

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

High School Library

August 27, 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, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, and Forrest Beeler (student council representative) – present. Absent – none.
- III. Welcome and recognize visitors – District patrons Tina Burkhead, Denny Dickinson, Jenny Dickinson, Tod Richardson, Matt Jacobe and Kristi Gardner and coaches Tim McKinney, Mark LeMaster, and Jason Smith. Also in attendance: district administrators and directors.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Bryan Arzani. 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: July 23
 - B) Approval of Bills
 - C) Approval of Personnel
 - Resignations – Carl Spoerl (MS Cross Country and HS boys assistant track)
 - Hires – Elli Marlow (MS Cross Country); John Reid (MS volleyball); Jeremy Smith (custodian); Jordan Edgerly (Math/Science Club); Charles Sims (shuttle driver); Substitute bus driver contracts for the following: Christine Bethards, Shane Campbell, Jim Miller, Mike Ramey, Russ Roberts, Bill Willett.Motion to approve consent agenda by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. Roadrunner Recognition – Superintendent Sundermeyer recognized the following individuals and groups:

The late Paul Keller and his family for donating \$4,500 of labor for the electrical wiring of iMac computer lab from the summer of 2011.

Zach Gray, I-35 graduate, for donating his labor to repair our riding mower

Representatives from Union State Bank and City State Bank for the annual back-school breakfasts provided to staff.

Kenny Erwin for taking on the overwhelming task of updating our MSDS sheets.

- IX. Reports to the Board – Coach Jason Smith reported on the Strength and Agility Program he leads during the summer and throughout the school year. The program began a year ago last summer and this past summer had about 25 athletes regularly attending each day, most of them being girls basketball players and some football players. The program is meant to develop athleticism including stretching and agility drills and a program introduced by principal Casey Christensen. Bryan Arzani asked what kind of communication was there between Smith and the other coaches. Smith stated that Mr. McKinney worked with his athletes in his off season during the winter and Jamie Smith volunteered to work all summer with his girls' basketball players. As a football coach, Jason Smith encourages his players to attend at every opportunity. Ken Stanley asked if the program had all the tools necessary. Smith said that eventually if attendance grows, the program will outgrow its current space which is only large enough for 25 athletes at one time. Arzani said that if the board invests in the program, it has to be a system stronger than the kids that is a requirement. Julie Brownlee asked if students have encountered many conflicts with other activities such as FFA or Math & Science Club. Smith said that the athletes that are in his program are typically very conscientious students that find a way to make it all work in their schedules.

Volleyball Coach Tim McKinney addressed the board regarding some of his goals for the program. The overall goal is to promote the skills of volleyball, a lifetime sport. In addition, McKinney and his players want to win the East side of the conference and advance into tournament play as far as they can. There are 29 high school and 46 middle school girls out for volleyball this year. McKinney has had some girls playing in teams off season and currently has a few girls playing volleyball at the college level.

Cross Country Coach Mark LeMaster's goal is to field a complete varsity boys and girls cross country team. The season he doesn't have the numbers he has had in the past. LeMaster reported he has a returning 2-time state qualifier. Elli Marlow is helping to coach the middle school team which consists of 13 runners. The one thing that LeMaster would like to have is a home meet, but there currently is nowhere to hold such an event.

Activities Director Ray Condon reported for Football Coach Randy Calvert who was at a JV game in Lacona. Calvert's goal this season is to finish within the top 4 in the conference. There are 60 kids including managers out this season. Calvert and his team hosted the Little Roadrunner football camp, attended the 7 on 7 Simpson football camp, and attended the summer speed and strength training. Calvert's program had 15 academic all-district players last school year.

