

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

High School Library

February 25, 2013

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, and student council representative Jenna Sandquist – present. Bryan Arzani and Ken Stanley - absent.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – The board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Welcome and recognize visitors – District patrons Kelsey Bregar, Kelli Bregar, Tommy Bregar, Tina Burkhead, Jan Connelly, Chris Cummings, Zach Cummings, Kristi Daniels, Jenny Dickinson, Kyle Freeman, Andrea Goering, Ellen Lupkes, Sherry Parish, Angela Steinlage, Joe Stuart, Erin Thornburgh, Mitch Vipond; teachers Roxanne Beeler, Jenny Jones, and Karen Reynolds; and district administrators and directors.
- V. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 4-0.
- VI. 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) Engage in effective teaching and relevant learning for the 21st Century
 - 3) Operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness
- VII. Open Forum – No one was present to address the board during open forum.
- VIII. Consent Agenda –
 - A) Approval of Past Minutes: December 17, 2012, January 28, 2013 and February 18, 2013
 - B) Approval of Bills
 - C) Approval of Personnel
 - Resignations – Roxanne Beeler (assistant MS softball); Randy Calvert (HS football coach); Dennis Clark (Shared Maintenance Director); Desman Oakley (MS assistant football)
 - Hires – Beva Lupkes (MS assistant softball); Terry Shepard (evening custodian) pending suitable background check; Desman Oakley (HS cross country)Julie Brownlee moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 4-0.
- IX. Roadrunner Recognition – Superintendent Sundermeyer recognized the following individuals and groups:

Rick Gray and Jeremy Smith for getting the school grounds ready in the event we were able to hold classes on Friday and for the Murray vs. Mount Ayr regional game we hosted that evening.

Winter Storm Team (Mary Ann Evison, Bobbie Finley, Rick Gray, Casey Christensen, Jeff Snider, and Geoff Tessau) for working through possible early dismissal plans in anticipation of last week's snow storm. Their collaboration and flexibility made the day go off smoothly, given the circumstances.

Activities Director Ray Condon recognized the following individuals and groups:

Tyler Lester (195) and Austin Pontier (106) for advancing to district wrestling and Austin for qualifying for State Tournament.

Bill Seibert, Scott Woods, and Jeana Schultz for their help with basketball scorer's table all season.

All Conference and Academic All Conference - girls basketball – 1st Team All-Conference: Nicole Travis, 2nd Team All-Conference: Jordan Williamson, All Academic: Brooke Brommel, Caylin Brommel, Toriann Erickson, and Charlie Rupp – boys basketball – 1st Team All-Conference: Jaylan White, 2nd Team All-Conference: Colton Clark, Jamal White, All Academic: Nick Schaffer, Travis Thornburgh, Jamal White.

Principal Casey Christensen recognized the following individuals and groups:
Becky Abbott for lining up the Health E. Hound assembly held on February 12

Mrs. Beeler for organizing the fantastic Jump Rope for Heart kickoff program held on February 13.

Robin Hankins for the donation of \$200 to offset the purchase of music recorders for fourth grade.

Students of the Week – Carli and Josie McCuddin, daughters of John and Tina McCuddin and Laura Strange daughter of Justin and Monica Strange

Principal Jeff Snider recognized the following individuals and groups:

Cole Daniels, Seth Fineran, Haley Schaffer, Austin Cole, Garrett McFarland, Amber Crow, Natalie Harper, Skylar Brown, Tia Snyder, Izziac West, Nicole Bowden, Brooke Brommel, Bobbie Hielman, Jenna Sandquist, and Jamal White for their help in reviewing the student handbook and ways to make Interstate a safe and purposeful environment.

Coach Randy Calvert for his 25 years of service as Football coach for Interstate 35.

Speech Team Members Kendall Hildebrand, Katie Jacobson (two events), Sarah Yawn, Megan Ellis (two events), Jenna Sandquist (two events), Josh Hughes (two events), Bailee Huddleson, Brittany Mease, Shannon Roberts, and Claire Bertrand for each earning Division I ratings at Districts.

