

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
405 E. NORTH STREET
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

12:05 P.M.

Superintendent's Office Conference Room

May 30, 2012

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Vice-President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Dan Kirkpatrick - present, Bryan Arzani (via telephone), Ken Stanley (via telephone), and Julie Brownlee (via telephone). Absent – Leah Gray.
- III. Welcome and recognize visitors – There were no visitors present.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 4-0.
- 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. Public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate on High School boiler improvement project – Vice-President Brownlee opened the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate on the High School boiler improvement project. There being no one in attendance to speak in favor of or against the project, Brownlee declared the hearing closed.
- VII. Approve plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate on the High School boiler improvement project – Board discussion followed regarding the cost estimate compared to the bids received, priority of the project compared to other projects previously discussed, energy efficiency of the new boilers, payback period, warranty of the equipment and the work, project completion date, engineer and contractor experience, and oversight of the project. Dave Chongo from KCL Engineering was in attendance via telephone and answered most of the board's concerns. Chongo stated the historical numbers are used to prepare the estimate, and with smaller companies being forced out of business in the last few years, there are only larger contractors left with less competition. The efficiency of the new boilers is 88 percent compared to 70 percent or less on the current 30-year old boilers, the work is warrantied for one year after substantial completion of the project, and Chongo will check on the warranty of the boilers. Finally, Chongo plans to be down to monitor progress on the project every couple of weeks, and construction should be complete before the start of the new school year. Chongo stated he and his firm have completed projects for multiple school districts and Superintendent Sundermeyer verified that KCL came with excellent references. Business Manager Jennifer Jamison spoke to the payback period: using current utility bills, Jamison estimated a savings of approximately \$8,300 per year. Superintendent Sundermeyer

said that the facilities committee had met to discuss items remaining on the facilities improvement plan. The boiler replacement being one of those, it was determined that due to the age of the current boilers, it would be prudent to move forward with the project at this time. Sundermeyer then explained the need for the special board meeting. Had the public hearing notice been published within the timeline necessary, the original plan was to approve the project and award the bid at the May 21 regular board meeting. Sundermeyer recommended the board approve the project at the base bid amount rather than the alternate bid even though it would have been a deduct amount. The deduct amount was not enough to justify going with a different manufacturer, and the goal was to have both buildings with the same boiler, which the base bid would provide. The board asked Dan Kirkpatrick for his thoughts due to his expertise in the area, and Kirkpatrick stated that he thought it would be a good investment, and having reviewed the drawings, everything looked as though it had been addressed. Dan Kirkpatrick moved to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate on the High School boiler replacement project, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 4-0.

- VIII. Award of contract on High School boiler replacement project – Bids were received from Capital City Boiler and Machine Works, Inc. and Proctor Mechanical Corporation. Capital City had the low base bid of \$131,260. Proctor Mechanical bid \$173,932. Dave Chongo stated that Capital City was a reputable installer and has done work throughout the Des Moines area. Dan Kirkpatrick moved to award the contract on the High School boiler replacement project to Capital City Boiler and Machine Works, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$131,260, seconded by Ken Stanley. A roll call vote followed: Dan Kirkpatrick, Bryan Arzani, Ken Stanley, Julie Brownlee – yes. Nays – none.
- IX. Adjourn –Dan Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Julie Brownlee, Board Vice-President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary