

Independence Community School Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
March 21, 2012

A special meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Brian C. Eddy at the West Elementary Commons, at 1301 First Street West, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Brian C. Eddy, John Christensen,  
Rusty Donnelly, Eric B. Smith,  
Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Secretary/Treasurer: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "The Bulletin Journal"

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve the agenda. All voted "aye."

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Agricultural Education Program**

Jennifer Sornson, Junior-Senior High School Principal shared a power point presentation with the Board on the benefits of an Agricultural Education at Independence High School. Scott Frye presented a spreadsheet to the Board showing how the program would be self-funded. Amy Kelly, Polly Fank, Mark Thompson and John Behan all addressed the Board as part of the presentation for Agricultural Education. After the presentation was completed, the Board listened while thirteen community members expressed their support and asked questions about the possible program.

**B. Approve Agricultural Education Program and Terms**

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to lease the remaining farm land to Indee Agriculture Education, Inc., an entity to be formed, for \$250 per acre for this year, and tentatively approve the Ag Ed program for the 2013-2014 school year. This motion is contingent on the Board approving the lease after verification that the corporation has been formed, and that the Ag Ed corporation provide the Board with an update in January 2013 on the status of their funding plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. All voted Aye.

Brian C. Eddy  
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel  
Secretary/Treasurer