- X. Project READERS Report – Roxanne Beeler, Jenny Jones, and Karen Reynolds updated the board on the Project READERS initiative designed to improve K-3 literacy. The program uses targeted interventions and assessment data for students not meeting DIBELS benchmarks. Those identified students receive instruction on deficient skills. The program’s goal is that of RTI – to prevent academic or behavior problems by attending to skill gaps early. The core belief of the program is the urgency to make the change and maintaining high expectations for all students. Julie Brownlee asked about parent involvement. Reynolds responded that most parents are happy to have their child receive more individualized instruction in their areas for improvement.
- XI. FY2012 Audit Review – Business Manager Jennifer Jamison presented the FY2012 audited financial statements to the board for their acceptance. Jamison reviewed the various statements in the report, specifically the audit findings, of which there were very few. In addition, Jamison provided the board with a summary of the procedures for cash receipts and cash disbursements to achieve proper segregation of duties and the elimination of this comment on the audit report.
- XII. Board Learning and Development – President Leah Gray read a statement aimed at strengthening the board’s learning and the accountability process. Gray’s statement focused on when a board member should be contacted and what to do when they are.
- XIII. Madison County Career Academy Services Agreement – This agreement reflects changes in funding and enrollment in conjunction with different course offerings. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve Madison County Career Academy Services Agreement, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 4-0.
- XIV. Receipt and Filing of Termination Recommendation – With this vote, the board receives the termination recommendation and files it with the Board Secretary. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to acknowledge receipt of the recommendation and file it with the Board Secretary, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 4-0.
- XV. School Funding Resolution – School Administrators of Iowa has asked for all school districts to have their collective voice heard and consider signing a funding resolution requesting the state legislature set allowable growth at 4% for the 2013-2014 school year and the 2014-2015 school year prior to considering the education reforms measures proposed by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and the scaled down version House Republicans displayed last week. The resolution states that the failure of the legislature to provide sufficient and increased annual funding to Iowa’s school districts has had a cumulative effect on school districts and threatens their ability to meet the current needs of students. Motion by Julie Brownlee to approve the School Funding Resolution, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 4-0.
- XVI. Reports to the Board

Transportation Coordinator Bobbie Finley’s report was included in the packet and highlights included: taking bus #5 out of service, using parts off bus #5 for other buses, and selling the shell. Finley also stated that bus #17 was back today after repairs that were covered under warranty. Bus #11 was also back today after the compressor and air brake dryer went out which were not under warranty, and then the alternator just went out today. Julie Brownlee asked how many buses Finley was short, and Finley replied she is down one bus and have three on the line. Finley would like to consider the purchase of additional used buses, but through O’Halloran’s which is a local dealer and will assure the buses meet Iowa code.

Finley is working on a five-year bus replacement plan. There are four buses all between 1995-2000 models. Finley is trying to refresh the fleet as quickly as possible. The two used buses purchased earlier this year helped tremendously.

Head Cook Mary Ann Evison's report in the packet included the following: CBC meeting on new ordering system for US Foods, adding/deleting bid items and commodities, food show for US Foods, lunch counts and prices, staff member had surgery and LT sub, hot water heater in kitchen, lock down, and preschool lunches. Evison said staffing is in a state of flux right now. Evison stated the hot lunch fund isn't doing well financially, but switching to offer vs. serve at the Elementary end should help eliminate some waste and save money. Julie Brownlee asked if Evison had notified parents of this change. Evison intends to write an article for the Roadrunner Report once everything is in place. In addition, parents can see what their children are eating by accessing EZ School Pay.

Activities Director Ray Condon's included the following: boys basketball was 18-4 and playing in District final February 19th at Creston; girls basketball 11-11 overall and defeated by North Polk in first round of play-offs; wrestling advanced two wrestlers to Districts: Tyler Lester (195) and Austin Pontier (106) and Austin qualified for State Tournament; special thanks to Bill Seibert, Scott Woods, and Jeana Schultz for their help with basketball scorer's table all season; All Conference and Academic All Conference - girls basketball – 1st Team All-Conference: Nicole Travis, 2nd Team All-Conference: Jordan Williamson, All Academic: Brooke Brommel, Caylin Brommel, Toriann Erickson, and Charlie Rupp – boys basketball – 1st Team All-Conference: Jaylan White, 2nd Team All-Conference: Colton Clark, Jamal White, All Academic: Nick Schaffer, Travis Thornburgh, Jamal White.

