

Independence Community School Board Minutes
Regular/Annual Meeting
September 21, 2015

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, Heather Meador, Rusty Donnelly, Shelly Whited and Eric Smith

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Sec. /Treas. Present: Lynnette Engel

1. FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

A. Prairie Hills Assisted Living

Mr. Hupke thanked Prairie Hills Assisted Living for donating school supplies for the students at East and West Elementary.

B. VFW Auxiliary

Mr. Hupke thanked the VFW Auxiliary for donating school supplies for the students at East and West Elementary.

C. Independence PTO

Mr. Hupke thanked the Independence PTO for providing water bottles and school supplies for the students and candy bars for the staff at East and West Elementary. They do many things throughout the school year to support our students and staff.

D. Geater Machining & Manufacturing, Co.

Mr. Hupke thanked Geater Machining & Manufacturing, Co. and their employees for donating several backpacks filled with school supplies for the students at West Elementary.

E. Sheryl Jahnel

Mr. Hupke thanked Sheryl Jahnel for donating school supplies for the students at East Elementary.

F. Backpacks and School Supplies – Back to School Night

Mr. Hupke and Mrs. Meyer thanked the following for donating backpacks and school supplies for the students at East and West Elementary: B & D Promotions, Burco Sales – Darin and Niki Burco, Crawford Farms – Gary and Karen Crawford, #45 Curt Martin Racing – Curt and Deb Martin, Dunlap Motors, Hair Gallery – Courtney Cue, Rod and Mary Grother, Independence Plumbing, Heating and Cooling – Dick, Susie and Justin Curry, Mike Flaucher Painting – Mike Flaucher, Re/Max Independence Realty – Curt Martin, State Farm Insurance – Tim Reed and Tarpy Trucking – Lavern and Renee Tarpy.

G. McDonald's

Mr. Hupke thanked McDonald's for donating various incentive awards for the students at West Elementary.

H. Dairy Queen

Mr. Hupke thanked Dairy Queen for donating various incentive awards for the students at West Elementary.

2. SPOTLIGHTS ON EDUCATION

A. National Merit Scholar Semifinalists

Mr. Howard recognized and honored Adam Goedken and Ross Thedens for being named National Merit Scholar Semifinalists.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve 3A-3E with a modification to policy 504.8 and removing agenda items 5(c)(4) and 8(a). all voted “aye”. Motion carried.

A. Approval of the minutes of the public hearing on August 17, 2015, the regular meeting on August 17, 2015 and the special meeting on August 31, 2015.

B. Approval of Agenda

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. | 410.6 (New Policy) | Summer School Licensed Employees |
| 2. | 603.11 (New Policy) | Summer School Instruction |
| 3. | 504.8* | Student Activity Program |
| 4. | 211.1 | Annual Meeting |
| 5. | 211.2 | Regular Meeting |
| 6. | 211.3 | Special Meeting |
| 7. | 211.4 | Work Sessions |
| 8. | 211.5 | Meeting Notice |
| 9. | 211.6 | Quorum |
| 10. | 211.7 & 211.7R1 | Rules of Order and Rules of Order Regulation |
| 11. | 211.8 | Method of Voting |

D. Transfers/Reassignments

| NAME | PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT | NEW ASSIGNMENT | SALARY | DATE |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Lois Johnson | East/West 5.75 hr Para | BCSC 5.75 hr Sp Ed Para | \$13.00/hr | 10/15/2015 |

E. New Hires (*pending acceptable background checks*)

| NAME | ASSIGNMENT | SALARY | DATE |
|---------------|--|---------|------------|
| Michael Doyle | .5 FTE Strength and Conditioning Coach | \$2,515 | 08/03/2015 |
| Ron Hearn | JH Boys Basketball Coach | \$2,286 | 11/16/2015 |

F. Approval of Financial Reports – Motion Smith, second Whited to approve 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. Financial Settlement Statement as of June 30, 2015

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

A. Comments from the Public. No comment cards were received.

B. Comments from the Board/Superintendent –

Mrs. Meador commented on the great start to the school year and how fun it has been to watch all the students participate in the many fall activities. Mr. Donnelly echoed Mrs. Meador and stated how neat it is to see all the support and pride for our district and students. Mrs. Whited congratulated Mr. Putz for winning the Ed Thomas Coach of the Week and Nick Holt for winning KCRG Athlete of the Week. She reminded everyone that marching band competition kicks off this week and they will be showcasing their newly purchased uniforms. Superintendent Peterson commented how wonderful it is to see the success our programs are having and reminded everyone that October 1st is the official student count day.

C. Presentations

1. BCSC Annual Report 2014-2015 – Mrs. Bertelli presented data from last year at the Buchanan County Success Center
2. 2015-2016 Affirmative Action Report – Mrs. Meyer presented the 2015-16 affirmative action report to the board
3. Iowa Assessment - Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Notification – Building Principals presented their respective building AYP data and talked about how they will be utilizing this data for the current year.
4. ACT – Mr. Howard presented the recently released data showing our students' scores that took the ACT last year.

5. REPORTS

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board Policy 906.1 and 906.1E1 Community Use of School District Facilities & Equipment – Discussion was held regarding this policy. Guidance was given to Superintendent Peterson and proposed policy revision will be brought back as a first read at the October meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. SBRC Approval – Special Education Negative Balance – motion Smith, second Meador to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

B. Accept Bid for Baseball/Softball Complex – Motion Meador, second Whited to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

C. Approve Contract with Larson Construction Co., Inc. for Baseball/Softball Complex – Motion Smith, second Meador to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

D. Canvass of Board Election from September 8, 2015 – Receive and File – Motion Donnelly, second Meador to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

E. Comments from Outgoing Board Member(s) and Recognition of their Service – Superintendent Peterson recognized and thanked Rusty Donnelly for his four years of voluntary service to the Board. Ms. Peterson presented Mr. Donnelly with a plaque.

F. ADJOURNMENT – Motion Smith, second Whited to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Sec. /Treas.