**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE**

**23786 INDEE BLVD.**

**INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

**MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Independence was called to order in the English room (311) at 7:01 pm on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 by President Joe Bragger.

**Roll Call:** Present for roll call were Board members Jeff Bautch, Joe Bragger, Chuck Walek, Leah Matchey, and Bob Guza, plus Superintendent Paul Vine, High School Principal Barry Schmitt, and District bookkeeper, Marita Halama.

**Proof of public notice:** Dr. Vine confirmed the agenda was legally and properly posted.  The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Delegations/Public Input**:  Kris Oium of Oium Blacktopping updated the board on the condition of the paint job on the track. Oium repainted the track lines in June 2012. Since then the paint has peeled in many areas. He is uncertain of cause and believes it is the 2007 paint applied by Bergman’s that may be causing the problem. He agrees to work with the district to resolve the problem. This fall he will put down a test strip of a finish to see if that will halt the peeling. He will be analyzing the effect in the spring and update the board on the process to pursue in order to correct this issue. No other delegations were here for public input.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve treasurer’s report including payrolls of October, vendor checks # 128437 – 128573, and expense journal entries # 1839-1867; motion by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Leah Matchey (vote of 4-0 approval).

**b**)   **Minutes:**  Motion to approve minutes of October 9, 2013 regular meeting and October 26, 2013 special meeting was made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Bob Guza; the motion to approve carried on a 4-0 vote.

**Celebrations and Acknowledgements:**

* Congratulations were issued to the Indee football team for a great season by Joe Bragger and Paul Vine. We are proud of the team and the coaches.
* Thank you letter was issued to Richard and Kathy Warner for the donation of the microwave for use in the cafetorium.
* Thank you letter was issued to Dawn Woychik and Leah Matchey for the checks in the amount of two $400 donations to be used for the gifted & talented program and for the Indee Elementary yard signs (reward program).
* A thank you letter came to us from the Trempealeau County Sheriff’s Department for the donation to the K-9 unit fundraiser.
* Pam Lehmeier was present to demonstrate her efforts as webmaster for the Indee school website and Facebook. She explained the improvements to the pages and links as established over the last four months, and has asked for feedback on the site.

**Discussion:**

1. **Overview of the equalization aid formula: Facts and myths of sand mine/ district wealth:** Dr. Vine went through a power point demonstration of the tax impact and equalization formulas that will be impacted by the addition of a corporation associated with sand mining to the district.
2. **Long term planning update**: Dr. Vine discussed the plan and terms of using the Buffalo County agent as a facilitator for the district long term planning updates. After preliminary discussion, it was suggested that the terms be formalized into a contract for such services and brought to the December meeting for action.
3. **City request to use district facilities in event of a major catastrophe:** Preliminary discussion was held on the request from the Independence Police Department to use the school gymnasium and cafetorium as a shelter in case of a major catastrophe in the area. The item will be acted on at the December meeting.

d) **Board Policies # 343, 343.42, 343.7, 345, 434 and deletion of 343.41:** Each policy was reviewed with changes highlighted as part of the first reading of the listed policies. Mr. Schmitt and Dr. Vine answered questions related to the changes. Joe Bragger asked that the policies under revision be detailed on the website with the proposed changes, so the public input

 can be obtained on such revisions before action is made. All of these policies will have second

 reading and action at the December meeting.

**Action Agenda:**

1. **Adoption of the 2013-14 tax levy and 2013-14 budget:** Chuck Walek made the motion to adopt the total levy for 2013-14 in the amount of $2,021,741, which contains the debt service levy of $647,000 and the general operating levy plus the non-referendum debt levy of $1,374,741.00; the total budgeted expenditures for all funds combined for the 2013-14 year is set at $5,622,509.27. Jeff Bautch seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote. The notice of change in adopted budget as published prior to the annual meeting will be sent to the Trempealeau County Times for publication as required by state statute.
2. **66.0301 Agreements with Whitehall School District – Animal Science and Alternative Ed:** Motion made by Bob Guza to approve the cooperative agreements for these classes as needed with Whitehall serving as fiscal agent. Jeff Bautch seconded the motion, and it passed on a 4-0 vote.

**c) Second reading/approval of revised Policy # 830 – Facility Use:** Motion made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek, to approve the facility use policy as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

**d) Volunteer application:** Jeff Bautch made the motion to approve one volunteer application as presented. Motion was seconded by Bob Guza, and approved on a 4-0 vote.

**Information:**

a)  **Administrative Reports:**  Administrative reports presented by Barry Schmitt and Paul Vine.

1. **2014 Board Election Timelines and filing information was presented:**  The election notice has been sent to the Times for publication; two positions are up for election with the positions held by incumbents Bob Guza and Chuck Walek the positions to be filled.
2. **Common Core Facts & Myths:** Dr. Vine discussed the Common Core and how it affects the curriculum taught here in Independence. The myths and the progress have been studied and are presented for review by the Wisconsin DPI.
3. **Track lines update:** The information was presented by Kris Oium at the beginning of the meeting.
4. **Review of Board 2013-14 Goals:**   The goals list was reviewed and the timelines for the remainder of the work was outlined. The school lunch program serving sizes/ alternatives were discussed and an update on the alternative compensation committee meetings was provided.

**Convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c ):**Motion made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek, to convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss performance evaluations. The motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.  Meeting convened in closed session at 10:24 pm.

**Reconvene Open session:** A motion was made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. The meeting reconvened in open session at 11:26pm.

**Action taken as a result of closed session discussions:** No action taken.

 **Adjournment:**  Chuck Walek moved to adjourn, with a second to the motion made by Jeff Bautch.  Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by - Leah Matchey, Clerk

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