

**Independence Community School Board  
Public Hearing and Special Meeting  
January 7, 2019**

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held at the Administration Office, Independence, IA on January 7, 2019 at 5:50 pm for a permanent easement for a municipal pedestrian and bicycle trail between the Independence Community School District and the City of Independence.

Members Present: Eric Smith, Kim Hansen, Brian Eddy, Jennifer Sornson and Gina Trimble  
Superintendent: Russell Reiter; Board Secretary: Laura Morine

There were no patrons in attendance to speak. Public hearing ended at 5:56 pm.

**Special Meeting**

A special meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Eric Smith at the Administration Building, Independence, Iowa on January 7, 2019.

Members Present: Eric Smith, Kim Hansen, Brian Eddy, Jennifer Sornson and Gina Trimble  
Superintendent: Russell Reiter; Board Secretary: Laura Morine

**CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS:**

Trimble moved to approve the agenda. Eddy second, motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trotter Trail Easement - Eddy moved to approve the Trotter Trail Easement. Hansen second, motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Technology Services/Public Relations Firm - Trimble moved to accept the four year contract with Fusion Forward, second by Hansen. Smith, Trimble, Sornson and Hansen voted "aye", Eddy abstained.

Closed Session – Motion by Sornson, second by Eddy to enter into closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Iowa Code: To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Roll call vote: Trimble – aye, Eddy – aye, Hansen – aye, Smith – aye, Sornson – aye. Motion carried and moved into closed session 6:05 pm. Came out of closed session at 7:55 pm and no official transactions transpired during the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hansen moved to adjourn. Eddy second and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

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Eric B. Smith, Board President

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Laura Morine, Board Sec/Treas