#### **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Board of Regents, State of Iowa

FROM:

Marcia Brunson

DATE:

April 20, 2005

SUBJ:

Approval of School Calendar for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

#### Recommended Action:

Approve the School Calendar for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School for the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

#### **Executive Summary**:

#### Policy Manual Requirement

 In accordance with the <u>Board of Regents Policy Manual</u> §6.12, the Board is asked to approve the school calendar for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. The calendar is attached to this memorandum.

#### Instructional Days

- The School proposes to begin its instructional year on August 17, 2005, and conclude the school year on May 31, 2006. Total instructional days for students equal the state mandated 180 days. Most faculty are contracted for 189 days primarily covering the standard school year.
- The calendar also reflects the programming provided during the summer months.

#### Holidays

 The calendar contains the required number of holidays as mandated by state law, Board of Regents policy, and the applicable collective bargaining agreements.

# Coordination with local community school

 The proposed calendar is aligned as much as possible with the Vinton/Shellsburg Community School District, which cooperates with IBSSS to provide mainstream classroom experiences for IBSSS students.

# July 2005 - June 2006

### Iowa Braille School Calendar



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#### July

- 4 Holiday Independence Day
- 17 17-29 Summer Session
- 29 Summer Family Weekend
- 30 Summer Family Weekend

#### August

- 9 Summer Institute Onawa
- 10 Summer Institute Boone
- 11 Summer Institute Dubuque
- 16 New Employees
- 17 Employee Workshop
- 18 Employee Workshop
- 19 Employee Workshop
- 21 Faculty I/2 Day Registration
- 22 First Day of Classes
- 29 School Picture Day

## September

5 Holiday - Labor Day SB Busing

#### October

- 6 Faculty Work Day Fall Vision Conference
- 7 Faculty Work Day Fall Vision Conference
- 28 End of First Quarter 47 days Faculty 1/2 Day 5-9 pm Family Weekend
- 29 Faculty 1/2 Day 8-Noon Family Weekend

#### November

- 24 Holiday Thanksgiving
- 25 Holiday Thanksgiving

#### December

- 22 HB Busing
- 23 Floliday
- 26 Floliday Christmas
- 27 No School
- 28 No School
- 29 No School
- 30 No School

#### January

- 2 Holiday New Years Day SB Busing
- 3 Classes Resume
- 13 End of 2nd Quarter 46 days
- 16 Holiday Martin Luther King Jr. Day SB Busing

#### February

14 Happy Valentines Day

#### March

- 6 No School
- 7 No School
- 8 No School
- 9 No School
- 10 No School
- 24 End of 3rd Quarter 44 days

#### April

- 13 HB Busing
- 14 No School
- 17 No School SB Busing

#### May

- 26 End of 4th Quarter 43 days
- 27 Faculty 1/2 Day Graduation 11 a.m.
- 29 Holiday Memorial Day
- 30 Faculty Work Day
- 31 Faculty Work Day

#### June

11 11-24 Summer Session

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Make-up days, if needed: May 30, 31, June 1...

Administration may request Board approval to alter the calendar in order to make up unforeseen lost time.

#### Iowa Braille School 2005 - 2006 School Calendar Details

#### 1. Student Calendar - Quarter and Semester Dates

October 28, 2005	End of First Quarter	47 Days	
January 13, 2006	End of Second Quarter	46 Days	
	End of First Semester		93 Days
March 24, 2006	End of Third Quarter	44 Days	
May 26, 2006	End of Fourth Quarter	43 Days	
•	End of Second Semester	•	87 Days
			180 Days

#### 2. Standard Teacher Calendar

Standard Teacher contracts consist of 189 faculty contract days between August 17, 2005 and May 31, 2006. (190 faculty contract days for new faculty). The nine extra faculty contract days, in addition to instructional days, (10 extra faculty contact days for new faculty) are listed below.

August 16, 2005	1 day (for new faculty only)
August 17, 2005	1 day
August 18, 2005	1 day
August 19, 2005	1 day
August 21, 2005	1/2 day
October 6, 2005	1 day
October 7, 2005	1 day
October 28, 2005	1/2  day  (5-9  p.m.)
October 29, 2005	1/2 day (8 – noon)
May 27, 2006	1/2 day
May 30, 2006	1 day
June 31, 2006	1 day
	9 days (10 days for new faculty)

3. 2005/2006 Scheduled Paid Holidays for eligible Merit staff, Institutional Officials and P and S

July 4, 2005	Independence Day
September 5, 2005	Labor Day
November 24, 2005	Thanksgiving Day
November 25, 2005	Holiday
December 23, 2005	Holiday
December 26, 2005	Holiday
January 2, 2006	Holiday, New Year's Day
January 16, 2006	Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
May 29, 2006	Memorial Day
Two additional unscheduled days are accrued as vacation.	

This calendar follows as nearly as practical, the Vinton/Shellsburg Community School District Calendar.