

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular/Annual Meeting
September 19, 2011

A Regular/Annual meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:32 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

A. Dawnye Sturtz recognized and thanked BankIowa for sponsoring breakfast for the staff of the Independence Community School District on Welcome Back Day.

B. Dawnye Sturtz recognized and thanked Pizza Ranch for donating lunch for the staff of the Independence Community School District on Welcome Back Day.

C. Dawnye Sturtz recognized and thanked Pepsi Beverages Company for donating 11 cases of beverages for the staff of the District on Welcome Back Day.

D. Charlie McCardle recognized and thanked the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors for giving apples to the staff of the District at Welcome Back Day.

E. Mrs. Merritt recognized and thanked the Jesup Bible Fellowship for donating desk organizers to the District.

F. Mrs. Merritt recognized and thanked the First Presbyterian Church for donating school supplies to the District.

G. Dr. Blaisdell recognized and thanked the Zion Lutheran Church for donating school supplies to the District.

H. Mrs. Merritt recognized and thanked the West Village Care Center for providing snacks for the After School Program at West Elementary.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Jensen, second McCardle to approve the following consent items 2-A, 2-B with moving presentation #4 up to #1, 2-C with pulling Policy # 402.3, 402.3E1, E2 and 402.3R1 as a separate agenda item, 2-D, 2E with the addition of Denise Wohlers, 3.25 hrs/day special needs bus driver @ \$12.25/hr. and 2-F. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

2-A APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 15, 2011, the special session on August 29, 2011 and the special session (Community Coalition Annual Meeting) on August 29, 2011.

2-B APPROVAL OF AGENDA with changes noted above

2-C APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES All board policies may be reviewed in the School Administration Office.

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	402.1	Release of Credit Information
2.	402.2 & 402.2R1	Child Abuse Reporting and Child Abuse Reporting Regulation
3.	402.3, 402.3E1, E2 & 402.3R1	Abuse of Students by School District Employees, Abuse of Students by School District Employees Forms and Regulations (see agenda item 2)
4.	402.4	Gifts to Employees
5.	402.5	Public Complaints About Employees
6.	402.6	Employee Relations to the Public
7.	402.7	Employee Outside Employment
8.	402.8	Employee Telephone Calls
9.	402.9	Solicitations from Outside
10.	402.10	District Landline and Cellular Telephone Usage

2-D TRANSFERS/REASSIGNMENTS

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Mary Meister	West Elem 4.0 hr Custodian	Additional West Elem 4.0 hr Custodian	09/19/2011
Sue Case	East Elem 5.75 hr Sp Ed Assoc	JSH 7.0 hr Sp Ed Student Associate	09/26/2011

2-E NEW HIRES

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Mary Burkett	.5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach	\$706	9/20/2011
Mary Burkett	High School Drama	\$1,695	9/20/2011
Jayne Hurley	.5 FTE Weight Room Supervisor	\$2,238	9/13/2011
Kalika Staker	.5 FTE Weight Room Supervisor	\$2,176	9/13/2011

2-F RESIGNATIONS

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Kelle Bowden	7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	09/09/2011
Bill Duffy	JSH Special Education Teacher	09/14/2011

2-G APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the Financial Reports as listed. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

1. Approval of Bills ó Director Sturtz & Henderson reviewed the bills prior to the meeting.
2. Vendor report
3. Board report
4. Budget Report
5. Financial Settlement Statement as of June 30, 2011

2-H Motion McCardle, second Jensen to approve the second reading of Policy # 402.3, 402.3E1, E2 & 402.3R1 with the change to 402.3R1 page one sentence one from ðIntermediate Principalö to ðSecondary Principalö. All voted ðAyeö. Motion carried.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

3-A Comments from the Community -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.

3-B Comments from the Board/Superintendent – Mr. Henderson stated that last week was a ðgreat weekö and was happy to see the community come together.

Mr. McCardle thanked the community, the Mustang Foundation and Build For the Future. He also reminded everyone that past and present Board members are welcome to ride in the trolley for homecoming.

Mrs. Jensen commented that she was so excited about the new school.

Mr. Christensen thought everyone did a great job to get the bond passed. He also shared an article he brought from the newspaper regarding college rankings and thanked our local newspapers for their coverage and printing of editorials during the bond campaign.

Mrs. Sturtz thanked Build For the Future and prior committee groups for their role in a successful bond issue. She also thanked the Mustang Foundation for the new multipurpose facility and reminded everyone it was homecoming week with plenty of activities.

Ms. Peterson personally thanked the chairs of TEAM for all their hard work to get a successful bond referendum.

3-C Presentations –

- 1. West Elementary Mini-Mustang Bank** – Harriett Short, Ronda Foley and students Madison Larson and Ryan Thompson talked to the Board about how the Mini Mustang Bank works & the responsibilities they have at the Bank at West Elementary.
- 2. AYP – ITBS/ITED** – Sandy Merritt and Jennifer Sornson reviewed the test results with the Board and discussed their action plans to use further use the data.
- 3. APR - Annual Progress Report** – Sandy Merritt reviewed the Annual Progress Report with the Board and highlighted some of the information included.
- 4. ACT** – Jennifer Sornson reviewed the ACT statistics from the graduating class with the Board.

4. 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.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Canvas of Votes from the September 13, 2011 Bond Referendum Vote

Motion McCardle, second Henderson to approve the Canvas of Votes from the September 13, 2011 Bond Referendum Vote. Roll call vote: Sturtz ó Aye, Christensen ó Aye, Henderson ó Aye, Jensen ó Aye, McCardle ó Aye. Motion carries 5-0.

B. Annual Progress Report 2010-2011

Motion Christensen, second Jenson to approve the Annual Progress Report for 2010-2011. All voted óAyeö. Motion carried.

C. Resolution Committing Local Match Funds

Motion McCardle, second Christensen to approve the Resolution to Commit Local Match Funds. The complete Resolution is available at the Administration Office. Roll Call Vote: Sturtz ó Aye, Christensen ó Aye, Henderson ó Aye, Jensen ó Aye, McCardle ó Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Canvas of Board Election from September 13, 2011

Motion Christensen, second McCardle to approve the canvas of Board Election from the September 13, 2011 election. Roll call vote: Sturtz ó Aye, Christensen ó Aye, Henderson ó Aye, Jensen ó Aye, McCardle ó Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Comments from Outgoing Board Members and Recognition of their Service

Outgoing Board Members thanked the community for allowing them to serve. Members Henderson and Christensen also thanked the outgoing Board members for their years of service and dedication. Supt. Peterson presented each outgoing Board Member with a recognition plaque and Mrs. Sturtz also with a wooden gavel to recognize her years as school board President.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF RETIRING BOARD

Motion McCardle, second Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. All voted "Aye".

Dawnye Sturtz
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Secretary