

Independence Community School Board Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 July 17,2017

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Shelly Whited at the Administration Building, Independence, Iowa on July 17, 2017.

Members Present: Chairperson Shelly Whited, Brian C. Eddy, Heather Meador and Kim Hansen. Eric Smith joined telephonically.

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Secretary: Laura Morine

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. CONSENT ITEMS - Motion by Eddy, second Meador to approve items 2A-2F. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 2A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on June 19, 2017
 - 2B. Approval of Agenda
 - 2C. Approval of Board Policies (*changes noted)

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	409.3*, 409.3E1, 409.3E2, 409.3R1 & 409.3R2	Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Notice to Employees, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Request Form, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Regulation and Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Definitions
2.	414.3*, 414.3E1, 414.3E2, 414.3R1 & 414.3R2	Classified Employee Family and Medical Leave, Classified Employee Family and Medical Leave Notice to Employees, Classified Employee Family and Medical Leave Request Form, Classified Employee Family and Medical Leave Regulation and Classified Employee Family and Medical Leave Definitions
3.	506.1*, 506.1E1*, 506.1E2*, 506.1E3*, 506.1E4*, 506.1E5*, 506.1E6*, 506.1E7*, 506.1E8*, 506.1R1*	Education Records Access, Request of NonParent for Examination or Copies of Education Records, Authorization for Release of Education Records, Request for Hearing on Correction of Education Records, Request for Examination of Education Records, Notification of Transfer of Education Records. Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of a Subpoena, Juvenile Justice Agency Information Sharing Agreement, Annual Notice, Use of Education Records Regulation,
4.	506.2*, 506.2E1* and 506.2R1*	Student Directory Information, Authorization for Releasing Student Directory Information and Use of Directory Information

First 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

2D. Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Sonya Elzey	JH Student Council Sponsor	End of 2016-2017 Contract

2E. Transfers/Reassignments

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Tasha Good	Bus Garage 3.5 hr Reg Ed Para	ECC 5.5 hr Sp Ed Para	\$9.70/hr	08/23/2017
Mary Kohlhaas (Recall)	West Elem 5.75hr Sp Ed Para	ECC 4.0 hr Sp Ed Para	\$9.70/hr	08/23/2017
Cindy Shupe	ECC 5.5 hr Sp Ed Para	JSH 7.0 hr Sp Ed Para	\$9.95/hr	08/23/2017

2F. New Hires (*pending acceptable background checks*)

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Hannah Burns	JSH Math Curriculum Leader	\$5,000	08/17/2017
Amber Hoffman	JSH Science Teacher	\$38,158	08/17/2017
Amber Hoffman	Student Council/Prom	\$3,175	08/17/2017
Katelyn Kleitsch	West Elem 3rd Grade Curriculum Leader	\$5,000	08/17/2017
Briana Miller	West Elem Sp Ed Teacher	\$38,158	08/17/2017
Haley Schumann	JSH Sp Ed Teacher	\$48,343	08/17/2017

2G. Approval of Financial Reports – Motion Meador, second Hansen to approve. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0. Eddy abstained.

1. Approval of Bills – Director Hansen reviewed the bills
2. Vendor Report
3. Board Report
4. Budget Report

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

3A. Gene Ficken donated a blanket that had the “Fillies” on it. Thank you, Mr. Ficken for your donation.

3B. Comments from the Board/Superintendent. Hansen is excited for Jazz Band Camp to kick off and the band performances. Eddy congratulated the softball and baseball teams for a successful season. Whited wanted to remind everyone that there is a mandatory meeting for parents that have students involved in **any** activity on August 29th. Supt. Peterson reported online registration starts August 1st. On August 21st the District will be hosting an all staff “Welcome Back Breakfast and Meeting”

3C. Presentations

1. End of the Year Activities Report – Activities Director Justin Putz reviewed the year’s activities and reported the boy’s sportsmanship scores.
 2. PowerSchool Update – John Howard and Steve Noyes presented information regarding the progress made with PowerSchool since last year and the upcoming training.
4. OLD BUSINESS
- 4A. ICSD Communications Plan – Motion by Meador, second Eddy to amend and approve the ICSD Communications Plan by adding in the Social Media Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4B. IASB Legislative Priorities – Discussion was held by the board to determine their top four legislative priorities to be returned to IASB.
- 4C. IASB Legislative Priorities – Motion Smith, second Hansen to approve Resolution #7, 12, 20, and 27 as the District’s top four priorities. Motion carried unanimously.

#7. Mental Health

Supports increased statewide access to and funding for mental health services for children.

#12. Teacher Leadership and Development

Supports research-based programs and funding to develop strong instructional leadership including:

- teacher leadership and development
 - beginning teacher mentoring programs
 - quality professional development programs

#20. Supplemental State Aid

Supports setting supplemental state aid:

- For FY 2018, by January 31, 2017;
- For FY 2019 and future budget years, at least 14 months prior to the certification of the school’s district budgets; and
- at a rate that sufficiently supports local districts’ efforts to plan, create and sustain world-class schools

Supports a formula driven method for establishing the supplemental state aid growth rate if it is not set within the statutory requirements.

#27. SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education)

Supports repeal of the December 31, 2029 sunset on the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure.

Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure including the tax equity provisions in the following manner:

- No diversions or expansions of allowable uses prior to the current 2029 sunset date;
- Continued growth in the per pupil amount beyond the 2029 sunset date.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. Class Size – Superintendent Peterson presented the current class sizes for the elementary grade. Her recommendation would be to add a section to the 1st, 4th and

5th grades. The board agreed with the recommendation as it will decrease the class sizes in those grades.

5B. PowerSchool Access Agreement with Grant Wood Area Education Agency for 2017-2018. Motion Meador, second Eddy to approve the Grant Wood AEA Power School agreement and to continue the training. Motion carried unanimously.

5C. Iowa Department of Human Services Summer School Contract – Motion by Eddy, second Meador to approve the summer school contract. Motion carried unanimously.

5D. Categorical Flexibility Board Resolution – Meador moved to approve the Categorical Flexibility Board Resolution. Eddy second. Roll call vote: Smith-Aye; Meador-Aye; Hansen-Aye, Eddy-Aye, Whited-Aye. Resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution:

Whereas, Iowa Code provides school districts greater flexibility to transfer excess funds to other specified purposes:

Whereas, the Board, in consultation with its community, has determined that surplus funds of \$10,000 in the general fund shall be transferred to the student activity fund to purchase protective and safety equipment required for any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition that is sponsored or administered by an organization as currently defined by Iowa Code

5E. Review Financial Reports – Director of Finance Morine reviewed new financial reports that she will be providing on a monthly basis to the board.

6. ADJOURN – Motion Meador, second Eddy to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Shelly Whited
Chairperson

Laura Morine
Board Secretary