

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2012

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 Rowley Community Center, Rowley, Iowa.

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

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec./Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. Friend of Education –

- A. Eric Smith thanked the Alber Family for donating their time and equipment to harvest the first corn crop for the Indee Agricultural Education, Inc., a non-profit corporation under the Mustang Foundation. The proceeds from the sale of the corn will help fund a new agricultural education program anticipated for fall of 2013, subject to board approval.
- B. Jessica Weber thanked The Salvation Army for their donation to families in need of support with their lunch accounts.
- C. Deb Donlea thanked Walmart for their generous donation of \$600 worth of school supplies and twenty \$50 gift cards to West Elementary.

2. Spotlight on Education –

- A. Deb Donlea recognized Shea McEnany for qualifying for the 2012 State Cross Country Meet. Shea finished 33rd in the Girls Class 3A Individual Meet. A special thanks was also made to her coaches Sarah Crawford and Greg Moen.

3. Consideration of Action on Consent Items:

Motion Christensen, second Smith to approve consent items 3-A, 3-B, 3-C, 3-D, 3-E and 3-F with a correction to the October 15th minutes. All voted "aye." Motion carried.

A. Approval of Minutes Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on October 15, 2012 and the work session on November 7, 2012.

B. Approval of Agenda

2-C Approval of Board Policies (all policies may be reviewed in the Admin. Building)

Second Readings:

| | POLICY # | POLICY NAME |
|-----|-----------------|---|
| 1. | 603.1 | Basic Instruction Program |
| 2. | 603.2 | Special Education |
| 3. | 603.3* | Multicultural and Nonsexist Education |
| 4. | 603.4 & 603.4E1 | Health Education and Human Growth and Development Student Excuse Form |
| 5. | 603.5 | Physical Education |
| 6. | 603.6 | Career Education |
| 7. | 603.7 & 603.7R1 | Teaching About Religion and Teaching About Religion Regulation – Religious Holidays |
| 8. | 603.8 & 603.8R1 | Academic Freedom and Teaching Controversial Issues |
| 9. | 603.9 | Global Education |
| 10. | 603.10 | Citizenship |

First Readings:

| | POLICY # | POLICY NAME |
|-----|------------------|--|
| 1. | 604.1 & 604.1E1* | Competent Private Instruction and Competent Private Instruction Report |
| 2. | 604.2 | Individualized Instruction |
| 3. | 604.3 | International Study |
| 4. | 604.4 | Program For Talented and Gifted Students |
| 5. | 604.5 | Program For At-Risk Students |
| 6. | 604.6 | Religious-Based Exclusion From a School Program |
| 7. | 604.7 | Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution |
| 8. | 604.8* | Dual Enrollment |
| 9. | 604.9 | Foreign Students |
| 10. | 604.10 | Home School Assistance Program |

3-D Transfers/Reassignments

| NAME | PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT | NEW ASSIGNMENT | DATE |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Darla Schulz | JSH 4.0 hour Media Assoc | JSH 8.0 hour Activities Secretary | 12/10/2012 |

3-E New Hires

| NAME | ASSIGNMENT | SALARY | DATE |
|------------------|--|--------------|------------|
| Melody Barker | East Elem 5.5 hour Special Education Associate | \$9.00/hour | 11/01/2012 |
| Bill Burkett | .5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach (Individual) | \$713 | 11/12/2012 |
| Bill Burkett | .5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach (Large Group) | \$713 | 11/12/2012 |
| Jessica Chesmore | Junior High Girls Basketball Numbers Coach | \$1,425 | 10/15/2012 |
| Ron Hearn | Junior High Boys Basketball Coach | \$2,052 | 12/01/2012 |
| Monica House | East Elem 5.5 hour Special Education Associate | \$9.00/hour | 11/01/2012 |
| Patrick Shannon | Bowling Coach (Grades 9-12) | \$2,850 | 11/01/2012 |
| Tom Zimmerly | District Bldgs & Grounds General Maint 8.0 hrs/day | \$15.00/hour | 11/19/2012 |

3-F Resignations

| NAME | ASSIGNMENT | DATE |
|-----------------|---|------------|
| Rita Hickey | JSH 5.25 hour Special Education Associate | 11/02/2012 |
| Coleen Meissner | .5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach (Large Group) | 11/09/2012 |

3-G Approval of Financial Reports – Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve financial reports. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0. Eddy abstained from the vote.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4-B 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.

Mr. Smith was very impressed with the video reproduction of the Board meetings. He was unable to attend the last meeting and watched the replay and felt he didn't miss anything.

Mr. Christensen attended the fall play and felt there was an exceptional amount of talent. He also worked the book fair at West and was impressed with the tremendous change in technology over the years.

Mr. Eddy reminded everyone of Meet the Wrestler night on Wednesday.

Mr. Eddy, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Smith, Superintendent Peterson and Lynnette Engel all attended the School Board Convention in Des Moines and participated in a number of very useful seminars.

Superintendent Peterson has also been working with Mrs. Donlea to create more business partnerships and is in the process of reviewing certified enrollment and we showing an increase in students for the second year in a row.

5. Reports

Building Administrators, Activities Director, School Improvement/Curriculum Director, 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 New Junior-Senior High School Facility

Mr. Eddy provided an update on the status of construction of the Junior-Senior High School. A complete status listing can be seen at the Administration office.

6-B Approve Change Orders for Items Described in Bulletins #23, #25, #30, #33 and #34

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the Change Orders for items described in bulletins #23, #25, #30, #33 and #34. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7-A Approve MTI Production Contract for Musical

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the MTI production contract for musical. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-B Approve Public Relations Service Contract with Fusion Forward, LLC

Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve the service contract with Fusion Forward, LLC. Mr. Eddy abstained. All voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

7-C Approve Proposal to Move ICN FOTS room (part 2) at Independence HS

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to move the ICN FOTS room at Independence HS. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-D Approve Wenger Bid for Two Instrumental and Vocal Music Practice Rooms for new Junior-Senior High School

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the Wenger bid for two instrumental and vocal music practice rooms for the new Junior-Senior High School. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-E Certified Enrollment

Superintendent Peterson was proud to announce that our enrollment numbers are up for the second year in a row.

7-F Approve Junior-Senior High School Early Graduation Applicants

Motion Henderson, second Donnelly to approve all Junior-Senior High School early graduation applicants. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-G Approve School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Funding Application

Motion Christensen, second Smith to approve the School Budget Review Committee funding application. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

7-H Approve Sale of General Obligation School Bonds

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the sale of the General Obligation School Bonds. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Henderson, second Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Sec./Treas.