

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2010

A Regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz in the Administration Office, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Dawnye Sturtz, Charlie McCardle,
Kathryn Jensen, Stacy Henderson, John Christensen

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec/Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

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

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

Kelly Crossley recognized and honored Micki Sand-Cohen and Joe Olsen for their work with the school garden this past year.

Sandy Merritt recognized and honored the Feathered Red Hatters of Northeast Iowa for their donation of school supplies to West Elementary.

Sandy Merritt and Jennifer Sorensen recognized and honored the Salvation Army for their donation of school and art supplies to West Elementary and the Jr./Sr. High School.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the following consent items 3-A, 3-B, 3-C, 3-D, 3-E, 3-F and 3-G. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

3-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the regular/annual meeting on September 20, 2010, the organizational meeting on September 20, 2010, the work session on September 20, 2010, the public hearing on October 11, 2010, the special session on October 11, 2010 and the work session on October 11, 2010.

3-B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3-C APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES

Second readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	210.1	Development of Policy
2.	210.2	Adoption of Policy
3.	210.3	Dissemination of Policy
4.	210.4	Suspension of Policy
5.	210.5	Administration in the Absence of Policy
6.	210.6	Review and Revision of Policy
7.	210.7	Review of Administrative Regulations

First readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	211.3	Special Meeting
2.	211.4	Work Sessions
3.	211.5	Meeting Notice
4.	211.6	Quorum
5.	211.8	Method of Voting
6.	212	Open Meetings
7.	213	Closed Sessions
8.	214.1	Board Meeting Agenda
9.	214.2	Order of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting
10.	214.3	Consent Agendas

3-D Transfers/Reassignments

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Elizabeth Gloede	ECC 5.5 hr Special Ed Assoc	East Elem 5.5 hr Special Ed Assoc	09/27/2010

3-E New Hires (pending acceptable background checks)

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Allison Anderson	West Elem .5 FTE Math Strategist	\$12,860	10/27/2010
Kelle Bowden	West Elem 4.5 Hr Special Ed Assoc	\$8.75/hr	09/29/2010
Kelle Bowden	7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	\$1,405	Fall 2010
Emily Griffin	.5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach	\$703	Fall 2010
Molli Jacobsen	Jr/Sr HS .5 FTE Reading Strategist	\$12,860	10/27/2010
David Martin	7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	\$1,855	Winter 2011
Cecelia Peterson	East Elem 5.5 hr Special Ed Assoc	\$8.75/hr	09/27/2010

3-F Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Chris Black	Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (Grades 9-12)	10/19/2010
Ashley Coleman	.5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach	10/01/2010

3-G Approval of Financial Reports

1. Approval of Bills ó Director Christensen will have reviewed the bills
2. Vendor report
3. Board report

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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.

No patrons approached the Board.

Henderson has spoken to Chad Beatty and reported that the initial probing for fundraising for the football locker room is going better than expected.

Christensen attended the vocal concert held at St Johns and said that it sounded great and that Mr. Barloon has another excellent choir. Christensen also did a walk through of one of our buildings and commended administration, staff, volunteers, Mike Donnelly and his crew for all they have done with the building. He was really impressed and felt everyone did a tremendous job.

McCardle had lunch at the senior center and held plenty of discussions with the residents and answered many of their individual questions. He also suggested that we use our smaller concept boards as a discussion point by putting them up in the high school now that we are getting ready to start our indoor sports seasons. He also attended the choir concert and thought it was great. McCardle has also heard a lot of positive comments about the band staying through the entire football game and how they are really good at keeping the crowd and kids involved.

5. REPORTS

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

Mrs. Merritt added that they competed in their first Special Olympics on Saturday and one student received a blue ribbon and will go on to state while another student received a red ribbon, both in bowling.

Mrs. Sorenson announced that we had 5 students qualify for the All-State music festival to be held on November 20th. Four were in band and one in choir along with one alternate.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Communication

A discussion was held with Brian Unruh from AEA267 about the options available to school districts to use as avenues to open up communication to the public. His recommendation to the Board was to identify what the purpose is and what niche will be solved before launching into a new form of communication. The Board will continue to discuss the many options available to them.

B. Annual Insurance Report

A comprehensive review of the school's insurance plan was reviewed.

C. Agreement with Pepsi Cola General Bottlers, Inc.

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to approve the School Beverage Agreement between Pepsi Cola General Bottlers, Inc of Waterloo dba: Pepsi Beverages Company and Independence School District. All voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Old East Elementary Update

Finance Director Engel updated the Board on the timeline for the sale of Old East. Currently ads are being placed in the newspapers to promote the sale. The intent is to have the closing of the property on or before January 5, 2011.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Photo Voltaic System

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve a Photo Voltaic system to be installed at the Administration Building at no charge to the district.

Mr. Wenzel and Mr. Curry were on hand from Independence Light and Power to explain the system to the Board.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Fund Raising Requests

Motion Henderson, second Jensen to approve the following fund raising requests.

GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	PURPOSE	START UP COSTS	TARGET AMOUNT	DATE
Buchanan County Success Center	Sell Pizza Ranch cards, buffet and menu items	Raise money for Adventureland trip and t-shirts		\$500	11/09/2010 ó 11/10/2010
East Elem Library ó Scholastic Book Fair	Sell Scholastic Books; cost varies from \$0.99 to \$8.00	Raise money for books for the library		\$1,000 - \$3,000	11/16/2010 through 11/23/2010
West Elem Library ó Scholastic Book Fair	Sell Scholastic Books; cost varies from \$0.99 to \$8.00	Raise money for books for the library		\$1,000 - \$3,000	11/16/2010 through 11/23/2010
Jr/Sr High School Library ó Scholastic Book Fair	Sell Scholastic Books; cost varies from \$0.99 to \$10.00	Raise money for books for the library		\$1,000 - \$3,000	11/16/2010 through 11/23/2010
HS Boys Baseball	Mustang Card \$20	Raise money for equipment (bats, uniforms, training supplies etc.)		\$3,000 - \$6,000	04/26/2011 through 05/06/2011

All voted óAyeö. Motion carried.

C. School Lunch Prices

Discussion was held with Food Service Director Kelly Crossley about her breakfast/lunch pricing and whether we should do a mid year increase or wait until the beginning of the school year. The topic may be a motion item on next month's agenda..

D. Backpack Program Agreement 2010-2011

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve to continue the Backpack Program for ECC, East Elementary, West Elementary and Jr/Sr High School for 2010-2011. All voted óayeö. Motion carried.

E. New SIAC Members for 2010-2011

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the addition of the following people to SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Council) for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Margaret Wood
- Jennifer Eddy

All voted óayeö. Motion carried.

F. Long Term Disability Revised Joinder Agreement

Motion Christensen, second Jensen to approve the revised joinder agreement for the Long Term Disability Insurance with Madison National Life. All voted óayeö. Motion carried.

G. Educational Program Sharing Agreement with East Buchanan Schools

Motion Jensen, second Christensen to approve the Educational Program Sharing Agreement with East Buchanan Community School District. All voted aye. Motion carried.

H. Certified Annual Report (CAR)

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the Certified Annual Report (CAR). All voted aye. Motion carried.

I. Time Clocks for Employees

Motion Henderson, second McCardle to approve the purchase of the TimeClock Plus Hybrid Edition 3.0 for \$29,911.28. All voted aye. Motion carried.

J. Green Cleaning Policy

Discussion was held regarding the Green Cleaning Policy that will come into effect July 1, 2012. Mike Donnelly will do some price and product comparisons when he does his district ordering in April and the Board suggested to bring it back to the table at their May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All voted aye.

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Secretary