

**Independence Community School Board Meeting
Special Meeting
October 7, 2019**

A special meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Eric Smith at the Administrative Office, Independence, IA. Board members attending: Eric Smith, Kim Hansen, Brian Eddy, Jennifer Sornson and Gina Trimble. Superintendent Russell Reiter, Board Secretary Laura Morine, and Legal Counsel Drew Bracken was also in attendance as well as involved parties.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Sornson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trimble second, motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Closed Session - Hansen moved to go into closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(e) of the Iowa Code; To discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor. Eddy second. Roll call vote: Trimble – aye, Sornson – aye, Hansen – aye, Eddy – aye, Smith – Aye. Moved into closed session at 6:05 pm. Exited closed session at 7:15 pm and no official action was taken during the closed session.
- B. Possible Action on Closed Session – Hansen moved that the Board expel the student from all Independence Community School District programs, activities and premises until July 1, 2020, but shall be allowed online options for education through the school while the expulsion is in force. Sornson second the motion. Eddy commented that the school district didn't have to provide the online education but felt it was important for the student. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Eddy moved to adjourn the meeting. Trimble second, adjournment passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Eric B. Smith, Board Chair

Laura Morine, Board Secretary