

Independence Community School Board Minutes
 Regular/Annual Meeting
 September 17, 2012

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 School Administration Office, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Brian C. Eddy, Eric Smith, John Christensen, Rusty Donnelly, and Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec./Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. Consideration of Action on Consent Items:

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

1-A Approval of Minutes Approval of the minutes of the public hearing on August 20, 2012 (with correction of Members Present listing Eric Smith once and including Stacy Henderson), the regular meeting on August 20, 2012 (with correction to legal descriptions for sanitary easements approved for the City), the special session on August 29, 2012 and the special session on August 31, 2012.

1-B Approval of Agenda

1-C Approval of Board Policies (all policies may be reviewed in the Admin. Building)

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	100	Legal Status of the School District
2.	101	Educational Philosophy of the School District
3.	102	School District Instructional Organization
4.	103, 103.E1, 103.E2, 103.E3, 103.E4 and 103.R1*	Equal Educational Opportunity, Notice of Non-Discrimination, Grievance Form for Complaints of Discrimination or Non-Compliance with Federal or State Regulations Requiring Non-Discrimination, Grievance Documentation, Section 504 Student and Parental Rights and Grievance Procedure
5.	104	The People and Their School District
6.	104.1	Independence Community Schools Operating Principles for the Administration and Staff
7.	104.2	Independence Community Schools Operating Principles for the Board of Education and Superintendent
8.	105 and 105R1	Long-Range Needs Assessment and Long-Range Needs Assessment Regulation

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	600	Goals and Objectives of the Education Program
2.	601.1*	School Calendar
3.	601.2	School Day
4.	602.1* & 602.1R1*	Curriculum Development
5.	602.2	Curriculum Implementation
6.	602.3	Curriculum Evaluation
7.	602.4	Pilot – Experimental – Innovative Projects

1-D New Hires

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Susan Palmer	ECC 5.5 hour Special Education Associate	\$9.00/hour	09/04/2012
Mary Terry	JSH 4.25 hour POS Operator/Food Service Worker	\$9.00/hour	09/04/2012

1-E Approval of Financial Reports**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

2-B 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.

Mr. Smith spent a day at the Junior High school and was excited to see the staff all wearing maroon and showing school spirit. He had the opportunity to watch co-teaching in person and was very impressed. As a member of the new school oversight committee, he has been excited to give tours of the new facility to show off the progress. His family has also been helping with the 2 acre farm to school garden and they are currently picking and husking corn. There is always a need for additional volunteers on Wednesday evenings.

Mr. Donnelly commented how nice it has been to read positive articles about some great things happening at the school.

Mr. Christensen has enjoyed the great enthusiasm for the home football games and the band. He also reminded everyone there will be a float for all current and past board members in the homecoming parade.

Mr. Eddy announced that the school received word of final approval of the FEMA safe room grant which will total over \$800,000 to be used in conjunction with a new safe room at the new Junior Senior High School. He also announced the results of the successful PPEL vote that was held on the 11th. As a member of the oversight committee as well, he reminded people that the next scheduled tour of the new facility would be Sunday, October 7, 2012 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Henderson wanted to thank everyone that helped get the PPEL vote to pass.

Ms. Peterson was excited about the PPEL vote. She also thanked Mr. Christensen and Mr. Smith for setting up community coffees for her to attend so she gets a chance to have good dialogue with our community. She informed the board of the new wellness program we kicked off this year. Of our staff, we had 133 members participate. She also informed them that AEA 267 has asked her to be part of the hiring process for a new Chief Financial Officer.

2-C1 Mrs. Bertelli presented her yearly report to the Board from the Buchanan County Success Center.

2-C2 Mrs. Sornson presented data to the Board from the ACT test results.

2-C3 Mrs. Weber presented a power point presentation to the Board highlighting the classes and seminars she attended while at the National Farm to Cafeteria Conference.

2-C4 Mrs. Merritt reviewed the 2011-2012 Annual Progress Report with the Board prior to the report being placed on our website.

3. 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.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4-A New Junior-Senior High School Facility

Mr. Eddy provided an update on the status of construction of the Junior-Senior High School. A complete status listing can be seen at the Admin. Office. The next scheduled public tour will be Sunday, October 7, 2012 beginning at 1:00.

4-B Approve Silver Cord Program

Motion Donnelly, second Henderson to approve the Silver Cord Program. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

4-C Board Goals

Discussion was held by the Board regarding the updated board goals.

4-D Approve Board Goals

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the updated board goals. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5-A Approve the Resolution to set the Date and Time of Public Hearing to Approve Larson Construction Contract

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve the Resolution to set the date (October 1, 2012) and time (5:00 p.m.) of a Public Hearing to approve the Larson Construction contract incorporating the required federal language for the FEMA safe room grant. Roll call vote: Smith – aye, Donnelly – aye, Eddy – aye, Henderson – aye. Motion carried 5-0. Complete copy of the Resolution can be viewed at the Administration office.

5-B Approve the 2011-2012 Annual Progress Report (APR)

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve the 2011-2012 Annual Progress Report. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

5-C Building Plans for Raising Student Achievement

Discussion was led by Mrs. Donlea regarding building plans for raising student achievement.

5-D Approve Level I, Level II Investigator and Alternate

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the level I, level II investigator and alternate. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

5-E Approve to Attend the 67th Annual IASB Convention – November 14-15, 2012

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve attending the IASB convention in November. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

5-F Approve SIAC Membership for 2012-2013

Motion Henderson, second Donnelly to approve the SIAC membership for the 2012-2013 school year. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

5-G Approve Contract with Windstar Lines, Inc. for the October 6th Band Trip

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the contract with Windstar Lines, Inc. for the October 6th band trip to Des Moines. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Christensen, second Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Sec./Treas.