

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
October 21, 2013

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brian C. Eddy at the Independence Administration Building, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Brian C. Eddy, Shelly Whited, Rusty Donnelly, Heather Meador and Eric Smith (by telephone)

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. Ruth Duritsa, Tammy Rasmussen and Bill Wolfgram** – Mr. Moen recognized and thanked Ruth Duritsa, Tammy Rasmussen and Bill Wolfgram for the 10-15 years of dedication and service on the R&P Steering Committee for the Respect & Protect Violence Prevention and Intervention Program.
- B. Walmart** – Mrs. Merritt recognized and thanked Walmart for donating school supplies for the students at East and West Elementary.
- C. The Salvation Army** – Mrs. Maximovich recognized and thanked the Salvation Army for making donations to the Mentoring Program, School Lunch Program, Nurse's Offices and the Buchanan County Success Center.
- D. Denny Shannon** – Mrs. Merritt recognized and thanked Denny Shannon for donating thirty pumpkins for the staff at West Elementary to decorate for the pumpkin decorating contest.
- E. Practical Farmers of Iowa** – Mrs. Sornson recognized and thanked Practical Farmers of Iowa for their donation to the FFA greenhouse.

**2. Consideration of Action on Consent Items:**

Motion Whited, second Meador to approve consent items 2-A, 2-B, 2-C, 2-D, 2-E and 2-F. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**2-A Approval of Minutes** Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting on September 16, 2013, the organizational meeting on September 16, 2013 and the special meeting on October 7, 2013

**2-B Approval of Agenda**

## 2-C Approval of Board Policies

### First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	501.9	Student Absences – Excused
2.	501.10, 501.10E1 and 501.10R	Truancy, Sample Letter to Parent/Guardian(s) Regarding Attendance and Truancy Regulation
3.	501.11	Student Release During School Hours
4.	501.12	Pregnant Students
5.	501.13	Married Students
6.	501.14	Students of Legal Age
7.	501.15	Open Enrollment Transfers – Procedures as a Sending District
8.	501.16	Open Enrollment Transfers – Procedures as a Receiving District
9.	501.17	Homeless Children and Youth
10.	501.18	Student Work Permits
11.	401.2*	Equal Employment Opportunity
12.	602.1* and 602.1R1*	Curriculum Development

### 2-D Transfers/Reassignments

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Melynda Tegler	West Elem 4.0 hr Media Paraprofessional	West Elem 5.5 hr Media Paraprofessional	\$10.05	10/08/2013

### 2-E New Hires

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Carole Franz	.5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach	\$870	10/07/2013
Terri Gallery	East Elem Academic Interventionist	\$20.22/hour	10/08/2013
Matt Haddy	Head Baseball Coach (Grades 9-12)	\$4,752	09/12/2013
Keaton Hosch	Assistant Baseball Coach (Grades 9-12)	\$2,496	05/01/2014
Steven Posey	Cross Country Numbers Coach (Grades 9-12)	\$1,488	09/23/2013

### 2-F Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
LuAnn Gates	East Elem RTI Instructor	09/19/2013

**2-G Approval of Financial Reports** – Motion Whited, second Meador to approve financial reports. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0. Eddy and Donnelly abstained from the vote.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**3-A Comments From the Public:** Ten community members addressed the Board regarding matters not on the agenda.

**3-B** Mr. Eddy has attended several volleyball and football games and has been impressed with the tremendous crowds and electrifying atmosphere. He also updated the Board that there are only a few items remaining on the punchlist for the new school. Mrs. Whited commended the band on their "I" rating for the 21<sup>st</sup> year in a row. They also recently won the Waukee competition and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at ValleyFest in Des Moines. Superintendent Peterson thanked the Board for all they do and recognized them for receiving the "Boards Making a Difference Award" from Iowa Association of School Boards. She also announced that our Junior-Senior High School was nominated and received the "Excellence in Concrete Award". An awards ceremony will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> in Ames.

**3-C** Mr. Keith Donnelly presented a power point to the Board showcasing his work with special needs students through Adaptive Physical Education.

#### **4. 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.

### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **5-A Approve Change Orders for Items Described in Bulletins #71R, 72R, AV-5R3 and AV-7**

Motion Meador, second Donnelly to approve change orders for items described in bulletins #71R, 72R, AV-5R3 and AV-7. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### **5-B Plans for Old Junior-Senior High School**

The Board discussed possible options regarding the old Junior Senior High School. The current staff has until November 1<sup>st</sup> to move any additional items they will need to their new facility. The board discussed holding the possibility of an auction or garage sale at a future date to sell miscellaneous items.

**Recess was taken from 6:54 – 7:00**

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **6-A Certified Annual Report (CAR)**

Motion Meador, second Whited to approve the Certified Annual Report. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### **6-B Special Education Supplement (SES)**

Motion Donnelly, second Meador to approve the Special Education Supplement (SES). All voted "aye". Motion carried.

**6-C SIAC Membership for 2013-2014**

Motion Meador, second Whited to approve the 2013-14 SIAC membership. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**6-D Travel Request- Lisa Lang, David Lang and Karl Smith (Midwest International Band Clinic)**

Motion Whited, second Meador to approve the travel request for Lisa Lang, David Lang and Karl Smith to attend the Midwest International Band Clinic. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**6-E Iowa FFA Foundations, Inc. Memorandum of Agreement**

Motion Donnelly, second Smith to approve the Iowa FFA Foundations, Inc. Memorandum Agreement. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**6-F 2014 School Supply Contract with Educational Products, Inc. (EPI) and East Elementary**

Motion Meador, second Donnelly to approve the 2014 school supply contract with Educational Products, Inc. and East Elementary. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**6-G 2014 School Supply Contract with Educational Products, Inc. (EPI) and West Elementary**

Motion Whited, second Meador to approve the 2014 school supply contract with Educational Products, Inc. and West Elementary. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**6-H Edgenuity Inc. Contract**

Motion Meador, second Whited to approve the Edgenuity Inc. contract. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**6-I Amendment to Schools Insurance Fund Joinder Agreement for Long Term Disability Insurance**

Motion Meador, second Whited to approve the Amendment to the Schools Insurance Fund Joinder Agreement for Long Term Disability Insurance. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**6-J Certified Enrollment**

Superintendent Peterson shared with the Board the official certified enrollment numbers (+10) for the 2013-14 school year.

**6-K Preparation for Long Term Facility Planning Meeting**

Discussion was held by the Board for items and information they would like to have provided by the administration for the facility planning work session to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Donnelly, second Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy  
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel  
Board Sec./Treas.