

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2014

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, Rusty Donnelly, Shelly Whited and Eric Smith

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec. /Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

1. Friends of Education

A. Amanda Enos, Michael Ellis and Brandon Zeadow –

Mr. Howard recognized and thanked Amanda, Michael and Brandon for volunteering their time and effort to Independence athletics and activities. All three have been instrumental in assisting Mr. McBride in an effort to further improve the fan experience during a production, event or activity.

B. First Presbyterian Church –

Mr. Hupke recognized and thanked the First Presbyterian Church for generously donating supplies for the classrooms at East and West Elementary.

C. Maverick Powersports –

Dr. Blaisdell recognized and thanked Maverick Powersports for generously donating coats for students in need at East Elementary.

D. Women's VFW Auxiliary –

Dr. Blaisdell recognized and thanked the Women's VFW Auxiliary for donating flags and \$100 Walmart gift cards to East and West Elementary.

E. Shalom Circle – Immanuel Lutheran Church –

Dr. Blaisdell recognized and thanked the Shalom Circle from Immanuel Lutheran Church for donating winter coats, hats, mittens and snow pants to the students at East Elementary.

2. Spotlight on Education

A. Shae McEnany –

Mr. Howard recognized Shae McEnany for qualifying and finishing sixth at the 2014 Girls Class 3A State Cross Country Meet. She also competed and was crown Champion of the All-Star Senior Elite Cross Country Meet held in Ames. Special thanks went to Head Coach Sarah Crawford and Assistant Coach Holli Osvold.

B. Greg Moen –

Mr. Hupke recognized Greg Moen for being named the Iowa Middle School Cross Country Coach of the Year.

C. Football –

Mr. Howard recognized the Independence Mustang Football Team for making it to the 2014 playoffs. Varsity Football Players included: Michael Bagge, Brett Bowers, Tryston Brown, Colin Butzlaff, Jacob Crawford, Drew Davis, Tanner Erickson-Dale, Adam Goedken, Jack Gorman, Nick Gorman, Samuel Graeser, Jason Grover, Darin Halstead, Zachary Harris, Cy Hearn, Brent Henderson, Nicholas Holt, Luke House, Jake Juhl, Taylor Kraninger, Austin Larkin, Lane McMartin, Matthew McMillan, Eric Meyer, Isaiah Miller, Peyton Nolting, Alek Norris, Spencer Pink, William Porter, Samuel Rathbun, Elliott Ryan, Jacob Schwarting, Mason Scott, Spencer Shonka, Robert Solon, Nicholas Steger, Chase Straw, Mark Thompson, Logan Williams, Mason Wood and Andrue Wright.

Congratulations to the following: Managers: Morgan Bantz, Jill Halstead, Brianna Kremer, Caleb Kremer, and Avri Ruffcorn;
Statistician: Matt Shannon;

Athletic Trainer: Brian Nolta; Ball Boy: Korver Hupke; Cheerleaders: Brooke Astleford, Savannah Astleford, Josie Briggs, Monica Crawford, Nicole DeGreif, Sam DeGreif, Tasha Good, Hailey Lampe, Adri Stacey and sponsor Mikka Foley.

Mr. Howard also congratulated Head Coach Justin Putz, Assistant Coaches Brian Loughren, Clint Hospodarsky and Austin Pink and Volunteer Coaches Jack Goedken, Matt Haddy and Kurt Bockoven.

D. All-State Musicians and Opus Honor Choir –

Mr. Howard recognized eleven Independence High School students for being named All-State Musicians. Ethan Burk, Ross Thedens and Aunna Marzen were selected for All-State Band. Ryan Adams, Shane Eder, Regan Shonk, Avery Nabholz, Arieana Ajruloski, Ericka Barloon and Monica Crawford were selected for All-State Chorus. Holly Reyner was selected for All-State Orchestra.

Special thanks went to sponsors David Lang and Roger Barloon.

Dalton Bantz, Jenessa Barloon and Daytona Greenwood will represent Independence Community Schools in the 29th Annual Iowa Opus Honor Choir.

Special thanks went to sponsors Roger Barloon and Amanda Parker.

3. Consideration of Action on Consent Items:

Motion Smith, second Whited to approve consent items 3-A, 3-B, 3-C, 3-D, 3-E and 3-F.
All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

3-A Approval of Minutes Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on October 20, 2014, the special meeting on October 23, 2014 and the special meeting on November 4, 2014.

3-B Approval of Agenda

3-C Approval of Board Policies

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	704.2	Sale of Bonds
2.	704.3	Investments
3.	704.4*	Gifts – Grants – Bequests
4.	704.5	Student Activities Fund
5.	704.6	Post-Issuance Compliance For Tax-Exempt Obligations
6.	705.2	Requisitions and Purchase Orders
7.	705.3	Receiving Goods and Services
8.	705.4	Payment for Goods and Services
9.	705.5	Unpaid Warrants

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	704.1*	Local – State – Federal – Miscellaneous Revenue
2.	705.1*	Purchasing – Bidding
3.	706.1*	Payroll Periods
4.	706.2*	Payroll Deductions
5.	706.3 and 706.3R1	Pay Deductions and Pay Deduction Regulation
6.	707.1	Secretary/Treasurer’s Reports
7.	707.2	Secretary/Treasurer’s Annual Report
8.	707.3	Publication of Financial Reports
9.	707.4	Audit
10.	707.5 and 707.5R1	Internal Controls and Internal Controls Procedures
11.	708*	Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records
12.	709.1	Insurance Program
13.	709.2	Insurance Report

