

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDEPENDENCE
23786 INDEE BOULEVARD, INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
6:00 PM Open Session
Room 305

1) Call to order & proof of public notice

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of the Independence School District was called to order at 6:05 pm by Joe Bragger, President.

Mr. Schmitt confirmed the agenda was legally and properly posted.

2) Roll call of members

Present for roll call were Board Members Joe Bragger, Leah Matchey, Jen Rombalski, Bob Guza, and Deb Bork.

3) Pledge of allegiance

The Pledge was recited by all.

4) Convene to closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (f)

- a)** *19.85 (1) (f) Considering ... disciplinary data of specific persons, ... 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,*
 - i) Abeyance of an Expulsion Hearing

Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Jen Rombalski, to go to closed session at 6:06 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll call Leah Matchey – yes, Jen Rombalski – yes, Bob Guza - yes, Deb Bork – yes, Joe Bragger - yes.

5) Reconvene into open session to take action from closed.

Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Deb Bork to go to open session at 6:44pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Both students agreed to the abeyance of an expulsion hearing.

6) Public input/delegations

- a)** Referendum Information

No community request

- b) Review recent written suggestions or concerns board policy #870

None

- c) Independence Safe Return to In-Person & Continuity of Services Plan

Briefly discussed

- d) Board Goals

Briefly discussed. The Board will look at the baseline surveys and look at percentages for future goals at the time of the Board Retreat.

7) Student Spotlight

Student Athlete Concession Workers - multiple students volunteered to work in the concession stands during the winter sports season. Despite not having an adult supervisor at times, these students stayed committed to their event and completed their shifts as needed.

Marcelina Rebolledo and Agustina Romero - have provided teacher guided peer-mediated instruction and interventions to students with disabilities.

Gavin Bragger - State Wrestling Qualifier

8) Celebrations

- a) Staff Acknowledgement

The Board reviewed the padlet which showed positive acknowledgements from one staff member to another.

Leah Matchey was presented with an Award from WASB for participating in WASB professional development opportunities.

9) Department Reports

- a) Curriculum Update

This is included in the math adoption discussion

- b) Athletic Update

- i) Basketball Co-op Discussion

Mrs. Sonsalla discussed the possibility of co-oping with Gilmanton for basketball. There is an upcoming meeting with the Gilmanton School Board on March 9, 2022.

10) Consent

- a) Treasurer's report, vouchers and payroll
 - i) Approve March 2022 Treasurer's Report
 - 1) Receipts

2) Check Register

ii) Activity Accounts

MONTH: **March, 2022**

BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND CHECKING – December 31, 2021

\$ 827,374.45

RECEIPTS #17824 - #17847 +\$430,553.28

PAYROLLS Jan 15 & Jan 30, 2022 Regular/Supplemental - \$183,835.78

EXPENSE REGISTERS: - \$468,512.85

(Vendor Checks #137709– #137779) (\$ 191,873.09)

(Manual Checks #90003819-90003859) (\$ 271,616.76)

(Journal Entries, Bank Fee & HSA Transfers) (\$ 5020.00)

BALANCE AS OF January 31, 2021

\$ 605,579.10

OUTSTANDING DEBT & NEXT SCHEDULED PAYMENTS

FUND 10

Short Term Borrowing: \$0 (Line of Credit balance available \$800,000.00)

Short Term Borrowing: Interest paid through January 31, 2022 \$0.00

FUND 38

#1 BCPL Loan for Energy Efficiency Building Upgrades

Outstanding Balance: \$328,237.69
(Payment made in January)

Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Jen Rombalski to approve March Treasurer's report and Activity Accounts. Motion carried 4-0.

b) Minutes of the prior meetings

i) Minutes of February 2, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Jen Rombalski, second by Deb Bork to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2022 Regular Board Meeting with correct to include "commendation" with Mr. Schmitt's retirement. Motion carried 4-0.

c) Employment (hire).

i) Teaching Staff

ii) Support Staff

iii) Coaching Staff

- 1) Head Baseball Coach
- 2) Assistant Baseball Coach
- 3) Softball Head Coach
- 4) Head Golf Coach - Michael Jon Mullikin
- 5) Head Track Coach - Lauren Guza
- 6) Assistant Track Coach

