

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

February 28, 2011

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Ken Stanley – present. Absent – none.
- III. Welcome and Recognize Visitors – Michael Garcia, teacher substitute; Jason Fantz, district patron.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Julie Brownlee moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 5-0.
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 – Michael Garcia was present representing USA Rugby. He would like to start a boys’ rugby club at Interstate 35 High School. The board thanked Garcia for his interest in starting a rugby program.
- VI. Consent Agenda –
 - ❑ Approval of past minutes: February 15, 2011
 - ❑ Approval of monthly bills
 - ❑ Approval of personnel
 - New hires – Roxanne Beeler (MS assistant girls track)
 - Resignations – Kelsey Knutson – (MS assistant softball coach)Motion to approve consent agenda by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. Reports to the Board – Teachers Roxanne Beeler and Karen Reynolds presented some recent DIBELS data. For grades 1-4, the data showed fewer students read at an inaccurate and slow rate. The number of Title Reading students has dropped because students are entering at a higher level. The first and second grades saw increases in the inaccurate but high fluency rate readers. This is a group that will need attention because these readers are fluent, but not fully comprehending what they read. Julie Brownlee was encouraged by the fact that students are entering at a higher level than in the past. Bryan Arzani asked if the data pointed to any individual student successes. Roxanne Beeler shared that IDM has really helped achievement. Beeler said it is rewarding to see the success made, and shared a story of a student who really wanted to learn despite little help at home.

Maintenance Director Denny Clark shared with the board the following projects currently underway:

- Air handlers – controls need a master code which the district must maintain to make adjustments
- Keyless entry – has been installed and may start testing after Spring Break
- Leaks in Elementary and High School – gutters need to be angled down to avoid further leaks
- Light on outside of High School Gym – fixtures will be replaced
- Parking lot behind building and student lot – need cleaned and sealed
- High School Gym floor – needs either to be stripped and sanded with water based wax applied for approximate cost of \$20-25,000, or scuff and repaint lines and apply water based wax which would be less expensive for short term until floor is stripped and sanded. Clark recommends scuffing and repainting for the short-term.
- High School boiler – pneumatics running on the hot side, need to adjust and replace pipes to save energy and make climate more comfortable. Will cost approximately \$10,000 to do this over the summer.
- Middle School room 411 – carpet repaired last year, but the seam didn't seal. When extracting water, carpet is separating from the seam underneath. Clark would recommend carpet squares which could be installed internally rather than roll carpet which would require an outside vendor to install.

During Clark's report, Bryan Arzani stated that if these projects are all necessary, Clark should make a recommendation and obtain prices to proceed. Arzani also asked about the possibility of purchasing a tarp to go over the gym floor to protect from street shoes. Clark will obtain quotes on a tarp. Dan Kirkpatrick asked the date of the next boiler inspection. Clark stated it was this year on one boiler, and the next inspection is slated for 2013.

Athletic Director Ray Condon presented the board with their event passes. Julie Brownlee asked if the district hosted a sub state event, could board members get in with this pass. Condon replied they could if the district hosted the event. The High School athletic teams all had winning seasons:

- Boys Basketball record was 14-8, team was beat at sub-state
- Girls Basketball record was 18-5, team made second round finals of sub-state
- Wrestling – dual season record 15-8, 10 wrestlers to districts, 5 to state, 4 to finals, 3 to championships (1st time in I-35 history), 1 undefeated state champion (2nd time in I-35 history)

I-35 hosted district basketball and took in \$4,100. The district will get \$837 of that. Spring sports have all had meetings. Track has somewhat started. There are 24 boys and 25-30 girls out for track. Golf has 20 boys and 5 girls out. Meet the team night for spring sports will be March 24. Basketball and wrestling awards were on Thursday, March 3.

Technology Director Jade Pospeshil reported that 11 cameras with accessories were purchased with the ABC Channel 5 "One Classroom at a Time" grant. Teachers are currently looking at a cart to safeguard the cameras which can be checked out by students for various projects. Julie Kordick and Janet Walkup will be taking students to a Technology Fair. Pospeshil will be one of the judges. The Technology Committee met on January 27 and discussed tech literacy. The next Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22. Pospeshil purchased Destination Reading software to be loaded on the Preschool

teachers' Ipads. The software, purchased with Microsoft money, is for 50 licenses for four years. Pospeshil worked with Mr. Tuttle's students to rewire the intercom speakers in the Elementary and Middle School classrooms. The students did a great job and received invaluable "on-the-job-training". Finally, Pospeshil and Business Manager Jennifer Jamison worked together to set the payroll accounting system up to email direct deposits slips. Jamison did a small test group on the last payroll that worked, so all employees will be moving to email direct deposit slips going forward. This will save not only paper, but staff time in stuffing and delivering envelopes.

