

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE
23786 INDEE BLVD.
INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 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 7:05 pm on Wednesday, October 9, 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, led by Katie Marsolek.

Delegations/Public Input: None were presented.

Consent Agenda:

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve treasurer's report including payrolls of September, vendor checks # 128296 – 128436, and expense journal entries # 1814-1838; motion by Leah Matchey, seconded by Jeff Bautch (vote of 4-0 approval).
- b) **Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of September 4, 2013 regular meeting with the motion made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek; the motion to approve carried on a 4-0 vote.
- c) **Employment:**
 - i. **Rescinding the hire of Peter Ryan, head boys basketball coach:** Motion made by Leah Matchey, seconded by Jeff Bautch to approve the motion. Vote was 4-0 to approve.
 - ii. **Co-curricular contracts:** Motion made by Leah Matchey, seconded by Chuck Walek, to approve the following co-curricular contracts: Sarah David and Susan Solli (High School forensics), Anne Gierok and Mary Gunderson (Middle School Forensics), Sarah David (High School Drama), Nick Bergeron (High School High Quiz Bowl), Darin Gray (Graduation Advisor), Darin Gray (HS Academic Decathlon), Jason Hovell (FFA Advisor), Jennifer Steinke and Julia Steiner (Prom Advisors), Pam Lehmeier (Pep Band), Jeff Ruhland (STARS advisor), Jennifer Steinke (Yearbook Advisor), Heather Stein (National Honor Society Advisor), Scott Mc Connell (Eco Club Advisor) and eleven HS class advisors (Sarah David, Darin Gray, Jason Hovell, Molly Hovell, Pam Lehmeier, Scott McConnell, Taylor Nix, Chad Risler, Heather Stein, Jennifer Steinke and Julia Steiner). The blanket motion to approve was a 4-0 vote. Motion made by Leah Matchey, seconded by Jeff Bautch, to move the following contracts to closed session discussions: head boy's basketball coaching position (Seth Benedict) and assistant boy's basketball coach (Ben Dodge). Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. Corey Kampa was approved as MS wrestling coach on a motion made by Bob Guza, seconded by Chuck Walek. This motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

iii. **Contract for school psychologist testing support:** Motion made by Bob Guza, seconded by Jeff Bautch, to move discussion of the contract to closed session. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

iv. **Contract for student kitchen helper:** Motion made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Leah Matchey, to hire Jonathan Gooden as student kitchen helper for up to 2 hours per day. Motion carried on a 4 - 0 vote.

Celebrations and Acknowledgements:

- **Knights of Columbus donation to Special Education:** A donation of \$192 has been received from the local counsel of the KC's and we gratefully acknowledge the donation for special education use.
- **Student Council Update:** Katie Marsolek update us about the PBIS film, Homecoming events, and the start of plans for "Presents for Kids" project.

Discussion:

- a) **All Sports Booster club:** The all sports booster club update was provided by Lynette Speltz. Twenty six people have indicated they wish to join, and the 501C tax status application is in the works. Upcoming fundraising activities were outlined, and other parents are encouraged to become involved.
- b) **Baseball Field upgrades update:** The baseball field ad-hoc committee has not been organized, but Barry Schmitt discussed the other options for the infield and right field drainage issues, and plans to alleviate the problems. The issue of the concession stand/storage area by the baseball field also needs to be addressed, and plans should be made to possibly upgrade this next spring.
- c) **Shared Service Agreement- Whitehall:** The 66.03 agreements with Whitehall School District for animal science and alternative education were presented, but the action was tabled until the next meeting since corrections are needed in the wording of the animal science contract. (The computer consortium 66.03 will not be acted on, since each school is contracting for their own services in this area).
- d) **Overnight Field trip request:** The Arts trip (overnight) to Milwaukee was discussed with the itinerary and the costs detailed in a report by Tracy Halama. Motion made by Leah Matchey, seconded by Jeff Bautch to approve the trip under the terms of Board Policy #352, with "volunteer" requirements being completed by the trip chaperones and adult members. Discussion centered on "tag-alongs" for these trips, who attend some parts of the events, but do not intend to chaperone the students. An amendment was made by Bob Guza, requiring the adult attendees to be parents or guardians of the student participants. This version of the motion was passed after a second was made by Leah Matchey, and the resulting vote was 4-0.
- e) **Board policy #830 Facility Use:** First reading of revised Board Policy #380 Facility Use was made and the changes were detailed by Dr. Vine. Changes involve detailing what areas of the

facility are to be used for each event, the possible charges for such services, and the fee schedule for this.

- f) **Wireless Access points and controller proposal:** The technology update was given by Dr. Vine. Switches and access points need to be updated to complete the second phase of the building technology upgrades. The total cost is approximately \$22,000. This will be placed on an upcoming agenda for action.

Action Agenda:

- a) **Change date of annual meeting from October 30 to October 23:** Leah Matchey made the motion to change the annual meeting date to be October 23, with the budget hearing at 6:30pm and the annual meeting at 7pm. A short special board meeting will follow the annual meeting.
- b) **Award snow plow bid:** Motion made by Bob Guza to award the snow plowing bid to the lone bidder, JP Enterprises. Leah Matchey seconded the motion, and it passed on a 4-0 vote.
- c) **Volunteer applications:** Chuck Walek made the motion to approve nine volunteer applications as presented. Motion was seconded by Jeff Bautch, and approved on a 4-0 vote.

Information:

- a) **Administrative Reports:** Administrative reports presented by Barry Schmitt and Paul Vine.
- b) **State Report Card Updates:** Reports were included for discussion, and plans for improvement were discussed.
- c) **CESA #4 Board of Education workshop:** Ed Effectiveness Update is the topic for the October 17 BOE workshop at CESA #4. Two board members and Dr. Vine plan to attend.
- d) **Third Friday Enrollment and Summer School Counts:** The count data is finalized and reports were presented for Board review.
- e) **Review of Board 2013-14 Goals:** The goals list was reviewed and the timelines for the remainder of the work was outlined. As the list of physical projects is detailed, Jeff Bautch provided information on the need to replace the stadium storage doors.

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 staff request for unpaid day, and staffing contracts as per previous motion to entertain the discussions in closed session. The motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Meeting convened in closed session at 9:32 pm.

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 10:52pm.

Action taken as a result of closed session discussions:

- 1) Coaching contracts for boys basketball will be issued to Seth Benedict as head coach and Ben Dodge as assistant coach for the 2013-14 season on a motion made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote.
 - 2) Board approved hire of Jessica Martin as independent contractor for school psych testing services with hours not to exceed 100 during the course of the year. This staffing update was approved on a motion made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch. Motion carried 4-0.
 - 3) A special exemption for a one time release was granted to Scott McConnell for an unpaid day of leave to be granted along with use of his two personal leave days. The motion was made by Chuck Walek, and seconded by Jeff Bautch. It carried on a 4-0 vote.
- 13) **Adjournment:** Chuck Walek moved to adjourn, with a second to the motion made by Jeff Bautch. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by - Leah Matchey, Clerk

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