Motion by Jen Rombalski, second by Leah Matchey to approve Head Baseball Coach - Pete Bartingale, Assistant Baseball Coach - Brett Brandenburg, Softball Head Coach - Jake Pronschinske, Head Golf Coach - Michael Jon Mullikin, and Head Track Coach - Lauren Guza. Motion carried 4-0.

d) Employment (Resignation/retire/termination)

- i) Administration**
- ii) Teaching Staff**
- iii) Support Staff**

- 1) Gene Kohnert - Retirement

Motion by Jen Rombalski, second by Bob Guza to approve the retirement of Gene Kohnert with commendation effective June 30, 2022. Motion carried 4-0.

iv) Coaching Staff.

11) Action (12 minutes).

a) Graduation Policy 345.62

Motion by Jen Rombalski, second by Leah Matchey to approve Graduation Policy 345.62. Motion carried 4-0.

b) CESA 10 Service Contract

Motion by Jen Rombalski, second by Leah Matchey to approve CESA 10 Service Contract. Motion carried 4-0.

c) Mobile Skills Lab Contract

Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Bob Guza to approve Mobile Skills Lab Contract. Motion carried 4-0.

There was a question regarding insurance coverage. Mr. Schmitt will look into this.

12) Discussion (Possible Action)

- a) Shapiro Strategies Final Recommendations**
- b) Board and Superintendent Roles**

Stacy Shapiro gave her recommendations and reported to the Board. Future work was discussed and things to work on. This will be evaluated periodically.

c) Math Adoption

A presentation by the Math Team for the Bridges Math Program, new curriculum.

Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Jen Rombalski to approve the Math Adoption. Motion carried 4-0.

d) CESA 4 Services

Discussion only

e) WiFi Policy

Discussion only - will be brought back next month.

f) Referendum Planning

Board members have been attending local meetings and getting out to talk to the community members about the upcoming election.

g) School Board Election

Election on April 4, 2022. 4 candidates for school board with the referendum on the ballot.

h) TVC 2.0 Update

Upcoming meeting on March 9th with the Governing Board.

i) Portable Classrooms

Tabled due to the referendum and budget.

j) Health Insurance Update

UHC has not given renewal rates yet. Dental and vision rates are minimal.

k) Managed Print Renewal

Discussion only. Renewal this fall.

l) Professional Development Update

Discussion only. Will be brought back as needed.

m) ECCF Review

Brief review

13) Information

a) Administrator's report

- i) Mrs. Zwiefelhofer (4K-8 Principal)
 - 1) Professional Development
 - 2) Child Development Day
 - 3) Read Across America
 - 4) FFA Week

Mrs. Zwiefelhofer discussed with the Board.

- ii) Kayla Olson (SPED Director)
 - 1) New Students
 - 2) Spring Testing
 - 2) Reading Drives Achievement

Briefly discussed.

- iii) Mr. Schmitt (District Administrator, 9-12 Principal)
 - 1) ACT Test
 - 2) Spring Events
 - 3) Athletic Wrap-ups & Start

Mr. Schmitt went through his report with the Board.

b) YTD Budget Reports

- i) Revenue
- ii) Expenditures

Briefly discussed.

c) Board of Education 12 month calendar

14) Convene to closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e)

*19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibilities
(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.*

- a) Feasibility Study
- b) Administration Restructure and Transition
- c) Staffing Scenarios

Motion by Bob Guza, second by Deb Bork, to go to closed session at 8:50 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll call Leah Matchey – yes, Jen Rombalski – yes, Bob Guza - yes, Deb Bork – yes, Joe Bragger - yes.

15) Reconvene into open session to take action from closed.

Motion by Deb Bork, second by Jen Rombalski to go to open session at 9:44pm. Motion carried 4-0.

16) Set next meeting date - March 9, 2022 - 6:30 pm TVC 2.0 Governing Board Meeting March 9, 2022 - 7:30 pm Independence/Gilmanston Joint Board Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held on April 12th, 2022 at 7:00pm.

17) Adjournment

Motion by Deb Bork, second by Jen Rombalski to adjourn at 9:52 pm. Motion carried 4-0.