

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Annual Meeting  
September 16, 2013

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, John Christensen, Rusty Donnelly, Eric Smith and Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Secretary/Treasurer: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

**1. Friend of Education**

**A. Security State Bank** – Mrs. Sornson thanked Security State Bank for donating \$1,000 to the Independence Agriculture Education Program.

**B. The Bulletin Journal** – Mr. Eddy thanked the Bulletin Journal for donating a portion of the proceeds from the advertising in the New School Commemorative Edition insert that was in the paper.

**2. Spotlight on Education**

**A. Chad O'Brien and the Independence Buildings and Grounds Crew** – Mrs. Sornson thanked Rick Alber, Jim Bell and Kim Matthias for all the time and effort put in this summer to get the new Jr/Sr High School ready for the 2013-14 school year. Superintendent Peterson thanked Chad O'Brien, Tom Zimmerly, Dennis Enright and Kim Chesmore for all their time and effort in making sure all buildings and grounds were ready for the 2013-14 school year.

**3. Consent Items** – Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve consent items 3-A, 3-B, 3-C, 3-D, 3-E and 3-F. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

**3-A. Approval of Minutes** Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 19, 2013 and the special meeting on August 30, 2013.

**3-B. Approval of Agenda**

**3-C. Approval of Board Policies**  
**Second Readings:**

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	906.2*	Tobacco/Nicotine-Free Environment
2.	500	Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students
3.	501.1	Resident Students
4.	501.2	Nonresident Students
5.	501.3	Compulsory Attendance
6.	501.4	Entrance – Admissions
7.	501.5	Attendance Center Assignment
8.	501.6	Student Transfers In
9.	501.7*	Student Transfers Out or Withdrawals
10.	501.8	Student Attendance Records

**3 -D. Transfers/Reassignments**

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Kim Williamson (Recall)	East Elem 5.5 hr Sp Ed Associate	East Elem 5.5 hr Sp Ed Paraprofessional	\$9.45/hr	08/19/2013

**3-E. New Hires**

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Patrick Abildtrup	JH Volleyball Coach	\$1,680	08/23/2013
Lonnie Hammond	JH Boys Track Coach	\$2,160	03/01/2014
Jacob Harberts	JH Football	\$1,500	08/27/2013
Brenda Hearn	JH Volleyball Coach	\$2,160	08/23/2013
Joyce Prentice	East Elem 2.0 hr Dishwasher/Food Service Worker	\$9.00/hr	09/17/2013

**3-F Approval of Financial Reports**

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

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**4-A** No comments from the public.

**4-B** Mr. Donnelly enjoyed working with the outgoing board members and appreciated their guidance over the past few years. Mr. Eddy commented how amazing the Community Edition looks and that there was one minor correction that will be made regarding the history of Ag Ed. He also reported that the trail crossings are completed and the trail is getting used by many individuals every day. Superintendent Peterson thanked Director of Finance Engel and Director of Curriculum/Student Service Donlea for their work in completing complex annual state reports. She also thanked the principals and staff for their dedication to having a smooth beginning to the school year.

#### **4-C Presentations**

- 1. BCSC Annual Report 2012-2013** – Mrs. Bertelli shared end of year data collected from the Buchanan County Success Center.
  - 2. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report** – Mrs. Donlea reviewed with the Board the student data from Iowa Assessments and MAP testing and the progress they made in 2012-2013.
  - 3. Professional Development Action Plan** – Mrs. Donlea and building principals shared with the Board each building’s professional development action plan for 2013-2014.
  - 4. ACT** – Mrs. Sornson shared ACT score results with the Board.
  - 5. East Elementary** – Dr. Blaisdell showed a video of students learning the beginning of the year routines.
- 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 Change Orders for Items Described in Bulletins #47R3, 64R and AV-6**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve change orders for items described in bulletin #47R3, 64R and AV-6. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

##### **6-B Agreement to Terminate Contract with Score Tables by Design, L.L.C.**

Motion Donnelly, second Christensen to approve the Agreement to terminate contract with Score Tables by Design, L.L.C. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **7-A 2012-2013 Annual Progress Report (APR).**

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve the 2012-2013 Annual Progress Report. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**7-B Canvass of Board Election from September 10, 2013 – Receive and File**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the canvass of board election from September 10, 2013. Roll call vote: Henderson - aye, Smith – aye, Donnelly – aye, Christensen – aye, Eddy –aye. Motion carried 5-0

**7-C Comments from Outgoing Board Members**

**ADJOURNMENT OF RETIRING BOARD**

Motion Henderson, second Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy  
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel  
Board Secretary/Treasurer