SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE

23786 INDEE BLVD.

INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747

Regular Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 7, 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 7:07 pm on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 by President Joe Brägger.

# **Roll Call:** Present for roll call were Board members Walek, Bautch, Brägger, Guza and Matchey, plus student council representative Katie Franks. Proof of public notice and proper posting of the agenda were noted. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Delegations/Public Input:**

* **Drama Update:** Katie Franks provided the report on the drama productions of November 2 and 3.
* **IEB questions:** Marlet Marsolek questioned the process of IEB placements/referrals…the Board offered her the opportunity to discuss her concerns in closed session.
* **Stars/Lions Club Halloween Party:** Jeff Ruhland reported on the great turnout, student STARS workers and events offered at the annual party.
* **Arts Club Trip:** Alyssa Servais and Katie Franks questioned why there is no art club trip scheduled; the Board invited them to report back to Mr. Schmitt with a written defined proposal for trip plan, staff help, and event costs regarding such a trip.

**Consent Agenda:**

a) **Treasurers Report:** Motion to approve treasurer’s report including payrolls of September, vendor checks # 27051- 27181 and expense journal entries # 1663-1687, motion by Leah Matchey, seconded by Jeff Bautch (vote of 4-0 approval).

b) **Minutes:**  Motion to approve minutes of October 3, 2012 regular meeting, and the October 22, 2012 special meeting

 motion by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch; the motion to approve carried on a 4-0 vote.

**Discussion:**

a) **Student Council Update:** Katie Franks, Student Council President, provided an extensive list of recent and upcoming events.

b) **Repurpose some mentoring stipends to reimburse PBIS leaders:** Dr. Vine provided the background information on the reasons for offering $250/ year stipends to teachers/staff comprising the PBIS leadership team (no

 additional cost to the district, since the funds are coming from the Title II money). Item will be placed as action

 item on the December board agenda.

c) **Possible amending of policy 345.6 (IKF) Graduation requirements to increase math credit and decrease PE credit:** Barry Schmitt, High School Principal, provided information and led the discussion on the recommendation where math credit requirements would be increased from 2 to 3 and PE credit requirements from 2 to 1 ½ starting with freshman of 2014.

d) **Soccer co-op proposal Arcadia:** Information has been sent to Arcadia School District, proposing a soccer co-op for 2013-14. As of 11-5-12, Arcadia has not responded yet. Deadline for the WIAA co-op filing is 2-1-13.

e) **Cross country co-op proposal with Gilmanton:** Independence staff, students, and parents are recommending

 we dissolve the co-op program for cross country. Mrs. Jenna Sonsalla and Mr. Scott McConnell spoke about the details of how it would be set up here, the expected costs/savings compared to the current co-op where Gilmanton serves as the host school.

**Action Agenda:**

1. **Second reading of board policy BFG (151 - Board Policy and Review):** Motion made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch, to amend board policy BFG (151) to a revised numbering system, and changes procedure for policy reviews removing the Board responsibility for annual review of all policies. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

**Information:**

1. **City of Independence request to start school early in fall of 2013:** The information about the 2014 road construction plans were reviewed by the Board. By consensus the board recommended the district not apply for a DPI waiver to change the start of the school date in fall of 2013, as recommended by Dr. Vine and Darin Pape.
2. **Board Election timelines and filing information:**  WASB timeline of spring election dates was distributed and the 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.
3. **Administrative Reports:** Administrative reports were highlighted by Barry Schmitt and Paul Vine.
4. **MS/HS IEB Progress Monitoring:** The update provided by Mr. Schmitt indicates the majority of the students making gains or staying the same. Data review is under way to see where the extra help should be applied and to tweak each student’s IEB plan.
5. **Educator Effectiveness Grant work:** Barry Schmitt reported on the training session in Madison Oct 8-9-10 attended by five staff members under the terms of the DPI grant. He explained that this only a portion of the educator effectiveness program (The system will evaluate teachers and principals through a fair, valid, and reliable process using multiple measures across two main areas: educator practice and student outcomes).
6. **Milwaukee WASB Board convention:** Timelines and information was provided regarding this event.

**Convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c )and (e):** Motion made by Jeff Bautch, seconded by Chuck Walek, to convene in closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c) and (e) to review volunteer applications, discuss coaching positions, and student matters. The motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Meeting convened in closed session at 8:50 pm.

**Reconvene Open session:** A motion was made by Chuck Walek, seconded by Jeff Bautch, to re-convene in open session. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote. And the meeting reconvened in open session at 10:50pm. Announcements made on action taken as a result of closed session discussion were as follows:

**Volunteer applications:** Motion to approve three (3) applications for volunteer status was made by Jeff Bautch, 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 10:51 pm.

 Leah Matchey, Clerk

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