations

1. AEA Services – AEA 267 explained to the board the services they offer districts and showed what services ICSD currently utilizes.
2. School Garden – Micki Sand-Cohen, Julie Flickinger and Brady Kurt presented a PowerPoint showing the produce from the school garden and talked about how the students use the school garden to learn.
3. Administration Building Solar Array – Ross Thedens provided a presentation showing the energy being saved with the use of the solar array at the Administration Building.
4. Senator Brian Schoenjahn and Representative Bruce Bearinger discussed with the board their plans and hopes for the upcoming legislative session.

4. REPORTS

Building Administrators, Activities Director, Director of School Improvement, Technology Director, Food Service Director and Transportation/Buildings and Grounds employees reported on their respective buildings or areas of assignment

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Scoreboard Advertising Agreement Amendment to Schedule A – Motion Meador, second Smith to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

B. Sustainable Independence Solar Project Update – Wendy VanDeWalle updated the board on the progress of the possible solar array at the new bus garage.

C. Change Order for Items Described in Bulletin #1 to Larson Construction Co. Inc. for the Baseball/Softball Complex Project – Motion Smith, second Hansen to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Musical Contract with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc. – Motion Meador, second Whited to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

B. Sharing Agreement with East Buchanan for Bowling for 2015-2016 – Motion Meador, second Whited to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

C. Sharing Agreement with Jesup and East Buchanan for Boys and Girls Soccer for 2015-2016 – Motion Hansen, second Meador to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

D. Sharing Agreement with Jesup for Boys and Girls Tennis for 2015-2016 – Motion Whited, second Hansen to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

E. Contract with Iowa Department of Human Services – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

F. SBRC Application Fall 2015 – On-Time Funding Modified Allowable Growth for Increasing Enrollment – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

G. Application to the School Budget Review Committee for Special Education Administrative Costs Associated with River Hills Consortium Program for the 2016-2017 School Year – Motion Smith, second Hansen to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

H. National Career Readiness Certification/Graduation Requirement – Discussion was led by Principal Howard on adding the National Career Readiness Certification as a graduation requirement for the 2016-2017 school year.

I. National Career Readiness Certification/Graduation Requirement – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

J. Junior-Senior High School January, 2016 Early Graduation Applicants – Motion Meador, second Whited to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

K. Resolution for Setting the Public Hearing Date to Participate in the Instructional Support Levy – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Hansen – aye, Meador – aye, Smith – aye, Whited – aye. Motion carried.

L. Resolution Declaring an Official Intent Under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to Issue Debt to Reimburse the School District for Certain Original Expenditures Paid in Connection with Specified Projects – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Hansen – aye, Meador – aye, Smith – aye, Whited – aye. Motion carried.

M. Resolution Directing the Sale of \$1,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Hansen – aye, Meador – aye, Smith – nay, Whited – aye. Motion carried 4-1.

N. Resolution Appointing Trustee, Approving the Trust Indenture and Authorizing the Execution of Same – Motion Meador, second Smith to approve. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Hansen – aye, Meador – aye, Smith – aye, Whited – aye. Motion carried.

O. Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate – Motion Smith, second Whited to approve. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Hansen – aye, Meador – aye, Smith – aye, Whited – aye. Motion carried.

P. Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds – Motion Meador, second Whited to approve. Roll call vote: Eddy – aye, Hansen – aye, Meador – aye, Smith – aye, Whited – aye. Motion carried.

Q. Board Goals – Motion Meador, second Whited to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

R. December Board Meeting – Discussion was held that due to the change in the High School Holiday Concert being moved to the 21st, the regular board meeting will begin at 5:00 pm instead of the regular 6:00 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Motion Whited, second Meador to adjourn at 8:11 pm. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.