Assistant Principal Geoff Tessau's report included updates on the School Law Conference held February 19th which included topics regarding school safety, student discipline, technology issues, homeless students, and special education law; Special Education Update on co-teaching and collaboration during February 18th in-service; and Technology Committee meeting on February 20th which included lots of discussion surrounding a 1:1 laptop initiative including a potential roll-out as early as mid-year next school year. The next meeting will be to discuss which platform makes the most sense considering budget and getting teachers trained specifically those that may be hesitant about going to a 1:1 laptop environment. Finally, MailChimp has had a recent surge in subscribers up to 213. Leah Gray asked about the cost to parents if the district implements a 1:1 laptop initiative. Tessau said there are laws regarding what the district can and can't charge, but most of the expense is that of the district. Julie Brownlee asked if implementing the laptops has an outcome, to which Tessau replied that districts shouldn't enter into a 1:1 if achievement is all they wish to gain.

Secondary Principal Jeff Snider's report included the following: course request process, Iowa Assessments, Professional Learning on February 18th with Heartland AEA to discuss providing accommodations and modifications for students with special needs, activities and post-season activities, recognition of students giving feedback on handbook: Cole Daniels, Seth Fineran, Haley Schaffer, Austin Cole, Garrett McFarland, Amber Crow, Natalie Harper, Sylar Brown, Tia Snyder, Izziac West, Nicole Bowden, Brooke Brommel, Bobbie Hielman,

Jenna Sandquist, and Jamal White, and CTE Advisory Committee on February 27th. Upcoming dates: March 13th – Blood Drive, March 18th – Professional Learning, March 19th – Parent-Teacher Conference, March 21st – Parent-Teacher Conference, March 28th-April 2nd – Spring Break. Snider recognized students receiving Division 1 ratings for Speech Contest. Snider also wished to specially recognize Coach Randy Calvert for his 25 years of service as Football coach for Interstate 35. Leah Gray inquired about the career path that used to be part of the course guide. Counselor Angela Steinlage said she thought that had been removed. Superintendent Sundermeyer said that there was a Career Pathways program around 2001-2003, but now the focus is on college and career readiness. There are still career clusters and some alignment to that in the course guide.

Elementary Principal Casey Christensen's report included the following topics: Preschool meetings with 4RKids, Superintendent, and "A Day at the Hill"; Recognition – Thanks to Becky Abbott for lining up the Health E. Hound assembly held on February 12, to Mrs. Beeler for organizing the fantastic Jump Rope for Heart kickoff program held on February 13, and to local parent Robin Hankins for the donation of \$200 to offset the purchase of music recorders for fourth grade; DIBELS results; Students of the Week – Carli and Josie McCuddin, daughters of John and Tina McCuddin and Laura Strange daughter of Justin and Monica Strange; Project READERS scores and presentation; professional development; Valentine's Day; and Playground. Christensen's report included a powerpoint with photos of the new equipment that students had the chance to vote on the final two pieces. Christensen also gave more explanation regarding DIBELS results.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison's report included reviewing the Treasurer's Report and fund financial reports. Jamison stated that the revenues received in the General Fund were at 45 percent of budget, but expenditures were at 56 percent of budget. Jamison expects revenues to still outpace expenditures in the General Fund, but not as much as earlier estimated. The Management Fund will finish with very little fund balance remaining, but is being closely analyzed for the next year's budget as the board considers offering Early Retirement in 2013, and Jamison anticipates worker's comp insurance increases. A public hearing will be held in March to amend the current year budget in all four areas: instruction, support services, non-instruction, and other expenditures. Jamison also included a follow up to December's report regarding lunch revenues with a look at expenditures for the month of October. In that month, revenues were less than revenues by approximately \$2,000, but some of that may be recouped when the State approves the additional 6 cents per reimbursable meal which has been applied for. This could mean approximately \$900 more revenue for the month of October, and every month thereafter.

Superintendent Eric Sundermeyer's report included a timetable and discussion involving the refunding of approximately \$1,040,000 of General Obligation PPEL Capital Loan Notes. The Refunding is a three board meeting process, and is estimated to save the district approximately \$55,000 over the life of the notes.

XVII. Upcoming Dates:

- March 8 – After-Prom School Carnival, 5:30 p.m.
- March 15 – 2-hour early dismissal, end of third quarter
- March 18 – No school, professional development

- March 19, 21 – Parent/Teacher conferences, 4-8 p.m.
- March 22 – No school, teacher comp day
- March 25 – Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- March 28 – April 2 – No school, spring break
- April 8 – School Board meeting, 6 p.m. (budget hearing)
- April 11 – Special Board meeting, noon (telephonic)

XVIII. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items

- Bus Replacement Cycle (March)
- Early retirement (March)
- Budget amendments (March)
- Policy Review (Dan)

XIX. Adjourn – Dan Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary