

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE
23786 INDEE BLVD.
INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

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 7:09 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 by President Joe Bragger.

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Board members Leah Matchey, Joe Bragger, Bob Guza, and Chuck Walek 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: No delegations were here for public input.

Consent Agenda:

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve treasurer's report including payrolls of December, vendor checks # 128669 – 128780, and expense journal entries # 1884-1906; motion by Leah Matchey, seconded by Chuck Walek (vote of 3-0 approval).
- b) **Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of December 4, 2013 regular meeting and December 16, 2013 special meeting were made by Bob Guza, seconded by Chuck Walek; the motion to approve carried on a 3-0 vote.
- c) **Employment:** Motion made by Bob Guza, seconded by Chuck Walek, to approve the hire of Jamie Bautch as head baseball coach for spring 2014. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote. Motion made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Leah Matchey, to accept the resignation of Marita Halama, head bookkeeper, effective June 30, 2014. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

Celebrations and Acknowledgements:

- **Autism Grant Update:** Wendy Stuttgen presented information regarding the Autism Grant and the committee work of the participating staff and parents as part of a federal grant program.
- **Family Reading Night:** Holly Knudtson presented information on the upcoming Family Learning Night scheduled for January 21; the event is part of the initiative as outreach to ELL families under terms of a CESA/state grant.
- **Donation from Ashley for the Arts Program:** The district received a \$5000 donation from Ashley for the Arts Foundation for student and staff participation in the event last August. Of this amount \$3000 is designated for the music department, and \$2000 is donated to athletic teams who provided workers for the event.

- **Wrestling team caroling:** An acknowledgement and thank you was received from the Black River Falls Nursing Home for the entertainment provided by the wrestling team who caroled at the home prior to their wrestling match in December.

Discussion:

- Student Council Update:** None presented.
- Board Policy #342.1 – Special Education Policies and Procedures (first reading):** Wendy Stuttgart and Dr. Vine provided the information for the first reading of this policy.
- Board Policy # 342.111 – Recording of IEP meetings (first reading):** Dr. Vine and Wendy Stuttgart provided the background information on the need for the new policy.
- Board Policy # 342.8 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition against Discrimination or Disability (first reading):** The policy was reviewed with changes highlighted as part of the first reading.
- Board Policy # 447.11 – Restraint and Seclusion (first reading):** Wendy Stuttgart provided the background information for the formalization of this policy.
- Board Policy # 392.2 – Suspension and Expulsion of Special Education students (first reading):** Formalization of required policy under OCR recommendations.
- Board Policy # 341.21 – Vocational Education Job Work (first reading):** Barry Schmitt provided the revised policy as suggested at last month’s review meeting to separate this policy from work experience policy.
- Board Policy # 934 - Site Acquisition for Facility Expansion (first reading):** Dr. Vine explained the formalization and need for this policy.
- CESA #10 services contract for 2014-15 school year:** Board was presented with the preliminary CESA #10 services contract and associated costs. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

Action Agenda:

- Second reading of policy #321 (School Calendar):** Leah Matchey made the motion to approve the second reading of policy #321. A second was made by Chuck Walek, and the motion carried on a 3-0 vote.
- Second reading of policy #322 (School Day & Hours of Instruction):** Leah Matchey made the motion to approve the second reading of policy #322 with change in the wording of the one paragraph to be “school day” not work day, and Bob Guza provided the second. A vote of 3-0 passed the motion.
- Second reading of policy #434 (Work Experience):** Bob Guza made the motion to approve the second reading of policy #434. A second was made by Leah Matchey, and the motion carried on a 3-0 vote.
- Credit Reimbursement – Barry Schmitt:** Chuck Walek made the motion to approve the reimbursement request for the 3 credits obtained first semester of 2013-14 year by Barry Schmitt; Bob Guza seconded the motion and it carried on a 3-0 vote.

- e) **Credit attempt approval for second semester – Barry Schmitt:** Chuck Walek made a motion to approve Barry Schmitt taking another graduate course in the spring 2014 semester; Leah Matchey seconded the motion, and it carried on a 3-0 vote.

Information:

- a) **Administrative Reports:** Administrative reports presented by Barry Schmitt and Paul Vine.
- b) **Review of Board 2013-14 Goals:** The goals list was reviewed by Joe Bragger, and he complimented the Board for the successful completion of much of this work to date.
- c) **Review of the annual audit report:** Official audit documents were distributed and questions taken on the report.

Convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c): Motion made by Leah Matchey, seconded by Chuck Walek, to convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to review options for 2014-15 teacher compensation models, to discuss one teacher overload pay for second semester, to update the Board on IEP status, and to review request for two days of unpaid leave for a teacher during second semester. The motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. Meeting convened in closed session at 8:49 pm.

Reconvene Open session: A motion was made by Bob Guza, seconded by Chuck Walek, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote. The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:26pm.

Action taken as a result of closed session discussions:

- a) Motion made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Bob Guza, to approve unpaid leave request for two days April 3 & 4, 2014 for John Zilla. The vote was 3-0 to approve.
- b) Motion to approve overload pay of \$1,200 for Lindsey Anderson for second semester was made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Bob Guza. The vote on the motion was 3-0 to approve.

Adjournment: Chuck Walek moved to adjourn, with a second to the motion made by [REDACTED]. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

Minutes submitted by - Leah Matchey, Clerk