Principal Casey Christensen touched on the software for preschool mentioned by Jade Pospeshil. In addition, Christensen added that he along with Secretary Tina Burkhead, Jennifer Jamison, and Eric Sundermeyer have been working very closely to collect past due preschool tuition balances and working out payment arrangements if necessary. DIBELS testing was completed in January and each grade level met with IDM members to compare data gained from the testing. ITBS testing finished up this week. Results will be available in April. Administration worked with both staff and students in efforts to raise test scores. Staff increased awareness of the importance of test scores by having a pep assembly, providing incentives, and setting goals. Middle School Diversity day was scheduled for March 2. The diversity day was developed to address a comment from a DE site visit that we expose students to more diversity. Julie Brownlee offered to help in the future. Brownlee works with individuals from many different cultures, and could also share from her travels. Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled in March and will be student-led conferences at the Middle School. Christensen recognized Roxanne Beeler, Deann Strange, Tiffany Johnson, and the 4th grade students and staff for a wonderful dance during the half-time of the boys' basketball game on February 8th. Guidance counselor week was celebrated the week of February 7th. Christensen recognized the PK-6 Guidance Counselor Brittney Flansche for her efforts to make a difference every day. Finally Christensen reported that the district had a Special Education visit on February 9th. The staff needs to be recognized for their hard work and diligence during the process. There was only one Corrective Action to be written PK-12 and very few citations.

Principal Tim Busby reported to the board regarding Middle School Reading. Busby said there were 17 students signed up for the technology fair. The Middle School sign-ups for spring sports have occurred, and boys track is off and running. Busby reported that for the last two weeks detentions were down. Mariah Lewis was 1 out of 300 students chosen for the ISU Honor Choir. Mr. Kness took twelve 6-8 grade students for the meet the composer with a concert that followed in Johnston. The variety show is scheduled for March 10 at 6:30 p.m. There are 18 acts out of 43 entries from grades 5-12. Three students made the ISU Honor Band. The After Prom Carnival is scheduled for March 4. I-35 has sent a team to state duals more times than all but two schools in the state (9 times). The end of the 3rd quarter is March 11, grades are due at 3:30 that day. After Spring Break, there will be just 35 days left for seniors. Busby recognized Deanna Lensing who made the All Iowa Honor Dance Team. Lensing will dance with the team on March 5 during the state championship girls' basketball game. ITEDs were completed last week, and Busby wished to congratulate students for the seriousness they gave to the tests. Speech team is sending 10 events to the State Speech Contest. Knowledge Bowl placed 2nd at the POI tournament recently. Busby

then displayed a flag donated by a graduate of I-35, Mark Blackford. The flag, flown in Iraq, had a display case made, and will be hung in the trophy case. Busby then asked the board to consider how the district should maintain various memorials given over the years. Student Council has in the past repaired plaques to the memorials as necessary, but this is an ongoing expense.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison then briefed the board on the monthly financial report. Jamison reviewed with the board the budget approval process and timeline. A budget work session is scheduled for March 7 at which time the board will set the date of the public hearing to approve the fiscal year 2011-12 budget.

Superintendent Sundermeyer discussed the tentative timeline and format for principal hiring, Warren County Joint Board Meeting in Martensdale, and Heartland AEA staff re-alignment.

VIII. Roadrunner Recognition – Superintendent Sundermeyer recognized the following individuals and groups:

- Peru resident Peggy Phillips for generously donating \$2,500 to the I-35 Music Department as the Madison County winner in the America's Farmers Grow Communities program. The money will be used to purchase mobile music technology stations for use in grades K-12.
- Lori Jordan for taking a leadership role on the SchoolStream initiative. She has spent considerable time learning the system, teaching the system to all support staff members, and tweaking the various forms to make them more user-friendly and fit our needs.
- Interstate 35 school employees who contributed \$470 toward the United Way of Central Iowa's campaign.
- Special education teachers for their successful self-assessment facilitated by Heartland AEA. Mr. Christensen has worked with these teachers throughout our professional development sessions to get them prepared for this "audit." We had few citations, and all are easily correctable.
- District patron and teacher's husband Andy Dickinson for donating his time to diagnose the intercom speakers in the PK-8 building. His trouble-shooting allowed Mr. Tuttle's electricity class to help resolve many of the Goldilocks issues throughout the building (too soft, too loud) and make them just right.
- Preschool associates Nan Hamilton, Marchelle Howard, Tracy Kozak, Pat McDonald, and Dee Myers for sorting out all the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) materials. Their help was invaluable in getting the teachers the appropriate materials in an organized fashion.
- The entire Roadrunner family for the great PK-12 pep assembly on Friday, celebrating our tremendous success at the state wrestling tournament and sending them off for the state duals in Cedar Rapids, as well as honoring our girls and boys basketball teams, and emphasizing sportsmanship. We last got together as an entire student body for Homecoming, and this was a great encore! Thanks to Mr. Busby, Mr. Christensen and Mr. Condon for coordinating this event.

