

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM
High School Library
April 9, 2012

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, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, and Leah Gray - Present. Absent - none.
- III. Welcome and recognize visitors – District patrons Jennifer Dickinson, Tina Burkhead, Tom Cunningham, Fran Hutton, Bobbie Finley, and John Hadsall. Also present were district attorney Drew Bracken and union representatives Suzy Card and Jane Erpelding.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. District Priorities – Vice-President Brownlee 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. FY2013 Budget Hearing - President Gray announced that it was the time and place for the public hearing and meeting on the proposed 2012-13 school budget, published pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Iowa. Gray asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to make any objections to or arguments in favor of, the proposed budget. There being none, Gray declared the hearing closed. District resident John Hadsall approached the board about his concern regarding item XV on the agenda. President Gray informed those in attendance that Open Forum only occurs at the regular scheduled board meeting. School Attorney Drew Bracken confirmed Gray’s statement and added that unless Open Forum was on the agenda, the board could not hear comments from constituents.
- VII. Certify FY2013 Budget - Julie Brownlee moved to approve the FY2013 budget at an overall rate of \$18.36, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 5-0.
- VIII. Consent Agenda –
 - A) Approval of past minutes: none
 - B) Approval of bills
 - C) Approval of personnel
 - Resignation - Megan Schmelzer (7/8 language arts); Jaci Taylor (guidance secretary)
 - Hires – Jordan Edgerly (9-12 Math)Motion to approve consent agenda by Ken Stanley, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 5-0.

- IX. Fees for 2012-13 School Year – Lunch fees will increase \$.10 per day for PK-3, 4-12, and adult lunches. Preschool tuition for next year will be as follows: Half day three-year-olds \$160, full day four-year-olds \$80, half day four-year-olds \$40, full day five-year-olds, \$240 per month. All other fees will remain the same. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve fees for the 2012-13 school year, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 5-0.
- X. Tentative Agreement with I-35 Education Association – The association and district recently settled contract negotiations with a total package of 3.88%. The package includes a \$1,200 raise to the base salary for each step, \$15 reduction in the monthly TSA and family insurance amounts, and restructuring of the career increments. In addition, there were some minor language revisions, including critical and emergency leave. Motion to approve the tentative agreement with the I-35 Education Association by Ken Stanley, seconded by Julie Brownlee Motion carried, 5-0.
- XI. Execute Agreements with Bankers Trust Company relating to issuance of bonds – This resolution and agreement with Bankers Trust Company appoints them as the district’s agent to receive the principal and interest payments and send those to the bondholders on behalf of the district. Bryan Arzani introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF DES MOINES, IOWA, TO SERVE AS PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAME

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Code, \$2,320,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, dated April 24, 2012, have been sold and action should now be taken to provide for the maintenance of records, registration of Bonds, and payment of principal and interest in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, this Board has deemed that the services offered by Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa, are necessary for compliance with rules, regulations, and requirements governing the registration, transfer and payment of registered Bonds; and

WHEREAS, a Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement (hereafter “Agreement”) has been prepared to be entered into between the School Board and Bankers Trust Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF CLARKE, MADISON, AND WARREN, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa, is appointed to serve as Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent in connection with the issuance of \$2,320,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, dated April 24, 2012.

Section 2. That the Agreement with Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa, is approved and that the President of the School Board and Secretary are authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the School District.

Ken Stanley seconded the motion to adopt. A roll call vote followed: Ayes – Leah Gray, Bryan Arzani, Ken Stanley, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Julie Brownlee. Nays- none. The President declared the resolution adopted.

- XII. Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate – The Tax Exemption Certificate is an important document that contains information about calculated yield of the bonds as well as covenants and obligations the district must follow. Tax exemption is based in part on the fact that the use of the facilities financed with the bonds will be used for the public and not for private trade or any non-tax-exempt entity’s use. In addition, the district certifies that it will not issue more than \$15 million in tax-exempt debt and not more than \$5 million in non-construction related debt during calendar year 2012. Finally the district agrees to adhere to the restrictions regarding investment of the bond proceeds with this certificate. Motion to approve the Tax Exemption Certificate by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bryan Arzani. A roll call vote followed: Ayes – Leah Gray, Julie Brownlee, Ken Stanley, Bryan Arzani, and Dan Kirkpatrick. Nays – none.
- XIII. Approval of Continuing Disclosure Certificate – The Continuing Disclosure Certificate is a written agreement between the underwriter (purchaser of bonds) and issuer (district). It represents the district’s promise to provide annual financial information and operating data and “event notices” to the bond holders. Further the certificate states what financial information and operating data must be disclosed by the district as well as which events trigger the obligation to provide “event notices”. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, seconded by Bryan Arzani. A roll call vote followed: Ayes – Leah Gray, Julie Brownlee, Ken Stanley, Bryan Arzani, and Dan Kirkpatrick. Nays – none.
- XIV. Resolution of the Issuance of Bonds – This is the final action to sell the General Obligation refunding bonds and levy the tax to pay for the bonds in order to achieve the savings by refinancing current GO bonds. Julie Brownlee introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,320,000, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Interstate 35 Community School District in the Counties of Clarke, Madison, and Warren, State of Iowa, is a public school corporation duly incorporated, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa, and is not affected by any special legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 35 Community School District is in need of funds to pay costs of refunding existing general obligation indebtedness as set forth in the schedule of bonds to be refunded, Schedule A (the “Refunded Bonds””, attached to this Resolution, and it is deemed necessary and advisable that the Interstate 35 Community School District should issue its General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, in the amount of \$2,320,000 for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, it presently appears that the benefits may be realized and at the same time savings may be effected in the debt service fund requirements of the School District by refunding of the bonds set forth in Schedule A:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF CLARKE, MADISON, AND WARREN, STATE OF IOWA:

Ken Stanley seconded the motion to adopt. A roll call vote followed: Ayes – Leah Gray, Bryan Arzani, Ken Stanley, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Julie Brownlee. Nays- none. The President declared the resolution adopted.

- XV. Closed Session, per Iowa Code, Section 21.5(1)(a) – Bryan Arzani moved to enter closed session in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body’s possession or continued receipt of federal funds, seconded by Ken Stanley. Closed session commenced at 6:15 p.m. Julie Brownlee moved to resume open session, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 5-0. Open session resumed at 11:49 p.m.
- XVI. Action on Personnel Item – Motion by Julie Brownlee to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to terminate with cause the employment of bus driver, Julie Brommel, effective immediately, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XVII. Upcoming Dates
- April 18 – SIAC Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
 - April 23 – Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- XVIII. Adjourn –Julie Brownlee moved to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary