

**Independence Community School Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2020**

The regular 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 on January 20, 2020. Members attending: Eric Smith, Kim Hansen, Matt O’Loughlin, Jennifer Sornson, Gina Trimble, Superintendent Russell Reiter and Board Secretary Laura Morine. Admin and guests were in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS – Hansen moved to approve the consent items. Sornson second, motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 16, 2019.
- B. Approval of Board Policies (*changes noted)

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	704.1*	Local – State – Federal – Miscellaneous Revenue
2.	704.2	Sale of Bonds
3.	704.4	Gifts – Grants – Bequests
4.	704.5	Student Activities Fund
5.	704.6	Post-Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt Obligations
6.	705.1 and 705.1R1	Purchasing – Bidding and Suspension and Debarment of Venders and Contractors Procedure
7.	705.2	Requisitions and Purchase Orders
8.	705.3	Receiving Goods and Services
9.	705.4	Payment for Goods and Services
10.	705.5	Unpaid Warrants
11.	706.3 and 706.3R1	Pay Deductions and Pay Deduction Regulation
12.	707.1	Secretary/Treasurer’s Reports
13.	707.2	Secretary/Treasurer’s Annual Report
14.	707.3	Publication of Financial Reports
15.	707.4	Audit
16.	707.5 and 707.5R1	Internal Controls and Internal Controls Procedures
17.	708	Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records
18.	709.1	Insurance Program
19.	709.2	Insurance Report

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME (cont)
20.	710.1	School Nutrition Program
21.	710.2	Free or Reduced Priced Meals Eligibility
22.	710.3	Vending Machines
23.	710.4	Meal Charges
24.	710.5	Records and Reports
25.	711.1	Student School Transportation Eligibility
26.	711.2*, 711.2R1*, and 711.2R2*	Student Conduct on School Transportation, Student Conduct on School Transportation Regulation, and Use of Video Cameras on School Buses Regulation
27.	711.3	Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities
28.	711.4	Transportation Equipment
29.	711.5	School Vehicle Routes
30.	711.6	Discretionary Stops by School Vehicles
31.	711.7	Summer School Program Transportation Service
32.	711.8	Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic School Students
33.	711.9	Transportation of Nonschool Groups
34.	711.10	School Bus Safety Instruction
35.	711.11*	Transportation in Inclement Weather
36.	711.12 and 711.12R1	District Vehicle Idling and District Vehicle Idling Regulation

C. Approval of New Hires (*pending acceptable background checks*)

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Brianne Weber	East Elem 5.5 hr Sp Ed Para	\$10.10/hr	01/06/2020
Leah Zweigle	West Elem 3.0 hr Dishwasher/FS Worker	\$10.10/hr	01/06/2020

D. Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Bills – Director Trimble audited the bills
- B. Vendor Report
- C. Board Report
- D. Budget Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

- A. Comments from the Board/Superintendent – Hansen attended a bit of the WaMaC Speech Contest prior to the meeting and had also attended the exciting boys’ basketball game that went into OT last week. Trimble thanked all that serve the district since it was Martin Luther King Day and he was an advocate on service. Sornson indicated that more judges are needed for the FFA Review Night on February 5th. These judges will serve on a panel with two other judges and instructions will be given to all judges before judging begins. Superintendent Reiter reported that the calendar committee will meet on Monday and they have had good discussions so far. The renewal of the Revenue Purpose Statement will be on the March ballot. Work continues with HSR Architects as we look at a few updates on our facilities. Superintendent Reiter attended a meeting at Hawkeye Community College and met their new president. The president indicated they will continue to work with the state colleges on expanding their transfer majors. Reiter also reported that he will continue to monitor weather conditions and that when making the decision for closing and delays that there are a lot of factors to consider.

B. Presentations

1. Portrait of a Graduate – Josh Johnson from Central Rivers AEA (CRAEA). This program is a process that engages stakeholders to create a picture of what a graduate should look like upon living our district. There are many districts in the state looking at this program.
2. TLC – Instructional Coaches and Erin Burmeister. Currently over 25% of the staff is involved in the Teacher Leadership Compensation grant and that percent is over our goal. Each of the Instructional Coaches reported on what is happening in their buildings.

REPORTS

A. Building Administrator Reports

1. Junior-Senior High School Principal – Principal Howard reported that the trip to Nevada will be rescheduled due to weather. The first semester ended Monday, January 20th rather than Friday, due to school cancellation on Friday.
2. Junior-Senior High School Assistant Principal – The Board thanked Mr. Hupke for creating and posting the bus safety video on social media.
3. West Elementary Principal
4. East Elementary/Early Childhood Center Principal

B. District Director Reports

1. Activities Director Report
2. Director of School Improvement Report
3. Director of Technology Report – Hansen asked why switching from RevTrak for registration. Noyes said the switch will allow parents to have one sign on between PowerSchool and MySchoolBucks and MySchoolBucks is the current program that is being used for school lunch payments.
4. Director of Food Service Report
5. Director of Buildings & Grounds Report
6. Director of Transportation Report – Sornson inquired if the district had seatbelts and harnesses in our buses. Currently we only have a harness in a bus that goes to River Hills.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Approval of the Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) Application (At Risk Drop Out Prevention). Hansen moved to approve the Modified Supplemental Amount Application for AtRisk/Dropout. O’Loughlin second, motion carried 5-0.

B. Consider Approval of the Proposed Hawkeye Community College (HCC) Courses for 2020-2021. Sornson moved to approve the HCC courses for 2020-2021. Trimble second, motion carried 5-0.

C. Consider Approval of the Application and Agreement to Join the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Agreement. Trimble moved to approve the application and agreement to join the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Agreement. Sornson second, motion carried 5-0.

D. Consider Approval of the Board Resolution to Join Iowa Local Government Risk Pool. Trimble moved to approve the Board Resolution to Join Iowa Local Government Risk Pool. Hansen second, motion carried 5-0.

E. Consider Approval of the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission Natural Gas Program Participation Agreement. Sornson moved to approve the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission Natural Gas Program Participation Agreement. O’Loughlin second, motion carried 5-0.

F. Consider Approval of the IAHSAA and IGHSAU School Classification Equity Resolution. Trimble moved to approve the IAHSAA and IGHSAU School Classification Equity Resolution. Hansen second, motion carried 5-0.

G. Consider Approval of the Contract with MySchoolBucks. – Hansen moved to approve the Contract with MySchoolBucks. O’Loughlin second, motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT - Hansen moved to adjourn. Sornson second, motion carried 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Eric B. Smith, Chair

Laura J. Morine, Board Secretary