Maintenance Director Denny Clark delivered his report which included updates on the following summer projects: high school gym floor, painting, holding tank at the football field, A/C replaced in band/vocal room, roof replacement above Superintendent's office, new boilers, roller for gym floor tarps purchased, ordering from Fastenal to save costs, and right-sized staff to six inside and one inside/outside custodians. Long-term considerations include:

elementary windows, roof replacement, tuck-pointing of wall outside multi-purpose room, refinish high school bleachers, and replace carpet in preschool with tile if students continue to eat lunch in the rooms.

Transportation Coordinator Bobbie Finley reported to the board she received bids on both new and used buses. Finley and her husband traveled to National Bus Sales in Tulsa, Oklahoma to inspect their used buses. The buses are 2006 buses just off lease which will be cleaned inside and out with new upholstery on the seats and include a drive train warranty. Finley stated that bus 6 had gone down that afternoon, leaving her with one spare bus on the line. This could cause a shortage with activities. Finley also reported that she was down to 3 sub drivers, and has purchased a banner to hang in hopes of recruiting more subs. Finally, Finley wished to recognize Peral Swartslander for her help painting the buses and tanks and Tina Burkhead and Jeana Schultz for painting the bus garage.

Head Cook Mary Ann Evison reported on the new requirements of school lunches to reduce the sodium level by half by 2015. Evison has been offering new fruits and has a chart of what's in season. The new requirements are to also offer a red or orange vegetable, a dark, leafy green, and beans or legumes each week. Evison has realigned her staff hours which will result in a savings for the foodservice department. Another area that should generate savings is the new buying group using Hawkeye Foods and fresh produce from Loffredo. Evison attended Serve Safe training in Ames in June which is a requirement for the health department inspection. Evison is working on gathering sufficient documentation for approval of the additional 6 cents for lunch reimbursements which will help offset increased costs of providing more fresh fruits and vegetables. Evison recognized the custodial department and summer help for all the work in the kitchens this summer.

Activities Director Ray Condon's report included recognizing the following: Ryan Deuel selected to play in the IHSBBCA All Star Game, Maddie Beeler selected as Elite All State for track and also as a member of Team Iowa to participate in the Senior All Star Spotlight Meet in Joliet, Illinois where she was selected as Team Iowa's most outstanding female performer, Brooke Brommel selected All District Softball and 3rd team All State, Caitlin Weeks selected 3rd team All State Softball, All Conference Softball 1st Team: Olivia Sulentic (unanimous selection), Jenna Sandquist, Brooke Brommel, Brittany Mease, 2nd Team: Jordan Williamson, All Conference Baseball 1st Team: Kyle Johnson, Briar Vogel, Ryan Deuel (unanimous selection), Zach Brommel, 2nd Team: Kurt Adams, Zach Hutton, Tyler Lester.

Principal Casey Christensen delivered his report to the board. Highlights included: early enrollment figures up 20 students, kindergarten enrollment over 70, lunchroom at capacity with kindergarten and 1st grade students, thanked the staff for time put in getting ready for the new school year, SAI conference, school-wide assembly, focusing this year on literacy team and 5th grade team.

Principal Jeff Snider's report included the following highlights: Turnitin.com new software for submitting papers online and checking for plagiarism, new dean of students, recognize Deann, Tiffany, Angela, and Tina for hard working during registration, math open house,

building looks outstanding thanks to the custodial team, special thanks to Deann for getting the office up and running this summer, 9th period, math RTI for 6-8 grades, opening day assemblies, PLC's during professional development.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison provided the financial reports in the board packet. The June reports were given again as there are still accruals of revenues and expenses throughout July and August that are posted back to June. Overall, the general fund balance is still projected to increase by approximately \$300,000. All other funds are in great shape to end the year, and all functional expenditure areas are within the published budget. The capital projects fund will finish the year with a positive fund balance of approximately \$750,000 which will provide more than enough funding for the current boiler improvement project and other smaller projects finishing up for the summer. July financials were provided to the board; however budgets have not yet been loaded until after the September payroll.

Superintendent Eric Sundermeyer reported on the poverty simulation teachers participated in during the professional development days before school started. Interstate 35's free/reduced lunch rate is 33%, amounting to 295 of 890 students according to last fall's BEDS report. The district's free/reduced rate has more than doubled in the past 10 years from 14.7% in 2002-03. Sundermeyer provided results of the district's Adequate Yearly Progress, a report displaying test scores and progress towards goals by all students compared to segments of students categorized by low socioeconomic status, race, and special education students in the areas of math and reading. Sundermeyer also provided results of ACT test scores and the history of the district as compared to the state. Test scores were lower than state averages historically as a district.

- X. Open Enrollment Applications – The board was asked to consider an open enrollment application that was submitted after the deadline and did not qualify for good cause. Kristi Gardner resides in the district but would like her children to attend Martensdale-St. Mary's district. Both Interstate 35 and Martensdale-St. Mary's agreed to have their common legal counsel determine if good cause existed, and the attorney found no good cause in this situation. Martensdale-St. Mary's was willing to accept the students, even after legal counsel found no good cause. Bryan Arzani felt this was not professional courtesy for administration to go against legal counsel. Julie Brownlee moved to deny the open enrollment applications for both students, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XI. Indianola CSD bus stop on Hwy 69 – Indianola has requested to right to pick up students on Interstate 35's side of Hwy 69 in front of their house to avoid having their children cross the highway. Their children are open enrolled to Indianola from Interstate. As it relates directly to the safety of the children and is on a boundary line where their buses already travel, the Superintendent recommended approval of this arrangement. Dan Kirkpatrick moved to approve of allowing Indianola CSD to pick up within I-35's boundary, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XII. Koch Brothers Copier Agreement – The reconfigured agreement for copiers includes 10,000 color copies (before these were 5 cents each), with overage now costing 7.5 cents for color and maintained our amount of 1.5 million black images with an overage of just under a penny each. The cost for the new agreement includes all service calls (including preventive maintenance), toner, and two new machines to replace some of aging well-utilized machines.

Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick to approve the Koch Brothers Copier Agreement, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, 5-0.

- XIII. School Bus Bids – The district solicited bids for new buses and received responses from three companies: Thomas - \$83,875; Bluebird - \$84,921; and IC - \$86,727. Additionally, Transportation Coordinator, Bobbie Finley visited National Bus Sales in Tulsa, Oklahoma and found two used buses with low mileage which will be reconditioned and include 2-year powertrain warranties. Superintendent Sundermeyer recommended rejecting the three new bus bids and approving the purchase of the two used buses. Motion by Bryan Arzani to reject the three new bus bids and approve purchasing the two used buses with 2-year powertrain warranties, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XIV. Board Policies, 104, 502.6, 503.1, 503.5, 506.1, 603.4, and 905.2 – The board reviewed the changes to these policies which were mostly changes in recommended language. These policies are in need of revision prior to the Department of Education’s site visit in October. Motion by Julie Brownlee to approve the policies as presented and waive the second reading, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 5-0.
- XV. Upcoming Dates
- September 5 – SIAC meeting, 5:45 p.m.
 - September 11 – LOSST Revenue Purpose Statement vote
 - September 17 – Board meeting
 - September 24 – Homecoming week
- XVI. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items –
- Student achievement goals (September)
 - Annual Organizational Meeting (September)
 - Winter Sports (October)
- XVII. Closed Session, Personnel Matter – following a brief recess, the board moved to the Superintendent’s office conference room. Bryan Arzani moved that the board enter closed session, “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation,” seconded by Julie Brownlee. A roll call vote followed: Leah Gray, Julie Brownlee, Bryan Arzani, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Ken Stanley – yes, nays – none. Closes session commenced at 8:56 p.m. Following the closed session, Ken Stanley moved to resume open session, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 5-0. Open session resumed at 10:50 p.m.
- XVIII. Adjourn – Julie Brownlee moved to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary