

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Annual Meeting
September 15, 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, Shelly Whited, Rusty Donnelly, Eric Smith and Heather Meador

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Secretary/Treasurer: Lynnette Engel

1. Friend of Education

1-A. Verizon – Mr. Hupke thanked Verizon for donating several backpacks filled with school supplies for the students at West Elementary.

1-B. Greenley Development and Larson Construction – Mr. Howard thanked Greenley Development and Larson Construction for sponsoring the Buildings Trades Program at the Junior-Senior High School for over 40 years.

2. Consent Items – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve consent items

2-A, 2-B, 2-C, 2-D and 2-E. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

2-A. Approval of Minutes Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 18, 2014 and the special meeting on August 28, 2014.

2-B. Approval of Agenda

2-C. Approval of Board Policies
Second Readings:

| | POLICY # | POLICY NAME |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | 103, 103.E1*, 103.E2, 103.E3, 103.E4* and 103.R1* | Equal Educational Opportunity, Notice of Non-Discrimination, Grievance Form for Complaints or Discrimination or Non-Compliance with Federal or State Regulations Requiring Non-Discrimination |
| 2. | 304.1* | Administrative Positions |
| 3. | 500* | Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students |
| 4. | 501.3* | Compulsory Attendance |
| 5. | 602.1* and 602.1R1* | Curriculum Development |

First Readings:

| | POLICY # | POLICY NAME |
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| 1. | 700* | Purpose of Non-Instructional and Business Services |
| 2. | 701.1 | Fiscal Year |
| 3. | 701.2* | Depository of Funds |
| 4. | 701.3 | Classification of Accounts |
| 5. | 701.4 | Transfer of Funds |
| 6. | 701.5 | Financial Records |
| 7. | 701.6 | Governmental Accounting Practices |
| 8. | 702 and 702.1R1 | Cash in School Buildings and Gate Receipts |
| 9. | 703.1 | Budget Planning |
| 10. | 703.2 | Spending Plan |
| 11. | 703.3 | Recommended Solvency Ratio |

2 -D. Transfers/Reassignments

| NAME | PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT | NEW ASSIGNMENT | SALARY | DATE |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Carole Franz | .5 FTE Assist Sm Grp Speech | Assist Sm Grp Speech | \$1,134 | 09/16/2014 |
| Tammy Silberstein (Recall) | ECC 5.75 hr. Sp Ed Para | ECC 5.5 hr. JK Para | \$9.00/hr. | 09/08/2014 |
| Carol Smith | ECC 5.5 hr. JK Para | JSH 7.0 hr. Sp Ed Para | \$10.40/hr. | 09/02/2014 |

2-E. New Hires

| NAME | ASSIGNMENT | SALARY | DATE |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| Tiffany Lampe | 6.5 hr. Van Driver | \$11.05/hr. | 09/05/2014 |

2-F Approval of Financial Reports – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve the financial reports. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0, Eddy abstained.

1. Approval of Bills
2. Vendor Report
3. Board Report
4. Budget Report
5. New School Construction Report

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3-A No comments from the public.

3-B Mrs. Meador attended the first home volleyball meet and football game and was excited to see the student and community attendance. She commented that the signage and locker wraps looks amazing. Mr. Donnelly has been hearing some good comments in the community about the school. Mrs. Whited gave an update on the Trotter/Liberty Trail plaque project to help bring some educational stops marked along the Trail. Mr. Eddy updated the board on the resurfacing and new hoops for the elementary basketball courts. He was also noted that two class reunions were touring the new school this weekend. Superintendent Peterson talked about all the upcoming events for homecoming week. She also informed the Board there is a committee that will be revisiting the traffic flow study and looking for some possible suggestions.

3-C Presentations

- 1. Bullying/Harassment Prevention Goals** – Building principals shared with the Board the prevention goals they have set for their buildings.
- 2. District Learning Goals** – Mrs. Meyer, Director of School Improvement reviewed with the Board the District’s learning goals for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 3. Annual Progress Report (AYP) Report** – Mrs. Meyer explained the FY14 Annual Progress Report with the board. This report is required to be assembled and reviewed annually.
- 4. Reports** - Building Administrators, Activities Director, School Improvement 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 Elementary Playground Project

Heather Meador and Eric Smith were excited to update the board on the playground project progress. Demolition has begun and new equipment will be installed and ready for use soon.

5-B Old Junior-Senior High School

Discussion was held by the Board regarding the next steps due to no bids being turned in to purchase the property. Superintendent Peterson and Board President Eddy were instructed to request a proposal from Impact Seven G, a company that helps entities with large deconstruction projects. At the October meeting, the board will decide which direction they want to proceed. It was also directed to the Director of Buildings and Grounds to move forward with a garage sale before winter.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6-A Bullying/Harassment Prevention Goals for 2014-2015

Motion Whited, second Donnelly to approve the Bullying/Harassment prevention goals for 2014-2015 with corrected statements to East Elementary goals and Junior-Senior High goals. All voted “aye”. Motion carried. Corrected goals can be obtained at the Administration Office.

6-B 2013-2014 Annual Progress Report (APR)

Motion Smith, second Meador to approve the 2013-2014 Annual Progress Report (APR). All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-C Travel Request Form – University of Wisconsin Platteville Jazz Festival

Motion Meador, second Whited to approve the travel request form to the University of Wisconsin Platteville Jazz Festival. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-D Statewide 4 Year Old Voluntary Preschool Contract with Independence

Community School District and Wee Care Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the statewide 4 year old voluntary preschool contract with Independence Community School District and Wee Care. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-E Level I, Level II Investigator and Alternate Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the Level I, Level II Investigator and Alternate. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-F Attending the 69th Annual IASB Convention – November 19-21, 2014 Motion

Smith, second Meador to attend the 69th Annual IASB Convention for all Board Members able to make it. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-G Regents Alternative Pathway to Iowa Licensure (RAPIL) Cooperative

Agreement by and between RAPIL and Independence Motion Smith, second Whited to approve the Regents Alternative Pathway to Iowa Licensure (RAPIL) Cooperative Agreement by and between RAPIL and Independence. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-H Agreement to Establish a Consortium to Jointly Administer an Instructional Program at River Hills School Located within the Boundaries of the Cedar Falls

Community School District Motion Meador, second Whited to approve the agreement to establish a Consortium to jointly administer an instructional program at River Hills School located within the boundaries of the Cedar Falls Community School District. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-I ISFIS (Iowa School Finance Information Services) Skills Iowa Program

Participant Agreement 2014-2015 Motion Smith, second Meador to approve the ISFIS (Iowa School Finance Information Services) Skills Iowa program participant agreement for 2014-2015. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-J Upper Iowa University Contract for Student Teaching 2014-2015 Motion Meador, second Whited to approve the Upper Iowa University contract for student teaching in 2014-2015. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Secretary/Treasurer