

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

High School Library

March 12, 2012

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, and Taylor Parrish (Student Council representative) – present. Absent – Bryan Arzani.
- III. Welcome and recognize visitors – District patrons Jennifer Baughman, Tina Burkhead, Jenny Dickinson, and Jason Fantz were in attendance.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. District Priorities – President Gray reviewed the following district priorities with the board to keep in the forefront as the board makes decisions that continue to move the district forward:
 - 1) Articulate and support a cohesive student-centered PK-12 vision for continuous school improvement
 - 2) Promote (Ensure/Engage in) effective teaching and relevant learning for the 21st Century
 - 3) Operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness
- VI. Open Forum – No one wished to address the board during open forum.
- VII. Consent Agenda –
 - A) Approval of past minutes: February 27
 - B) Approval of bills
 - C) Approval of personnel
 - Resignation – Jim Miller (bus driver); Don Monaghan (MS girls basketball coach)
 - Hires – Jeff Shipley (regular route bus driver); Josh Corwin (track throwing coach); Kelsey Knutson (HS assistant softball); Logan Tibbits (HS golf co-coach)Motion to approve consent agenda by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 4-0.
- VIII. Reports to the Board –7-8 Math Teacher Heather Dutrey and 9-12 Math Teacher Andrew Messer reported to the board their curriculum selection process for the new 9-12 math curriculum to be implemented next school year. The committee consisted of Secondary Principal Jeff Snider, 6th grade math teacher Janelle Gutzmer, 7-8 math teacher Heather Dutrey and 9-12 math teachers Brenda Erickson and Andrew Messer. The committee selected the series Larson Holt-McDougall after careful review. The committee chose the series because it most closely aligned with the current 6-8 curriculum and had the characteristics of a world class core curriculum for math. Teachers in grades 9-12 selected practice lessons and taught them to their classes. The 6-8 math teachers also sat in on these lesson plans and could serve not only the teacher perspective, but the student perspective knowing what the 6-8 curriculum is teaching and how that would flow into the new 9-12 curriculum. The board was appreciative of the time the committee put into making their

selection. Julie Brownlee asked about homework expectations from math teachers. Messer said that the expectations vary by the teacher. Both Messer and Dutrey said they do not grade daily work, but rather look at it to assess whether the student knows how to solve the problems. Dutrey has a quiz weekly to assess student's grasp of the lessons, and follows up with individual students or the entire class if a deficiency is present. Leah Gray asked about how the new curriculum would be communicated to parents. The committee plans to hold an open house for parents and students to showcase the new curriculum and answer any questions. Gray recommended that teachers use the open house as an opportunity to communicate their homework expectations as well.

Principal Casey Christensen reported on the upcoming school year's preschool programming. The Department of Education will no longer allow schools to receive funding for students in preschool who are age five before September 15. In the past, these students had been permitted to attend preschool at the same level of funding as K-12 students. Since this will not be allowed next year, Mr. Sundermeyer and Mr. Christensen worked through various scenarios. In the end, based on current enrollment projections, it has been determined that preschool spots will first be filled with four-year-olds since the district receives funding for these students. Tuition for four-year-olds will remain at \$80 per month. The remaining full-time spots will be filled by five-year-olds at a proposed monthly tuition rate of \$240. Half day spots for four-year-olds will be available at \$40 per month, and three-year-olds will fill any remaining half-time spots at a rate of \$160 per month. The tuition rates were not final until the deadline given for parents to inform the district of their preschool preference had passed on March 15. Christensen stated that he believes the district has a Cadillac program and would like to keep it that way. The plan for next year was the best attempt to serve all families at the least cost while maintaining this high level of programming.

Buildings and Grounds Director Denny Clark reported on a couple of upcoming projects. Clark stated that additional lighting is to be added at the student and staff parking lots on the west side of the building. The district is hoping to add additional pole lighting which would be provided by Alliant Energy. Clark also mentioned possible boiler replacement at the High School. The current boilers are over 30 years old, and the average lifespan is 25 years. If possible, Clark would propose adding one new boiler and running it most of the time, keeping the one older boiler for backup.

Head Cook Mary Ann Evison provided a written report in the board packet with updates on her recent training in Iowa City. The main topic of discussion at the training encompassed adding additional vegetables and different vegetable choices into the menu. Due to the new regulations, Evison is considering an increase to lunch prices next year. The district is currently on the lower end of average breakfast and lunch prices when compared to neighboring and conference districts. Evison would also like to consider ceasing to charge the nutrition fund for custodial services provided the school lunch program.

Assistant Principal Geoff Tessau provided a written report which included updates on the new library software system, new laptop cart, needs assessment ideas, and MailChimp update.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison provided the board with monthly financial reports in the board packet. Jamison has also been comparing the published budget to actual expenditures under the four functional areas required to be within published budget for the fiscal year. At this time, it appears that the support services and non-instructional budget portions will need to be amended. This will probably take place at the May board meeting. Jamison also dispersed the final Preliminary Offering Statement (POS) which prospective bond investors received prior to the bid on March 14.

- IX. Roadrunner Recognition – There were no recognition items to report.
- X. Set April 9 Date of Public Hearing for FY2013 Budget – The board reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Budget Summary for fiscal year 2013. Motion by Julie Brownlee to set the date of public hearing on the FY2013 for April 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 4-0.
- XI. FY2013 Budget Guarantee Resolution – This resolution must have been acted upon by the board in order to utilize the budget guarantee should the district’s regular program cost be less next fiscal year than the current fiscal year. It is not anticipated the district will need the budget guarantee, but is recommended to be adopted by districts in the event it is needed. If not needed, it will simply be discarded by the Department of Management. Ken Stanley moved the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Interstate 35 Community School District, will levy tax for fiscal year 2012-13 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14, *Code of Iowa*.

Julie Brownlee seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Ayes – Julie Brownlee, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley and Leah Gray. Nays – none.
- XII. Tentative Agreement with I-35 Support Staff Association – A settlement of 4% total package for FY2012-13 and FY2013-14 was reached between the board and the association and was ratified by the association’s members. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 4-0.
- XIII. Board Policy 505.5 Graduation Requirements – This policy is being revised to include the requirements for a “Diploma with Distinction.” Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to revise the policy, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 4-0.
- XIV. Boundary Verification Resolution for Board Directors – Due to the 2010 decennial census, each district is required to evaluate the population in each district so that one isn’t more disproportionate than the other. Julie Brownlee moved the following resolution for approval:

WHEREAS, Iowa Code § 275.23A requires that school district Director Districts be established on the basis of population as determined by the most recent Federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, attached hereto is the Proposed Director District Map based upon the 2010 Federal decennial census for the five Director Districts within Interstate 35 Community School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Interstate 35 Community School District to adopt the Director Districts map attached hereto and be it further resolved as follows:

1. The method of election of directors and the number of directors shall not be changed.
2. The Secretary is hereby directed to file a copy of the Director District Map, the School Redistricting Worksheet and this resolution with the Heartland AEA Administrator.
3. The Secretary is hereby directed to notify the Iowa State Commission of Elections and the Warren County Commissioner of Elections and to provide the commissioners with Director District Map showing the boundaries and to certify to the Iowa State Commissioner of Elections the population of the Director Districts as determined under the latest Federal decennial census as shown on Exhibit "A" provide each of them with the School Redistricting Worksheet and a copy of this Resolution with the description of the Director Districts.

Dan Kirkpatrick seconded the motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote followed: Ayes – Julie Brownlee, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, and Leah Gray. Nays – none.

XV. TruGreen Fertilizer Contract – After considering the price of fertilizer and the labor costs to apply it, it was determined to be less expensive to outsource this service. Bids were obtained from All American Turf Beauty, Zimco (fertilizer only), and TruGreen. TruGreen was the low bidder. The agreement is for a three-year commitment and will lock in the price for that time frame. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve the TruGreen contract, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 4-0.

XVI. Upcoming Dates –

- March 13, 15 – Parent/teacher conferences, 4-8 p.m.
- March 14 – Special Board Meeting, noon (to sell bonds)
- March 16-23 – No school, Spring Break
- April 6 – Interstate 35 50th Anniversary celebration, 1:30 p.m.
- April 9 – Public Hearing for FY2013 budget, 6 p.m.
- April 23 – Regular Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

XVII. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items –

- The Board members engaged in an IASB "At the Board Table" exercise focused on School Staff Performance. The modules have been designed as a professional learning opportunity for the board members to discuss real issues they may face in hypothetical situations and discuss what implications their individual responses may bring to bear. This module was chosen because of upcoming parent-teacher conferences, and the main ideas arrived at were to follow the chain-of-command in order to try to solve at the lowest level possible and to reinforce the Board's willingness to listen to concerns and celebrations from parents about what's happening in school.
- Open Enrollment survey (April)

XVIII. Adjourn – Dan Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary