

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

High School Library

July 23, 2012

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, – present. Absent – none.
- III. Welcome and recognize visitors – District patrons Tina Burkhead, Jenny Dickinson, and Tina Burkhead and Pat McGowan, Bryan Nelson, and David Sherlock from Interstate Communications. Also in attendance: district administrators and activities director.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0.
- 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) Engage in effective teaching and relevant learning for the 21st Century
 - 3) Operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness
- VI. Open Forum – No one was present to address the board.
- VII. Consent Agenda –
 - A) Approval of Past Minutes: June 28
 - B) Approval of Bills
 - C) Approval of Personnel
 - Hires –Jake Zuercher (evening custodian); Tena Richards (cook)Motion to approve consent agenda by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. Roadrunner Recognition – Superintendent Sundermeyer recognized the following individuals and groups:

Greg Meyer and his crew from 3M for coming down to finish our commons area and in the process training our custodial staff on how to successfully implement the new terrazzo floor system.

Booster Club for purchasing a traveling irrigation system to water the athletic fields for the school district during this horrendously dry summer.

Volunteers who worked the concessions or took gate money at baseball and softball games this summer.

Elementary students with perfect attendance for the 2011-2012 school year: Ethan Adair, Jonathan Geddes, Marissa Hockemeier, Ryan Truman, Cameron Updike, Sadie Sparks, and Eli See. We appreciate the commitment and importance these students and their families place on their education.

Tracy Kozak, Blake Kozak, Shaylee Kozak, the Jennifer Dickinson family, Tina Burkhead, Bobbie Finley, and the Melanie Arzani family for their efforts to help keep our new trees watered during this extra dry year. Thank you!

- IX. Reports to the Board – Pat McGowan, Bryan Nelson, and David Sherlock from Interstate Communications were in attendance to discuss collaborative efforts between their company and the district this year including doubling internet bandwidth to 50 megabytes; providing content for the local access channel; and adjusting long distance rates to realize additional savings. The long distance rates will be 7 cents per minute for the first 2000 minutes which should result in an annual savings of approximately \$2,000 per year. Interstate Communications hopes to increase the content on the local access channel to include sporting events, concerts, and student videos. In addition, Interstate Communications is working with the Iowa Department of Economic Development on a plan to build bike trails linking the communities in its service area.

Transportation Coordinator Bobbie Finley's report was included in the packet and contained information from the latest bus inspections and updates on the necessary repairs. Finley is working on bids to replace one bus that was recommended not be repaired due to the extensive number of deficiencies identified in the inspection.

Activities Director Ray Condon was in attendance and his report was included in the packet and acknowledged the successful seasons for baseball and softball, recognition of volunteers, gym floors, and first day of fall practices which is August 6. Ken Stanley asked about the time for football games this fall. Condon said that if there is no game prior, varsity games will start at 7:00 p.m. If there is a freshman game, it will start at 4:45 p.m., with varsity following at 7:30 p.m. There are five freshman games on the schedule. Bryan Arzani asked how the coaches responded to their evaluations this year. Condon stated that the evaluations were well received.

Assistant Principal Geoff Tessau was in attendance to discuss his report which included an update on the district needs assessment which is now live and available through a link on the district website. New computers have been ordered and are starting to be received. Two new carts of laptops – one with PC's and one with MacBook Airs will be added. In addition, the Industrial Tech lab was upgraded with new machines that can handle the features of SolidWorks, a robust CAD program. A new firewall and content filter have been ordered to replace the aging Sonicwall. This new equipment will be able to support a 1:1 environment if/when the board decides to pursue that initiative. Teacher laptops have been upgraded to Windows 7, as have the computer labs. Mailchimp is up to 142 subscribers.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison reviewed the June financial reports with the board. The district was within budget for the four functional expenditure areas required by the Code of Iowa. Nearly all expenditures have been posted as of June 30, 2012, with special ed tuition

being the only sizeable expenditure still to be paid. Most revenues have also been received, except the final two months' of sales tax receipts which will be accrued back to June. Jamison expects the General Fund fund balance to increase by approximately \$150,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. Other funds are also in good shape including the capital projects fund which had an ending balance of approximately \$360,000 before the final two months of sales tax receipts which should total approximately \$300,000. The boiler project costs will be paid in the new fiscal year, but the fund balance is more than sufficient for the \$130,000 project. Jamison also included updates on the property and workers compensation insurance renewal. The premiums increase 15% for property due to recent statewide claims within the safety group, and 48% for workers compensation due to increased number of substantial claims for the district. Due to the large property and work comp renewal, it was decided to discontinue the district's equipment breakdown insurance due to low utilization. This will allow a savings in the management fund of \$50,000, but will mean that the general fund will now have to budget for those equipment repairs which were approximately \$35,000 last year.

Superintendent Sundermeyer's report included an article printed in the Roadrunner Report which highlighted the progress made this past year towards the three district priorities. Also included in Sundermeyer's report was a letter from Iowa Department of Education director Jason Glass regarding 2012 Legislative Session statutory changes affecting schools.

- X. IASB Legislative Action Priorities – The board discussed potential legislative priorities prepared by the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), and were asked to pick no more than five for the next legislative session. Bryan Arzani moved to approve the following legislative priorities for the 2013 legislative session: 3 – Iowa Common Core; 11 – Allowable Growth; 16 – Local Control; 28 – Collective Bargaining; and 33- Unfunded Mandates, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XI. Preschool and Elementary Handbooks – Casey Christensen presented the recommended preschool and elementary handbooks for next school year. Leah Gray asked that anywhere district policy was quoted that it be the most current policy. The statement giving residents priority was to be deleted as it is not current practice. Board discussion followed regarding preschool students and priority given to age or residence. It was determined that a statement should be included in the handbook that it was for the 2012-13 school year and subject to change each year. Any waiting list being maintained should be consistent with the handbook. Bryan Arzani moved to approve the preschool and elementary handbooks after the changes discussed, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XII. Madison County Career Academy Education Services Agreement – This agreement would continue collaboration with Winterset Schools through the Madison County Career Academy for career and vocation programming. Dan Kirkpatrick moved to approve agreement, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XIII. Bids for Products and Services, 2012-13 – A list of all annual bids received for various products and services was included in the packet. The board selected the following vendors for the 2012-13 school year:

- Fuel – Agriland, (LP, Diesel, and Ethanol blend)
- Oil – Agriland

- Bakery Products – Interstate Brands Companies
- Dairy – Anderson Erickson
- Garbage – Waste Management
- Pest Control – Orkin

Motion by Bryan Arzani to approve the vendors listed above, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.

- XIV. Resolution to Approve Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS) and Ordering Election – Now that the local option sales tax for school infrastructure is statewide, it is necessary to renew the district’s RPS for the life of the statewide penny (2029). A resolution to call a special election on September 11, 2012 is the first step in the renewal process. Renewal of the RPS simply gives the district permission to use the funds for the same purposes as were previously approved: property tax relief, facilities, repairs, or payment of general obligation bonds.

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ORDERING AN ELECTION ON A REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FROM THE STATE SECURE AN ADVANCED VISION FOR EDUCATION FUND (THE “REVENUES”)

WHEREAS, the School District receives school infrastructure local option tax revenues (“SILO”) which has been replaced by one-cent state sales, services, and use tax revenues, which must be deposited in the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund and distributed to the School District pursuant to Iowa Code 423E.4 as amended; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 47.6 requires each school district to approve and submit a revenue purpose statement to the County Commissioner of Elections not less than forty-six days prior to the date of the special election, listing the specific purpose or purposes for which the state sales, services, and use tax for school infrastructure revenues and appropriations and other moneys received from the State Secure an Advanced Vision Education Fund, pursuant to Iowa Code 423E.4, as amended, will be expended.

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

Section 1. That the Board wishes to authorize spending the Revenues for other purposes and to replace and extend the existing authorization and in doing so, must approve the following Revenue Purpose Statement.

Section 2. That the following Revenue Purpose Statement shall be approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Revenue Purpose Statement with the Warren County Commissioner of Elections not less than forty-six days prior to the date of the special election.

Revenue Purpose Statement
Interstate 35 Community School District

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 423F.3, Code of Iowa, the Interstate 35 Community School District hereby adopts and submits to the Commissioner of Elections of Warren County, Iowa, this Revenue Purpose Statement to be submitted to the electors at an election to be held September 11, 2012.

Money received by the Interstate 35 Community School District from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund may be spent for any one or more of the following purposes:

To provide property tax relief.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease, or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology, as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities, procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds for emergency repairs to respond to natural disasters, such as fire, wind damage, flood; unanticipated mechanical, plumbing, structural, roof, electrical system failures; environmental remediation; or to respond to changes in demographics that require construction of additions or improvements to school buildings or new school buildings.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes; and other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Interstate 35 Community School District.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code section 297.36, sales, services, and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5.

Section 3. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the Interstate 35 Community School District in the Counties of Clarke, Madison, and Warren, on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. The following Proposition is approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Proposition for the Ballot with the Warren County Commissioner of Elections not less than forty-six days prior to the date of the special election.

PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

YES

NO

Summary: To adopt the revenue purpose statement to replace the current Revenue Purpose Statements and authorize the expenditure of revenues from the State of Iowa secure and advanced vision for education fund received by the Interstate 35 Community School District.

In the Interstate 35 Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of the sales, services and use tax funds from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund for school infrastructure (penny sales, services and use tax for schools) shall be adopted:

To provide property tax relief.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

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To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes; and other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Interstate 35 Community School District.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code section 297.36, sales, services, and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the secure an advanced vision for education fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Interstate 35 Community School District.

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 4. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules. The District requests that the polls be open from 12:00 o'clock Noon and close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Section 5. That the Election Board for the voting precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections, not less than 15 days before the date of the election, a certified copy of which appointment must be officially placed on file in the office of the Secretary.

Section 6. The Commissioner of Elections is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days no more than twenty days prior to the date of the election, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, as defined by Iowa Code section 618.3.

Section 7. The *Winterset Madisonian* and the *Indianola Record Herald*, legal newspapers, are published within the District and is hereby designated to make the publication of the Notice of Election.

Section 8. That the County Commissioner of Elections shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies as necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election and the Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commissioner of Elections in the preparation of the necessary proceedings.

Section 9. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections to constitute the “written notice” to the county Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 47.

Bryan Arzani moved the resolution’s adoption, seconded by Julie Brownlee. A roll call vote followed: Leah Gray, Julie Brownlee, Ken Stanley, Bryan Arzani, and Dan Kirkpatrick – yes. Nays – none.

XV. Upcoming Dates

- August 7th and 9th – Registration for 2012-13
- August 16th – City State Bank will provide breakfast
- August 20th – Open House, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- August 21st – Union State Bank will provide breakfast
- August 22nd – First day of school
- August 22-24 – 1:15 dismissals, professional development

XVI. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items –

- Strength and Conditioning report – Jason Smith (August)
- Chapter 12 student achievement goals (August)
- Fall/Winter Athletic Team Goals (August)
- Fire Alarm

XVII. Adjourn – Ken Stanley moved to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary