

**Independence Community School Board Meeting**  
**Work Session**  
**August 28, 2019**

A work session for the Independence Community School Board started at 6:00 pm. The work session was led by Chair Eric Smith at the Administrative Office, Independence, IA. Members attending: Kim Hansen, Brian Eddy, Jennifer Sornson, Gina Trimble, Superintendent Russell Reiter and Board Secretary Laura Morine. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)** – City Manager Al Roder discussed the proposed amendment to the Urban Renewal Area for street and bridge repairs that are in the original TIF area and eligible funding options for the city. The board reviewed a scenario to identify possible impact on the school’s tax rate as it could increase the school’s tax rate slightly.

After the TIF discussion, Manager Roder shared that the city’s trail project along First Street should be finished this week.

**BOARD ASSESSMENT** – The board discussed the board assessment they had taken as well as the information from the administration and directors. The board is always looking at ways to improve the district and their roles as board members. The board will reach out to the Iowa School Board Association to talk about some hands-on professional development after the school board election.

Meeting ended at 7:35 pm with no official actions taken by the board.

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Eric B. Smith, Board Chair

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Laura Morine, Board Secretary