

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5:50 P.M.

High School ICN Room

April 25, 2011

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Ken Stanley – present. Absent – Bryan Arzani.
- III. Welcome and Recognize Visitors – There were no visitors in attendance.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Julie Brownlee moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. Closed Session: Personnel Matter per Iowa Code, Chapter 21.5 – Motion by Julie Brownlee to 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 person’s reputation,” seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 4-0.
Ken Stanley moved to conclude closed session, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 4-0.
- VI. Open Forum – There was no one present to address the board during open forum.
- VII. Consent Agenda –
 - ❑ Approval of past minutes: April 6 and April 11
 - ❑ Approval of monthly bills
 - ❑ Approval of personnel
Retirements – Kelly Myers (MS Assistant Volleyball); Cathy Poole (7/8 Student); Greg VanWyngarden (MS Student Council); John Reid (MS Girls Basketball Co-Coach)
Transfers – Vicki Westerly to 7/8 Social Studies; Pete Wilgenbusch to Woodward routeMotion to approve consent agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 4-0.
- VIII. Reports to the Board – Preschool teachers Jenny Dickinson, Jamie Gelner, and Nicole Jass presented to the board regarding classroom websites, technology integration, and the upcoming Toddler Fair on May 7 in Winterset where the Preschool will be represented.

Mrs. Meggers and students Garrett Thompson and Riley Wearmouth reported to the board about the stages of the I-35 ACRES (Agronomy, Conservation, Riparian, Ecosystem, and Soils Outdoor Learning Laboratory) project.

Counselors Angela Steinlage and Brittney Flanche also made a presentation to highlight the recent diversity day held at the Middle School.

Transportation Director Randy Jones provided the board with the transportation summary report. Jones reported that fuel had increased 40 cents in the last month. Jones added that activities have been trying to go on as scheduled, but has been difficult with the recent weather.

Technology Director Jade Pospeshil reported on the recent technology fair held April 12. Interstate 35 was well-represented, thanks to Julie Kordick for spearheading this activity. Pospeshil attended the 1:1 (laptop) Institute on April 20. Pospeshil informed the board of a recent donation of a server from the Social Security Administration. The donation, worth approximately \$500 to \$700, will free up some space on existing servers in the district. The Technology Committee met March 23, 2011. The licensing on some district software is subject to a new format for its pricing. Finally, there is a professional development opportunity for a few High School teachers to develop online curriculum.

Principal Casey Christensen reported that the next round of DIBELS testing will occur next week. The comprehension piece will be added next year. Kindergarten roundup resulted in 67 Kindergarteners for next year. Christensen recognized the students, staff, and parents for their efforts this year in meeting the ITBS goals. Spring parent-teacher conferences were well attended: the Middle School had 94% attendance and the Elementary had 97% attendance. Christensen attended the 1:1 (laptop) Institute on April 20. The administration shared the new Middle School schedule with staff on April 18, and have some minor adjustments due to staff feedback. Christensen recognized Music Teacher Shauna Pickering for her hard work putting the 4th grade musical together. Finally, Preschool registration was on March 18, and there are currently 20 spots filled for three classrooms. Any additional students will be placed on a waiting list.

Principal Tim Busby reported that conference attendance at the High School was at 56% for spring conferences. Thirty-one students will go to South Dakota for the Math & Science Club field trip. There will be a track meeting Thursday for the High School girls and Friday for the Middle School boys and girls. The 8th graders, who met their ITBS goals, will attend an Iowa Cubs game in May. The 6th and 7th graders, who met their ITBS goals, will have a cookout and game day in May. The 5th graders, who met one of their goals, will have a cookout. The Junior class reward day for ITED scores will be May 23rd. Career day will be May 24th. There will be 30 presenters for ½ day. Sophomores will receive a T-shirt, and Freshmen are setting a baseline for next year's ITEDs. There were 3 students selected for All-State Speech. Mariah Lewis is the 1st student from I-35 to have 2 entries recognized. The blood drive went well for the National Honor Society. The Booster Club sponsored a dinner benefit for the Winslow family along with National Honor Society and Student Council. I-35 Associates also helped supervise the event which raised over \$2,700 for the Winslow family. Busby reported that 36 students have taken multiple classes for college credit through Graceland this year. The new scheduling next year will allow for new class offerings as follows: a 2-section class for Autos, Advanced CAD, Health Issues, Musical Theatre (2nd pd), and Music Exploratory (3rd pd).

Head Cook Mary Ann Evison addressed the board next. Evison recognized Interstate Bakery for donating the buns for the Winslow event, and Rose Acre Farms for donating egg cartons for the music candy fundraiser. Once again this year, the Student Council will sponsor a staff luncheon and Evison's staff will help prepare the meal. Evison has been working with Nurse Becky Abbott to organize a Veteran's Luncheon. Finally, Evison has been working with the Superintendent to plan a new lunch schedule for next year as a result of the various schedule changes at the Middle School.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison reviewed the monthly reports with the board. In the functional areas, it appears that all budgets except the "other expenditures" area will remain within the certified budget. Due to some unforeseen building improvements, the other expenditures functional budget should be amended. By law, the district cannot exceed its certified budget, therefore, an amendment will be forthcoming in May. Jamison has been working on obtaining bids from various vendors to perform a fixed asset inventory of the equipment in excess of \$500 in value throughout the building. A recommendation for approval will appear on the agenda for the special board meeting in early May.

Superintendent Sundermeyer stated that there will be a workers compensation meeting for bus drivers, cooks, and custodians on April 26. Sundermeyer sought feedback from the board regarding a date for a special board meeting and work session to brief the board on the changes for next year. The board agreed to a special meeting on May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Finally, Sundermeyer recognized all the students who participated in the High School Principal interviews last month.

- IX. Roadrunner Recognition – All recognitions were during the board reports.
- X. Candidates for Graduation – The board referred to the list of seniors that Mr. Busby anticipated would complete graduation requirements for Interstate 35 High School this spring. The Class of 2011 commencement exercises will take place at 2 p.m. on May 22 in the gymnasium. Motion by Julie Brownlee to approve the candidates for graduation, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 4-0.
- XI. Math and Science Club South Dakota Trip - The Math and Science Club is planning its annual trip to Brookings, South Dakota, for an engineering expo at South Dakota State University. They will bring 31 students this year, compared to 27 last year.

The plans call for students and chaperones to leave at some point during the school day on the 28th and get back around 8 p.m. on the 29th. They will be staying overnight at the Staurolite Inn in Brookings. The students will be responsible for the hotel costs (\$30) and any food that they might want while we are there.

There are students signed up for the following competitions: computer programming, human wallpaper – someone gets duct taped to the wall, impromptu design – they have to build something to solve a problem that they are given at the competition, bridge building, the scrambler – they have to create an egg launcher that will shoot an egg onto a target, and the rocket car. This is four more competitions than we have had students sign up for last year.

Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve the Math and Science Club South Dakota trip, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 4-0.

- XII. Substitute Bus Driver Contract - The State of Iowa requires districts to issue substitute bus driver contracts as an additional safeguard for the safety of students. Administration has decided to use the example posted on the Department of Education website to ensure standardization and to stay current with all contractual and legal implications for such an important responsibility. Bus Driver Ross Cornelison was in attendance to voice concern for the change. Cornelison urged the board to consider keeping the prior practice and not setting a precedent by changing the way substitutes are paid. Superintendent Sundermeyer stated that the form of contract was what was being debated, not the rate at which substitutes are being paid. Bus driver Larry Smith was also in attendance to applaud the bus driver subs who work for the district and step in at a moment's notice and have to know every route. The board asked Randy Jones how many subs the district has currently, and Jones replied that there are five. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve the Substitute Bus Driver Contract, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 4-0.
- XIII. School District Banking Services Request for Proposal (RFP) - It seems the district is on schedule to switch banks for the upcoming year. Administration is asking for these services to be bid out and see what rates are, rather than just switching everything because it's what we have always done in the past. City State Bank is the next in line, and since they only have a branch in New Virginia it would require some additional daily travel time and expense to take our deposits there unless they are able to do remote deposit which is specifically addressed in the RFP. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve the Banking Services RFP, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 4-0.
- XIV. Upcoming Dates:
- April 29 – Baccalaureate
 - May 7 – Jr./Sr. Prom, 8:00 p.m.
 - May 9 – Board Work Session, 6:00 p.m.
 - May 16 – High School Fine Arts Night, 6:30 p.m.
 - May 16 – Last Day for Seniors
 - May 18 – Senior Awards Night, 7:00 p.m.
 - May 20 – Graduation practice/Sr. Breakfast
 - May 22 – Graduation, 2:00 p.m.
 - May 27 – Last day of School, early dismissal
- XV. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items – There were no future agenda items mentioned.
- XVI. Adjourn – Julie Brownlee moved to adjourn. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary