

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2011 - 6:00 P.M.

High School Library

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, and Dan Kirkpatrick – present, Ken Stanley - absent
Welcome and Recognize Visitors – Patron Ron Pontolilo and Bus Driver Ross Cornelison were in attendance.
- II. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 4-0.
- III. Open Forum – Ron Pontolilo addressed the board regarding a bus incident in which his child was involved and felt that an issue regarding the health, safety, and welfare of the children should warrant full disclosure of what district administration did to ensure this sort of incident did not occur in the future up to and including how it disciplined its personnel. The board listened to Pontolilo’s concerns, but due to Iowa Code Chapter 22.7, could not disclose personnel matters to the public. Pontolilo urged the board to find some leniency in the law which would allow disclosure of personnel matters. The Superintendent had already sought legal advice regarding disclosing personnel documents, and the opinion of the attorney was that the law allowed no leniency in this regard and the discipline records of the personnel files should remain confidential. After 30 minutes of discussion during Open Forum where no Board action is allowed, President Leah Gray ceased the discussion so that the board could move on to other agenda items.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Past Minutes: May 9, May 23
 - Approval of Personnel:
 - Hires – Josh Corwin (7-12 Industrial Technology); Megan Frandsen (7/8 Language Arts); Andrew Messer (9-12 Mathematics); Frank Stroh (bus driver); Peral Swartslander (bus driver); John Wyatt (bus driver)
 - Transfers – Art Smith (shuttle to bus route)
 - Resignations – Kevin Smith (bus driver); Dan Tuttle (Industrial Technology)

Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, 4-0.
- V. Reports to the Board – Business Manager Jennifer Jamison discussed the new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement 54. GASB 54 requires the board to change how it designates fund balance in certain funds. The new statement no longer allows for undesignated fund balance, rather the

district now must designate, assign, or commit fund balance to specific uses. Jamison explained a policy would be forthcoming at the June 27 board meeting.

Superintendent Sundermeyer discussed the summer projects underway.

- VI. Specialty Underwriters Equipment Breakdown Insurance – The board has had some questions regarding whether the district was fully utilizing the “electrical insurance.” The expense for the insurance is paid from the Management fund rather than the General Fund, which is advantageous. There has been a dip in usage since implementing the insurance in 2005-06, but like all insurance the more you use it, the higher the premiums. If the board continues the agreement, the district will plan to inform all impacted staff of the procedures to follow when filing claims using this insurance – thus hopefully increasing its usage for 2011-12. Motion by Bryan Arzani to continue the Specialty Underwriters Equipment Breakdown Insurance, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 4-0.
- VII. Administrators, Confidential, and Other Staff Salary Considerations – Both the teaching and support staff associations settled for a total package of 3.5%, including the employer increase to IPERS, so that is what the Superintendent recommended for this group. Motion by Julie Brownlee to approve a 3.5% total package increase for administrators, confidential, and other staff, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 4-0.
- VIII. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items
- Public Hearing: Early Start Date Request (June 27)
 - Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing Agreement (June 27)
 - Substitute Bus Driver Contract Rate (June 27)
 - Board Policies, 300s & 700s (July)
 - Student Handbooks (July)
 - Milk, bread, fuel, trash removal, pest control bids (July)
 - Chapter 12 student achievement goals (July)
 - 50th anniversary – Interstate 35 School District (2011-12)
- IX. Closed Session: Superintendent’s Evaluation per Iowa Code, Chapter 21.5 – Motion by Bryan Arzani to enter 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,” seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 4-0. The board entered closed session at 7:05. Motion by Julie Brownlee to end closed session and resume open session, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, 4-0. Open Session resumed at 8:33.
- X. Adjourn – Bryan Arzani moved to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary