

**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

March 21, 2011

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Ken Stanley – present. Absent – none.
- III. Welcome and Recognize Visitors – There were no visitors in attendance.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Dan Kirkpatrick moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. Open Forum – No one was present to address the board during open forum.
- VI. Consent Agenda –
  - Approval of past minutes: February 28 with revisions, March 7
  - Approval of monthly bills
  - Approval of personnel
    - Retirements – Kay Lull and Connie Kephart (bus drivers) with early retirement benefits
    - Resignation – Ken Meracle, teacherMotion to approve consent agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. Reports to the Board – Transportation Director Randy Jones was in attendance and provided the board with the transportation summary report.

Principal Casey Christensen reported on the current and future long-term substitute teachers in the building. There are currently two long-term subs and one more starting soon for a teacher on maternity leave. Two more teachers are expecting as school starts next fall, so there will be a need for long-term subs then as well. Ken Stanley asked if the district has a pool of long-term sub candidates. Christensen said that the district utilizes subs within the short-term pool, but also recruits if necessary. If it's an outside recruit, Christensen asks them to submit a resume and observes them in the classroom before offering a long-term assignment. Christensen recognized the music department for directing a successful variety show on March 10. Students are getting pledges for Jumprope for Heart to benefit the American Heart Association. Ronald McDonald visited the elementary on March 9 to encourage students to read. Mrs. Eivins' kindergarten class was nominated by counselor Brittney Flansche as a KCCI Classroom of Character and received a grant from the Iowa State Education Association to promote Character Counts in her classroom. A book fair is being held in the library during parent-teacher conferences. The fifth and sixth graders will be participating in a science fair on April 4 from 5-6 p.m. There will be a middle school dance on April 8, and finally Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for April 11.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison reviewed the 2010 audit with the board during her report. The board asked if the auditor could present to the board again in the future. Jamison will determine if there is a fee associated with having the auditor present the audit at the board meeting. Julie Brownlee asked about the auditor's comment regarding outstanding checks in the Student Activity Fund. Jamison stated that checks over one year old will need to be researched and voided if necessary. Any checks remaining uncashed will need to be submitted to the State Treasurer as unclaimed property.

Superintendent Sundermeyer discussed the format for principal hiring and the Warren County Joint Board Meeting in Martensdale. Julie Brownlee and Sundermeyer will be in attendance at this meeting on April 6.

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

- Nona Eivins and her kindergarten class for being recognized on KCCI as a Classroom of Character. If you didn't see the KCCI feature this week, here is the link <http://www.kcci.com/video/27146525/detail.html>. Thanks again to Brittney Flansche for taking the time to nominate her and the entire elementary staff for sharing the great displays of character at Tuesday's assembly.
- Brittney Flansche, Janet Walkup, I-35 students and their families for raising funds for two worthy organizations, Pennies for Patients and Operation Smile. Respectively, we contributed \$747.87 and \$260.
- Denny Clark and his custodial staff for sprucing up the building – including extracting all door mats, installing emergency lighting, deep cleaning the locker rooms, washing windows, and finishing the floors – all in preparation for graduation ceremonies this May.
- Margo Bobst and the entire junior class and all the school and community members who attended the annual After Prom Carnival. It's neat to see the kids interact so well with their customers. It is a great community event and one of which we should be proud.
- Steve Kness, Shauna Pickering, David Webster and their many talented students for putting on the 5-12 "Shoot for the Stars" variety show. Another great turnout by staff, friends, and family to support the fine arts.
- Coach Jason Mehrhoff and his students Justin Pontier, Mariah Lewis, Megan Ellis for being selected as Outstanding Performers at the IHSAA State Individual Events Contest. These students now qualify for an appearance at the All-State Festival at the McLeod Center on UNI's campus on Monday, March 28. Only 464 out of almost 9,000 students earned this honor.
- Tyler Bass from Pheasants Forever for their recent donation of \$500 worth of vouchers for seed purchase. John Osenbaugh of Prairie Seed Farms for discounting his in-stock seeds by 50% to help with the reconstruction of the prairie. Travis Strable for donating his time and expertise for our recent prairie burn. Finally, Sue Meggers for her obvious passion and dedication to this ongoing project.

IX. Greater Madison County Community Foundation Grants – Superintendent Sundermeyer shared a grant proposal for this grant with the board. The grant would be used to purchase

- outdoor fitness stations that could be used by the students and the community. Bryan Arzani moved to approve the grant application, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0.
- X. Board Policies, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 301.2, 302.5, 303.1, 303.6, and 306 – The board reviewed the reading of the policies listed. It was determined that policy 301.2 was no longer needed and should be deleted. Policy 306 should be changed from Elementary, Middle and High School principal to building principal. Dan Kirkpatrick moved to approve the first reading of the policies with revisions, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 5-0.
- XI. Upcoming Dates:
- March 28 – No school, professional development
  - March 29-30 – Secondary Principal interviews
  - March 29 & 31 – Parent-teacher conferences
  - April 1 – No school, teacher comp day
  - April 6 – Joint Warren County Board Meeting @ MStM
  - April 11 – Public hearing and FY2012 budget approval, 6 p.m.
  - April 18 – No School, professional development
  - April 25 – Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- XII. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items –
- Athletic facility
- XIII. Closed Session: Consider Secondary Principal applicants per Iowa Code, Chapter 21.5 – At 6:56 p.m., Bryan Arzani moved that the board go into closed session “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation.” Motion seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0. The board deliberated in closed session. Bryan Arzani left the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Dan Kirkpatrick moved to go back into open session at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.
- XIV. Julie Brownlee moved to authorize the Superintendent to contact candidates for interviews, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 4-0.
- XV. Adjourn – Ken Stanley moved to adjourn. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Leah Gray, Board President

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Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary