SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE

23786 INDEE BLVD.

INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

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 7:03 pm on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 by President Joe Brägger.  
  
**Roll Call:** Present for roll call were Board members Jeff Bautch, Bob Guza, Joe Brägger, Chuck Walek and Leah Matchey, plus Superintendent Paul Vine, High School Principal, Barry Schmitt, and District bookkeeper, Marita Halama andstudent council representative Katie Franks.    
  
**Proof of public notice:** Dr. Vine confirmed the agenda was legally and properly posted.  The pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
   
**Delegations/Public Input:**  None were presented.  
           
**Consent Agenda:**

a)  **Treasurer's’ Report:** Motion to approve treasurer’s report including payrolls of November, vendor checks #   27182- 27282 and expense journal entries # 1688-1700, motion by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Leah Matchey (vote of 4-0 approval).

b)  **Minutes:**  Motion to approve minutes of November 7, 2012 regular meeting, and the November 12 and the November 26, 2012 special meetings with the motion made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch;   the motion to approve carried on a 4-0 vote.

c)  **Employment:**

1. Special Ed. Para professional: Motion by Chuck Walek, seconded by Bob Guza, to hire Amanda Burleson as special education paraprofessional. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.
2. Prom co-advisor contracts: Motion by Leah Matchey, seconded by Chuck Walek to issue contracts to Kathleen Ryan and Emily Kubow (co- advisors) based upon appendix B terms. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.
3. Forensics coaching contracts: Motion by Chuck Walek, second by Jeff Bautch to issue to contracts to Susan Solli and Sarah David based on Appendix B terms. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Discussion:**

1. **Student Council Update:** Katie Franks, Student Council President, provided an extensive list of recent and upcoming events.  In addition, the board gives kudos to Katie Franks and Rosli Bragger and the HS student council for their efforts in organizing and coordinating the blood drive.

b)  **Board Policy 352 (old IIC) Field Trips and Class Trips:**Dr. Vine and Barry Schmitt provided a revised policy that more clearly defines goals, timelines, fund raising projects and ensures that field trips are directly connected to the curriculum.  The board made a couple of minor corrections.  The policy will be an action item on the next meeting agenda.

**Action Agenda:**

a)   **Repurpose some mentoring stipends to reimburse PBIS leaders:** Dr. Vine reviewed the information and terms regarding stipends for teachers/staff comprising the PBIS leadership team each in amount up to $250 for the year’ s work; the funding source is Title II money.   Motion was made by Leah Matchey, seconded by Jeff Bautch, to approve.  Motion carried on 4-0 vote.  .

b)  **Soccer co-op for 2013-14 with Arcadia:** Motion made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Leah Matchey, to approve the soccer coop program with Arcadia for 2013-14. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

c)  **Cross Country for 2013-14:**discussion on the measure centered on what contingencies would require a second coach. The motion was made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch, to offer Gilmanton the chance to co-op with Independence being the host of the program, and if Gilmanton wants a second coach, they will have the financial responsibility to pay for the position, plus the required $100 per participant fee for their students to take part in the co-op cross country program here.  Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

d) **Board policy 345.6 (IKF) Graduation requirements:** second reading of the revised policy to increase math credits from 2 to 3 and reduce PE credit requirements from 2 to 1 ½ starting with the graduating class of 2017.  Motion to adopt this change was made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

e)  **Ag course credits (Ag Science, Forestry & Aqua Culture, Animal Science, Plant & Soil Testing) for science credits:**Motion made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch, to approve the use of ag science courses as science credits with a disclaimer and caution noted to parents/students at the time they register that these courses may not be accepted by some colleges in lieu of science credits.  Motion carried on a 4-0 vote with understanding Mr. Schmitt and or teachers will provide additional details at the January Board meeting..

**Information:**

a) **Property insurance premium increase:**information has been received about the projected increase and reasons for it, so the district is shopping for alternatives to the Local Government Property Insurance Plan (our current carrier).

b)  **Board Election timelines and filing information:**   Review of the timeline of spring election dates was again provided: candidacy filing information and applications are available in the district office; incumbents Joe Brägger and Leah Matchey have terms that expire in April 2013.  Terms of office will be for three years.

c)  **Administrative Reports:**  Administrative reports were highlighted by Barry Schmitt and Paul Vine.

d) **Audit Review:** Audit reports were distributed to each board member, and the management letter was discussed.

e)  **Maintenance project updates:**  Keith Pronschinske and Marita Halama provided an outline of the projects completed in 2011-12, the 2012-13 (current) fiscal project plans with estimates on financial impacts, and extending out the projected projects/budgets for an updated five year plan.

**Convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c )and (e):**Motion made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Bob Guza, to convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c) and (e) to discuss staff handbook, and staff personnel matters.  The motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.  Meeting convened in closed session at 9:20 pm.  
  
**Reconvene Open session:** A motion was made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. And the meeting reconvened in open session at 10:55pm. Announcements made on action taken as a result of closed session discussion were as follows:  
  
The January Board meeting date will be moved from January 2, 2013 to January 9, 2013 on a motion made by Leah Matchey, seconded by Chuck Walek. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.              
        
**Adjournment:**  Chuck Walek moved to adjourn, with a second to the motion made by Jeff Bautch.  Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 pm.    
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