

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE
23786 INDEE BOULEVARD, INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 4, 2015

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 7:10 pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 by President Joe Bragger.

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Board members Jeff Bautch, Joe Bragger, Leah Matchey, Chuck Walek, and Bob Guza

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was led by Hillary Halama.

Proof of public notice: Dr. Vine confirmed the agenda was legally and properly posted.

Public Input/Delegations:

No public input.

- a. **Review recent written suggestions or concerns - Board Policy #870:** There is one #870 concern that will be addressed in closed session.

Consent Agenda:

- a. **Treasurer's Report, Vouchers and Payroll:** Motion by Leah Matchey with a second by Jeff Bautch to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.
- b. **Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of February 4, 2015 meetings. Motion by Chuck Walek, seconded by Bob Guza to approve the minutes. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.
- c. **Employment (Hires)**
 1. Amanda Lettner - 4K Long Term Sub
Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Chuck Walek to hire Amanda Lettner as long term sub for Lisa Schultz. Motion carried 4-0.

Celebration:

- a. **OCR Audit Complete:** We are in compliance with recent audit for WDPI..
- b. **Darin Gray:** Acknowledgement from the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon to Darin Gray for 15 years as the Academic Decathlon advisory.
- c. **Barry Schmitt** - Compliments to Barry Schmitt on the wrestling tournament and the major understanding and success of the program.

Discussion: (Possible Action)

- a. **Student Council Update** - Hillary Halama updated the Board on high school events for February, including athletics, activities and academics.
- b. **CESA 4 Proposed Services 2015-2016** - Discussion only for the proposed bids for 2015-2016. Will bring back next month. A few changes to the new contract year.
- c. **Property and Liability Bids** - Motion by Leah Matchey and a second by Chuck Walek to accept the bid for property and liability from EMC in the amount of \$43,172. Motion passed on 4-0 vote.
- d. **First Reading Board Policy #662- Student Activity Accounts** - Discussion only and will bring back next month.

Action Agenda:

- a. **Second Reading of board policy #460 - Technical Excellence Scholarship (TES)** - Motion by Leah Matchey with a second by Jeff Bautch to approved the Technical Excellence Scholarship (TES) policy #460.1. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.
- b. **2015-2016 School Year Calendar** - Motion by Leah Matchey and second by Jeff Bautch to accept the calendar as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
- c. **Distance Learning Grant - \$18,500 USDA Project Circuit Grant** - Motion by Jeff Bautch to get 100% of the bids for electrical, HVAC and plumbing before proceeding. Second by Bob Guza. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.
- d. **Sodding football field** - Motion by Leah Matchey to table until next month to get a better handle on budget. Second by Chuck Walek. Vote 2-2, yes by Leah Matchey and Chuck Walek no by Jeff Bautch and Bob Guza. Joe Bragger voted yes. Motion carried on 3-2 vote.
- e. **Co-op Agreement with Gilmanton for Wrestling** - Motion by Leah Matchey to keep agreement with Gilmanton. Second by Jeff Bautch. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.
- f. **Volunteer Approval** - Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Chuck Walek to approve one volunteer application. Motion carried 4-0.

Information:

- a. **Administrator's Report:** Barry Schmitt went through his report of past events throughout the high school. He also discussed the possibility of additional class offerings online for underclassmen. We may need to look into our policy in closer detail. He also addressed the homework/grading committee and their current progress.

Dr. Vine mentioned Dr. Seuss' birthday and reading week and celebration. He discussed upcoming Badger Exam for our students. Also discussed class sizes in elementary next year.

- b. **Intruder Alert Update:** A letter was sent to all parents in February advising of the upcoming intruder drill. An update was given to the Board on the safety committee's discussion and the recent drill.
- c. **2015-2016 Youth Options requests:** For 2015-16 fifteen of this year's juniors have made initial application to participate in youth options for the 2015-16 school year. The applications were reviewed by each board member. Mr.Bragger signed the requests as the board representative.

These students are now eligible to attend youth options courses.

- d. Badger Exam and ACT test update:** Students have upcoming Badger testing. ACT testing with the Juniors took place on Tuesday, March 3.
- e. February 13 Parent Forum Update:** Parents who attended discussed soccer program in great detail. The next parent forum is 7:00PM on FRIDAY, March 13.
- f. 2015-2016 State Budget Update:** Discussion about changes to budget, with a possibility of losing \$55,500 in state aid. Consensus is to send a letter to Governor Walker and legislators, Scott Danou and Kathleen Vinehout. Dr. vine will have drafts for the board to preview at an upcoming board meeting.
- g. Board of Education 12 month calendar:** Board reviewed briefly.
- h. 2014-2015 Board Goals:** Reviewed goals briefly.

Convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) *considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility;*

Motion made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Leah Matchey, to go to closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Motion carried on a roll call vote - Walek, Bragger, Matchey, Guza and Bautch. Meeting convened in closed session at 9:24 p.m.

- a. Review Superintendent and Principal applications and determine date and time of interviews.**
- b. Form 870 update**

Reconvene Open session: A motion was made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. The meeting reconvened in open session at 11:25 p.m.

a. Action from Closed Session:

No action was taken during closed session. Times were set for upcoming interviews for superintendent. Candidates were chosen for the first round of interviews.

Adjournment: Chuck Walek moved to adjourn, with a second to the motion made by Jeff Bautch. Motion carried 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 11:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by - Leah Matchey, Clerk