

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE
23786 INDEE BOULEVARD, INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 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 7:06 pm on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 by President Joe Bragger.

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Board members Jeff Bautch, Joe Bragger, Leah Matchey and Chuck Walek. Bob Guza arrived at 7:08 pm.

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:** One question pertaining to the savings account increase. Motion by Leah Matchey with a second by Chuck Walek to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.
- b. **Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of January 7, 2015 and January 21, 2015 meetings, with corrections as discussed, Motion by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek to approve the minutes with corrections as discussed. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.
- c. **Employment (Hires)**
 1. Alison Gillespie - Middle School Track Coach
 2. Jon Gillespie - Long Term Sub/Middle School Track Coach
 3. Terry McConnell - Assistant Track Coach
 4. Jenna Sonsalla - Assistant Track Coach
 5. Taylor Nix - High School Boys Golf Coach
 6. Bill Lewis - Assistant High School Baseball Coach
 7. Kayla Thompson - Assistant High School Softball Coach

Motion by Leah Matchey with second by Chuck Walek to approve all hires listed above.
Motion carried 4-0.

Celebration/Acknowledgement:

- a. **Box Top Collection Nets \$841:** Thank you to Sandy Susa for all her work on the Box Tops collection and submission.

- b. **\$50,000 WTI Grant Award:** A big thanks to Dawn Woychik for all her work on the grant application. Also thanks to Melissa Pientok and Cory Peterson for their help with the application and installation.

Discussion: (Possible Action)

- a. **Student Council Update** - Hillary Halama updated the Board on high school events for January, including FFA, athletics and the upcoming Student Council dance.
- b. **Distance Learning Grant - \$18,500 to Update Project Circuit Room(s)** - John Goodman from CESA explained the grant. The update would allow us to up grade TV to high definition and digital. The grant covers 27 area school districts, including Independence. Dr. Vine will get a quote from Jurowski Construction to tear out the wall between project circuit rooms. We will bring this back to the March meeting.
- c. **2014 Financial Audit** - Dr. Vine explained the report as well as the audit findings and management letter. The DPI suggests that we zero out some activity accounts that are dormant and/or have not had activity in the past 12 months in June of each year. We will need to revise Board Policy for dormant student accounts.
- d. **First Reading Board Policy #411.1** - Motion by Leah Matchey with second by Jeff Bautch to approve the policy as written. Motion passed on 4-0 vote.
- e. **First Reading Board Policy #460.1 - Technical Excellence Scholarship (TES)** - The State of Wisconsin is offering a new scholarship to graduating seniors attending technical schools. Each school district is eligible to offer this scholarship to at least one student each year. It requires the board have a policy outlining the selection process. This is a similar to the Academic Excellence scholarship and policy #460. It will be put on the march board meeting for a second reading.
- f. **2015 Master Schedule Update** - Mr. Schmitt reviewed the DRAFT 2015-16 master Schedule. Board members had questions on teachers' prep time for several areas. They also discussed options to allow some classes (metal fabrication) more time in the schedule. They also discussed the change to STEM for middle school instead of Spanish.
- g. **2015-2016 School Calendar Options** - Discussion regarding Christmas break and PLC time. Teachers prefer option A with minor changes. This will bring back next month.
- h. **Grading Committee Update** - Discussion about assessments and measuring standards for students. Update only. No action taken.
- i. **Sodding of Football Field & Visitor Bleacher Updates** - Need to look into cost of sod and shipping and delivery of sod and Kentucky Bluegrass. This will be placed on the march agenda.

Action:

- a. **Staffing Overload Recommendation 2nd Semester - Lindsey Anderson** - Motion by Leah Matchey and second by Jeff Bautch to pay Lindsey Anderson ½ of an overload or \$600 for 30 minutes for one semester. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.
- b. **2015-2016 CESA 4 Renewal of Contracts for PT, Audiology, Deaf and Hard of Hearing** -

Motion by Chuck Walek and second by Leah Matchey to approve the contract. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.

- c. **2015-2016 Occupational Therapist Contract estimated at \$6,440 - Amanda Jensen -** Motion by Chuck Walek to approve the contract. Jeff Bautch seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
- d. **2015-2016 CESA 10 Service Contract - Project Circuit for \$12,350 -** Motion by Leah Matchey with a second from Jeff Bautch to approve the contract. Motion carried 4-0.
- e. **Resolution Authorizing Consolidation of Poll Locations for Spring Primary Election to Combine Primary Voting Locations (Annexed Whitehall area from Town of Lincoln) -** Motion by Leah Matchey and second by Jeff Bautch. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.
- f. **Volunteer Approval and Future Process -** Discussion on Board opinion of what we want the future of volunteers to be and how to utilize them within the school. Bring back for future discussion. Volunteer approval tabled to closed session.

Information:

- a. **Administrator's Report:** Barry Schmitt and Paul Vine went through monthly updates and highlights and reading and test scores.
- b. **Spring Testing Update:** Mr. Schmitt updated Board on future testing dates.
- c. **Superintendent/Principal Search Update & Special Education Position Timeline:** Joe went through timeline for superintendent search.
- d. **Board goals 2014-15:** Goal sheet enclosed.
- e. **Board of Education 12 month Calendar:** Add CESA contracts to the January calendar.
- f. **\$38,749 Deducted from State aid for statewide charter schools:** Paul gave this information regarding state aid deductions for next school year.
- g. **Open Meetings Presentation Arcadia Board Meeting - 7:00 PM Monday, February 16:** Discussion only.

Convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (f) *considering financial, medical social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges, against specific persons except where (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations:*

Motion made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek, 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 10:21 p.m.

- a. **Teacher (Jennifer Pape) request for three (3) days of unpaid leave March 2015**

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 10:32 p.m.

a. Action from Closed Session:

Jennifer Pape: Motion by Chuck Walek and second by Jeff Bautch to approve 3 days unpaid leave for Jennifer Pape. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.

Volunteer Application: Motion by Jeff Bautch with second by Bob Guza to approve a volunteer application. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.

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 10:34 pm.

Minutes submitted by - Leah Matchey, Clerk

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