

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
405 E. NORTH STREET
TRURO, IA 50257-0079

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

High School ICN Room

January 24, 2011

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, and Ken Stanley – present, Bryan Arzani and Dan Kirkpatrick - absent.
- III. Welcome and Recognize Visitors – No visitors were in attendance.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Julie Brownlee moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 3-0.
Reading of Mission Statement – Leah Gray read the District’s mission statement: “Interstate 35 Community School District exists to develop life-long learners and responsible, productive, successful citizens in an ever-changing society.”
- V. Open Forum – Preschool teachers Jenny Dickinson, Jamie Gelner, and Jyl Wightman and associate Nancy Hamilton were in attendance to present a letter outlining the benefits of Preschool, its curriculum, and some success stories.
- VI. Consent Agenda –
 - ❑ Approval of past minutes: January 17, 2011
 - ❑ Approval of monthly bills
 - ❑ Approval of personnelResignations: None
New Hires: None
Retirements: Marie Glass (Middle School Secretary), with
 early retirement benefits
Motion to approve consent agenda by Ken Stanley, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 3-0.
- VII. Reports to the Board – Superintendent Sundermeyer discussed current legislation being debated as well as the Governor’s recommendation to cut preschool funding. Sundermeyer updated the board on the preschool collections of tuition, and a memo was recently sent to preschool families regarding the importance of timely preschool tuition payments. Sundermeyer announced the dates of ITBS/ITED testing which will begin on February 22. Finally, Sundermeyer stated that the 2011-12 calendar process was going smoothly and the calendar committee will meet again to finalize the calendar for future board approval.

Transportation Director Randy Jones followed up with the board regarding the recent semi-annual bus inspections. Jones discussed the ages of the current fleet of vehicles. There are currently two older vans with high mileage that get very low gas mileage. When asked if the district has any cameras on board to monitor behavior, Jones said that there are a few buses

with cameras currently. The board then discussed the potential for gas prices to increase dramatically in the future and the impact this could have on the transportation budget.

Head Cook Mary Ann Evison began her report by recognizing her staff for their efficient work in serving students before the recent early out. They did a great job in Evison's absence. Evison reported to the board that overall the district is doing an adequate job of addressing the Healthy Kids Act (HKA), but there are some upcoming requirements regarding the HKA. HKA requires that schools serve more whole grains and less pasta, potatoes, and corn which are all popular choices among students. Evison will need to adjust the bidding requirements this summer and will seek guidance from the Department of Education's Nutrition Consultant to provide better menu choices. Evison shared some of the current price increases in fresh produce and fresh meat. Due to the increases, Evison may be forced to make changes to canned or frozen rather than fresh options until prices come down. The reimbursement rate for school lunches will increase 6 cents per meal, however, the cost of the new menu changes due to HKA are estimated at 21 cents per meal, so meal prices will likely increase next year. Evison met recently with Superintendent Sundermeyer and established some goals for the future. One of those goals is to meet regularly with the Student Council to get input from students regarding school lunches. Evison would also like to try to have one day of professional development for her staff yet this year. She would like to have someone from the Department of Education to present some of the upcoming changes. Finally, Evison wanted to recognize Laurie Jones and the Mat Club for their donation of dish rags and towels after their recent use of the kitchen during the Rich Gray Classic.

Principal Tim Busby reported on the recent staff meetings regarding the Middle School schedule. Eighth grade students will be taking the NAEP test on February 3. Kelly Myers had emergency surgery recently and is doing better. Busby concluded his report by recognizing the staff and students for their cooperation and positive attitudes during the recent early out.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison reviewed the monthly financial reports. Jamison has been busy balancing W2s and collecting W9s for 1099 reporting to the IRS.

VIII. Roadrunner Recognition – Principal Tim Busby had numerous positive recognitions for both Middle and High School. High School recognition included the following:

- Basketball – Girls beat 5th ranked Bedford and are 12-2. Boys are currently 9-4.
- Wrestling – Rich Gray Classic held January 22. Interstate 35 had 3 individual winners, one 2nd place, three 5th place, and one 6th place finishers. The team finished 3rd, just .5 point from 2nd and 3 points out of 1st place. Sectionals will be February 5, and the district hosts regionals on February 22.
- Speech – Large Group contest had 3 out of 4 teams qualifying for state. Congratulations to James White, Blair Hill, Kaley Chicoine, Mariah Lewis, Megan Ellis, and Jayce Finnell. State will be in 2 weeks.
- Knowledge Bowl – 1st place finish at Central Decatur. POI challenge will be in February. Members of the Knowledge Bowl team include: Jake Lupkes, Anne Seely, Carly Winchell, Mariah Lewis, Kaley Chicoine, Megan Ellis, and Michael Strawn.

Middle School recognition included the following:

- Successful parties for Positive Behavior Instructional Supports (PBIS) and School Wide Study Skills (SWSS). The 7th and 8th grade students met in the gym to dance and enjoy juice boxes and cookies. Students not qualifying for the party had failed one quarter which was approximately 9% of students. These students were visited by the Calculus students and the importance of good grades was discussed, and how grades could open or close doors for them in the future.
 - ABC 5 made a surprise visit and donated \$1,000 to Mrs. Ludwig and Mrs. Kordick for the purchase of video cameras. It was a great news story and good PR for Interstate 35.
 - It is the last week of winter athletics for the Middle School. It was a successful season and all programs kept the “positive” in the forefront.
 - Roller Skating comes to a close this week
 - TAG students are fundraising for needy students with cleft palates.
- IX. Board Policies, Second Reading, 802.4, 802.4R1, 802.4R2 – Julie Brownlee moved to approve the policies, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 3-0.
- X. Early Retirement policies 407.3 and 413.6 – The policy committee of Leah Gray, Julie Brownlee, Jennifer Jamison, and Eric Sundermeyer met to discuss the Early Retirement Policies that are currently in place. To be clear, the committee’s discussions or actions will in no way nullify the early retirement offer for this school year. However the committee is giving serious consideration to moving from a policy and making it a plan in which the Board would vote upon annually. The discussion was opened to Julie Brownlee and Leah Gray. Both reiterated the desire to move from a policy to a plan and also introduced the possibility of the Board’s ability to cap the number of retirements in future years. In addition a window of eligibility is also a consideration. The board will take action on possible changes to the early retirement policy at the February meeting. Depending on the changes made, the board would consider extending the deadline of the current year’s early retirement until sometime after spring break.
- XI. 403(b) Plan Administration Agreement – This agreement is with the State of Iowa’s Retirement Investor’s Club (RIC) who is the current 403(b) plan administrator. The original agreement spanned two years and expired at the end of 2010. This agreement remains in effect until terminated by either party, and is cost-effective as opposed to hiring our own 403(b) administrator. Julie Brownlee moved to approve, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 3-0.
- XII. Education Jobs Funds Resolution – The district has planned to spend little if any of the \$168,910 Ed Jobs Funds received this fiscal year. Rather, with the uncertainty of school funding at the state level, both in terms of allowable growth and now preschool funding now in jeopardy, the district is focusing on offsetting possible staff reductions for the 2011-12 school year. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Interstate 35 community School District, Iowa, expects to receive, or has received, funds pursuant to the Federal Education Jobs Fund (“Ed Jobs”) Program.

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary and desirable to declare its intended use of such funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA, THAT:

1. It is the intent of the Board of Directors of the Interstate 35 Community School District at this time to use all Federal Ed Jobs Program funds remaining after the 2010-11 school year to offset future budgetary reductions through September 30, 2012 as permitted by law.

Julie Brownlee moved to approve, seconded by Ken Stanley. A roll call vote followed. Ayes: Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Ken Stanley. Nays: None.

XIII. Upcoming dates –

- January 26: SIAC meeting, 5:30-7 p.m. High School Library
- January 27: Technology Advisory, 6-7 p.m.
- February 3: NAEP testing, 8th grade students
- February 18: School now in session due to snow day
- February 21: No School, Professional Development
- February 22: ITBS/ITED testing begins

XIV. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items –

- Board Passes – Ray Condon
- Fitness Center/Weight Room Facility
- Technology Committee
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- XV. Adjourn – Julie Brownlee moved to adjourn to exempt session. Motion approved 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary