

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Special Session
November 8, 2011

A special session 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, Stacy Henderson, John Christensen, Eric Smith and Rusty Donnelly

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec./Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"
Steven Smith, "The News"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of agenda ó Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve the agenda. All voted "aye". Motion carried

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Employee Severance Plans ó Discussion was held regarding whether the Board may be interested in offering an early retirement plan this year to our qualified employees. The Board requested that Secretary Engel provide additional information for further consideration.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mustang Foundation Appointments ó Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the appointment of Rob Robinson and Susie Toale for a term of three years to the Mustang Foundation. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

B. Consideration of Sealed Bids for the School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds ó Discussion was led by Matt Gillespie from Piper Jaffrey regarding the process taken to sell our first round of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds as well as a review of the timeline and financial projections for the entire project in relation to the bonding.

C. Resolution Directing the Sale ó Motion Christensen, second Smith to approve the Resolution Directing the Sale of the School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds to the lowest bidder, Northland Securities (Minneapolis, MN). The full resolution can be viewed at the Administration Office. Roll Call Vote: Christensen ó Aye, Donnelly ó Aye, Eddy ó Aye, Henderson ó Aye & Smith - Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Closed Session – Motion Christensen, second Smith to recess to a closed session at 7:47 p.m. as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Iowa Code; *To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.* Roll Call Vote: Christensen ó Aye, Donnelly ó Aye, Eddy ó Aye, Henderson ó Aye & Smith - Aye. Motion carried 5-0.
Returned to open session at 8:23.

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve the contract for Special Education teacher, John Johnson. All voted óayeö. Motion carried.

Recess was taken 8:24 – 8:27

E. Closed Session – Motion Christensen, second Smith to recess to a closed session at 8:28 p.m. as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Iowa Code; *To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.* Roll Call Vote: Christensen ó Aye, Donnelly ó Aye, Eddy ó Aye, Henderson ó Aye & Smith - Aye. Motion carried 5-0.
Returned to open session at 8:59.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith, second Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. All voted óAyeö. Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Secretary