3-D Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Melody Barker	East Elem 7.0 hour Special Education Para	11/21/2014

3-E New Hires

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Jonathan Carey	.5 FTE JH Wrestling Numbers Coach	\$1,134	10/22/2014
Jess Chesmore	JH Girls Basketball Numbers Coach	\$1,701	11/04/2014
Dan Eschen	.5 FTE JH Wrestling Numbers Coach	\$945	10/22/2014
Brittany Holt	.5 FTE PK4 Academic Interventionist	\$13,261	10/31/2014
Heather Hupke	Head Softball Coach	\$4,990	11/18/2014
Sandra Isaacs	Bus Driver - 4.5 hrs./day	\$12.55/hr.	10/21/2014
April Loomis	ECC 5.5 hour Special Education Para	\$9.00/hr.	10/27/2014
Sally Lynn	JSH 7.0 hour Special Education Para	\$9.00/hr.	11/10/2014
Richard Mason	Bus Driver - 3.5 hrs./day (Interim Position)	\$12.55/hr.	10/21/2014
Travis McBride	.5 FTE Assist Lg Group Speech Numbers Coach	\$473	12/01/2014
Kathryn Miller	.5 FTE Assist Lg Group Speech Numbers Coach	\$473	12/01/2014
Josh Weber	.5 FTE Assistant Wrestling Coach	\$1,260	11/17/2014
Kaitlin Westendorf	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,520	11/10/2014
Stephanie Yonkovic	JH After School Program Monitor	\$30.07/hr.	11/10/2014

3-F Approval of Financial Reports –

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4-A Comments from the Public: Everett Jensen addressed the Board with questions about the status of the old Junior-Senior High School and bus garage.

4-B Comments from the Board: Mr. Eddy gave a brief update about the old facilities.

1. The garage sale took place on the 8th. There was a good turn out and the school was able to sell a lot of unused items.
2. The school has entered into a contract with HSR & Associates to assist with the preparation of the bid documents for the demolition of the old JR/SR High School. The District is hoping to have the documents available mid-December with bids being due mid-January. The school will continue to move forward on the demolition of the old facility regardless of whether the City elects to purchase the old high school property.
3. Bid notices are scheduled to be in the newspaper on November 19th and 22nd for the sale of the old bus garage and surrounding lots. Bids will be due by December 8th. The official paperwork can be seen and picked up at the Administration office. With the help of legal counsel the “Offer to Purchase” includes certain restrictive covenants regarding unreasonable loud noises and nuisances.

Superintendent Peterson reminded everyone the Department of Education Site Visit begins on the 18th and will run for two days. She publicly thanked the administration, as well as the entire staff for assisting in getting everything ready and for those that volunteered to be on the interview committees. She recognized Chase Straw for signing his letter of intent this past week to wrestle at Iowa State University. She also informed everyone that the Eastern Iowa Storm, a semi-pro football team, has decided to make Independence their home field and will be renting our facilities during the summer.

4-C Presentations

1. Ag Ed/FFA Instructor, Rachael Emig had three students, Matt Bolton, Haylee Lau and Emily Robinson present a PowerPoint presentation to the Board about their trip to the National FFA Convention.
2. 5th grade teacher, Sara Thome did a presentation on division of fractions showing the Board how the 6th grade class learns multiple strategies on how to divide fractions and still end up with the same answer.
3. Mr. Hupke presented a PowerPoint sharing activities happening around West Elementary including the new playground, the Veterans Day assembly and the recent 6th grade trip to Ewalu.

5-A Reports

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

6-A Change Order for Items Described in Bulletin #002 to Porter & Porter Construction LLC for the Bus Garage Project

Motion Smith, second Meador to approve the change order for items described in bulletin #002 to Porter & Porter Construction LLC for the bus garage project. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7-A Request from East Buchanan Community School District to Share Boys and Girls Bowling with Independence Community School District

Motion Meador, second Donnelly to approve the request from East Buchanan School District to share boys and girls bowling with Independence Community School District. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-B Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(a)

Motion Meador, second Smith to approve the application for Recognition of Exemption under section 501 (a). All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-C MTI Production Contract

Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the MTI Production contract. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-D SBRC Application Fall 2014 – On-Time Funding Modified Allowable Growth for Increasing Enrollment

Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the fall 2014 SBRC application for on-time funding Modified Allowable Growth for increasing enrollment. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-E SBRC Application fall 2014 – Modified Allowable Growth for Open Enrollment Out

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the fall 2014 SBRC application for Modified Allowable Growth for open enrollment out. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-F SBRC Application for Special Education Administrative Costs Associated with River Hills Consortium Program for the 2014-2015 School Year

Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the SBRC application for special education administrative costs associated with River Hills Consortium Program for the 2014-2015 school year. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

7-G Plans for Landscaping

Director Meador informed the Board of the discussions held at the last Tree and Landscaping Committee meeting she attended. She also provided the board with a map that explained where they were planning on landscaping on the 92 acres and around the new Jr/Sr High School.

7-H Agreement with The Old Creamery Theatre Company of Amana, Iowa

Motion Meador, second Whited to approve the agreement with The Old Creamery Theatre Company of Amana, Iowa. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith, second Meador to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Sec. /Treas.