- IX. 2011-12 School Calendar – Superintendent Sundermeyer acknowledged this year’s calendar committee: Tim Bogs, Nancy Calvert, Ray Condon, Jenny Dickinson, Laura Haines, Beva Lupkes, and Ashley Smith for their help in developing this year’s calendar. The parameters upon which the committee based its decision were: first, best for students, next, best for our families, and last, best for staff. Sundermeyer shared the “draft” calendar at the January SIAC meeting and, with their input, made revisions to end before Memorial Day so as to not disrupt semester testing at the high school. School will start on a Wednesday this year, which will allow for two days of early dismissals to wrap up beginning-of-the-year professional development. There will be no snow days built into the calendar, realizing they will all be made up at the end of the regular school year. Spring conferences will immediately precede spring break to allow quicker turnaround on third-quarter report cards. Bryan Arzani moved to approve the 2011-12 school calendar, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 5-0.
- X. Maintenance Director Sharing Agreement - The contract for the Shared Maintenance Director with Clarke of Osceola is up for renewal on March 15. Sundermeyer talked with Clarke’s Superintendent, Ned Cox, and both thrilled with what Denny has been able to do for both districts and look forward to the continued relationship. This arrangement allows both districts to receive reorganization funds from the state and allows more bulk purchases to be made between districts to benefit us financially. Julie Brownlee moved to approve the Maintenance Director Sharing Agreement, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XI. Workman’s Compensation Designated Physician – Leslie Bramwell from EMC Insurance met with Jamison and Sundermeyer recently to discuss the district’s workman’s comp claims. During the conversation, the need to streamline and standardize the process for both the employer’s and employee’s sake became apparent. Therefore, some updated forms and processes will be put into place and will designate a few locations for workers injured while on the job. They are Winterset Health Trust Physicians and Iowa Health Occupational Medicine – West. Hospitals listed on the flyers are Madison County Memorial Hospital and Methodist West. The accompanying documentation that will be posted in workrooms and shared with staff is attached in your packet. Bryan Arzanie moved to approve, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XII. Driver Education Instruction Agreement – The district contracts with TeenDriver out of Indianola to provide driver education to its students. This contract renews that agreement for 2011-12 and sets the rates at \$325 (\$200 for reduced rates as verified by the school district). They have become a popular program in Central Iowa, and we are fortunate to be able to offer this service here in Truro. Bryan Arzani moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIII. Budget Guarantee Resolution - As school districts prepare budgets for FY2012 and are still uncertain about the allowable growth rate at the state level, it is prudent to adopt a Budget Guarantee Resolution. This needs to be on file for Department of Management by April 15, and Lisa Oakley advised all districts to file with her organization. If the guarantee is not needed, she will discard it.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Interstate 35 Community School District, will levy tax for fiscal year 2011-12 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

Julie Brownlee moved to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution, seconded by Ken Stanley. A roll call vote followed: Ayes: Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley. Nays: none.

- XIV. Tentative Agreement(s) with I-35 Education Association(s) – Due to procedural error, the board did not take action on the tentative agreements, but will consider the agreements at a special meeting on March 7, 2011.
- XV. Upcoming Dates:
- March 3 – Basketball Awards Night, 6:30 p.m.
 - March 4 – After Prom Carnival, 5 p.m.
 - March 5 – Wrestling Awards Night, 6 p.m.
 - March 7 – Special Board Meeting, Work Session
 - March 10 – Variety Show, 6:30 p.m.
 - March 11 – 1:15 dismissal, end of 3rd quarter
 - March 14-18 – Spring Break
 - March 21 – Regular Board Meeting
 - March 28 – No school, professional development
 - April 11 – Public hearing to set FY12 budget
- XVI. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items –
- Diversity Report
- XVII. Adjourn – Bryan Arzani moved to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary