

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE  
23786 INDEE BLVD, INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

**6:00PM Open Session – Digital Learning Room**

**8:00PM – Community Forum**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Independence was called to order by President Joe Bragger at 6:01 pm, in the Digital Learning room (301) on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

**Proof of Public Notice:** Mr. Schmitt confirmed the agenda was legally and properly posted.

**Roll Call:** Present for roll call were Board members Bob Guza, Chuck Walek, Leah Matchey, and Joe Bragger. Jeff Bautch arrived at 6:05 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sophie Woychik.

**Public Input/Delegations:**

- a) Student Recognition Promotions - Question – Why doesn't Independence have honor roll students posted/advertised in the local newspaper, similar to other schools.
- b) Review recent written suggestions or concerns board policy # 870 - None

**Student Spotlight:**

- a) SPED Department – Melanie Hines, Kayla Olson presented the Board of Education with a short video highlighting what the students do on a daily basis – learning and fun activities.

**Consent:**

**a) Treasurer's report, vouchers and payroll**

Month – January 29, 2015

Balance in General Fund Checking (December 30, 2015 report) \$ 1,291,765.96

Receipts # 15814-15859	+ \$	85,687.31
Payrolls (January 2016, regular/supplemental)	-	139,884.85
Expense Registers:	-	175,379.74
(Manual Checks # 90002258-90002263	\$	62,815.24)
(Vendor Checks # 131475-131591	\$	112,564.50

**Balance as of January 29, 2016 \$ 1,062,188.68**

Savings Account Recap	\$	37,368.74
State Investment Pool Savings	\$	129.70

## **Outstanding Debt & Next Scheduled Payments:**

### **Fund 10**

Short Term Borrowing: \$1,000,000 Principal and \$8,360.67 Interest (**Due 10/28/16**)

### **Fund 38**

# 1 Note for WRS prior service liability payoff: Outstanding Balance on Principal \$143,872.96  
Next payment scheduled for Dec 24, 2016 (\$60,545.01)

### **Fund 39 Refinanced Debt** (issue 12/1707)

Bonds for Building: Outstanding Balance on Principal \$625,000

**Payment to be made March 1, 2016 (\$625,000 principal and \$25,000 interest)**

Motion by Jeff Bautch, second by Chuck Walek to approve treasurer's report, vouchers and payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

i) Address questions from previous month payroll.

### **b) Minutes of the prior meetings**

i) Minutes of January 6, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Motion by Bob Guza, second by Chuck Walek to approve minutes of January 6, 2016 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

ii) Minutes of January 11, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Motion by Bob Guza, second by Chuck Walek to approve minutes of January 11, 2016 Special Board meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

### **c) Employment (hire)**

i) Teaching staff

ii) Coaching

- 1) Assistant Track Coach – Jenna Sonsalla
- 2) Assistant Track coach – Amber Guza
- 3) Assistant Track Coach – Marty Gibbons
- 4) Assistant Track Coach – Sierra Dokken
- 5) Volunteer Asst Baseball – Collin Manley
- 6) Volunteer Asst Softball – Emily Guza (pending background check)

Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Jeff Bautch to approve coaching positions. Motion carried 4-0.

iii) 1) Bilingual Community Liason – Areny Bork – Motion by Chuck Walek, second by Jeff Bautch to approve Bilingual Liason. Motion carried 4-0.

iv) Advisors

1) MS Forensics – Anne Gierok, Mary Gunderson. Motion by Bob Guza, second by Leah Matchey to approve MS Forensics coaches. Motion carried 4-0.

### **d) Employment (Resignation/retire)**

i) Teaching Staff – N/A

## **Celebration**

- a) Thank you for donations  
Ashley – Couch for lounge, blankets for Indee Way auction)
- b) Coats For Kids Thank You – Kudos to students.

## **Discussion** (Possible action) –

- a) Student Council update – Sophie updated the Board of Education – New foreign exchange student from Germany, highlights of past events and future activities.
- b) AGR Report (SAGE)  
Mr. Vanderloop presented Board of Education with slide presentation on AGR – identify our strategies and what we are doing with our students and their learning.
- c) WTI Grant  
  
Melissa Pientok explained the grant process and changes with the payback if we get the grant.
- d) School Master Calendar  
  
Discussion on inservice, hours of teacher/student for calendar and parent-teacher conference end time. Will bring back next month.
- e) Property & Casualty Insurance  
  
Policy renews automatically. Mr. Schmitt looking for clarification on cyber coverage and property in the open with the insurance agent.
- f) Safety Committee Update  
  
Mr. Schmitt updated the Board of Education with operations plan and communication plan.
- g) Referendum timeline  
  
Information in packet – Election February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Action**

- a) CESA 10 Service Contract – Motion by Chuck Walek, second by Leah Matchey to approve CESA 10 service contract. Motion carried 4-0.
- b) Performance Points Approval – Add Coaching/AD together – okay with others. Motion by Bob Guza, second by Jeff Bautch. Motion carried 4-0.
- c) Volunteer approval – none

## **Information**

- a) Community Forum at 8:00 pm  
Three community members in attendance.

- b) Computer Repair Report – Melissa Pientok discussed current repair costs for our Macs and pelican cases.
- c) ACT Date – Information for Board of Education on recent test data.
- d) Administrator’s report
  - i) Mr. Vanderloop – updated Board of Education
  - ii) Mr. Schmitt – updated Board of Education.
    - 1) Grading Policy – A lot of discussion.
- e) YTD Budget Totals – discussion.
- f) New Glarus Junior Fire Department – discussion for youth opportunities.
- g) Legislative Breakfast – February 19 – notice for us.
- h) School Board Election Timeline – Joe Bragger, then Leah Matchey on April Ballot.
- i) 2015-16 Board Goals – working on.
- j) Board of Education 12 month calendar – updated.

Motion by Jeff Bautch, second by Chuck Walek to go to closed session at 10:24 pm. Roll call vote – Jeff Bautch yes, Chuck Walek yes, Bob Guza yes, Leah Matchey yes, Joe Bragger yes.

**Convene in Closed Session** – in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)

- a) 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
  - i) Head track coach applications – nothing new.
  - ii) Teacher Evaluations
  - iii) Teacher Salary Adjustment

**Reconvene into open session to action from closed.**

Motion by Chuck Walek, second by Jeff Bautch to go to open session at 10:49 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Chuck Walek, second by Jeff Bautch to adjourn at 10:49 pm.

No announcements.