

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

High School Library

September 17, 2012

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Ken Stanley – present. Absent – none.
- III. Welcome and recognize visitors – District patrons Tina Burkhead, Jan Connelly, Karla Day, and Jenny Dickinson. Also in attendance: district administrators and directors.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. 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: August 27
 - B) Approval of Bills
 - C) Approval of Personnel
 - Lane Advancements – David Webster (BA to BA+15)
 - Hires – Prissilla Boswell (MS Student Council)
 - Resignations – Mark LeMaster (cross country coach and HS assistant track)Motion to approve consent agenda by Ken Stanley, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. Roadrunner Recognition – Superintendent Sundermeyer recognized the following individuals and groups:

PTO/Beep Club for their continued support of our school district. Their recent Entertainment book fundraiser has been another success, and we appreciate all the time and effort they put into making this happen.

Mills Civic Parkway Best Buy for donating many items for teachers to use in their classrooms and to Nancy Calvert for initiating this.

School district voters for renewing last week's revenue purpose statement for the statewide penny designed to help with funding for facilities, equipment, technology, repairs, and debt relief.

Brad Yakle, our district office cadet, for his painstaking effort to go through Board policies and find those that have not been updated for at least five years.

Principals Casey Christensen and Jeff Snider for their outstanding work coordinating professional learning for teachers on September 17. It was great to hear all the discussion and activity about formative assessment, RTI, core curriculum, and IPI student engagement.

IX. Reports to the Board:

- Iowa Department of Education annual reports – Superintendent Sundermeyer discussed the litany of reports due to the Department of Education on September 17 including C-Plan, Certified Annual Report, Special Ed Supplement, and Transportation Report.
- Departments and Administrator reports:
Activity Director Ray Condon's report included a reminder regarding parent/coach decorum which is communicated to parents at the beginning of the season. Volleyball is class 3A, wrestling tentatively will be class 2A, girls' basketball will be 3A, and boys' basketball will be 2A. The board asked Condon how he dealt with inappropriate parent comments, and he said that if they are heard they are asked to leave with the consequence of not being allowed to attend another event. The board asked Condon to communicate the expectation that sports are fun and competitive, and the negative behavior doesn't help the kids. Condon stated they currently make a sportsmanship comment at the beginning of every game. Bryan Arzani stated that as leadership we need to own it and move on. Condon was asked about the Winter Coaches updates and that they be better prepared with information such as academic records, etc.

Transportation Coordinator Bobbie Finley's report was included in the packet detailing costs for repairs and mileage of vehicles. Finley stated that the two new buses should arrive on Wednesday the 19th. Finley is running low on substitute drivers and has purchased a banner to display on the buses in hopes of recruiting more drivers.

Head Cook Mary Ann Evison's report included information regarding the new lunch program requirements as well as participation numbers and possible adult meal price increase. Evison thanked her staff for their hard work during the first few hot weeks of the school year, and custodians Denny Clark, Jeremy Smith, and Jake Zuercher for helping unload the commodities. Arzani asked that Evison prepare something to explain why all the changes to the menu having to do with reimbursable meals. Evison had a letter ready that is now posted on the website. Brownlee asked about additional funding that was on the news, and Evison reported this was in the form of credit at Loffredo's where the district gets its produce. The district did not apply in time for this additional funding, but now that it is aware will do so in the future.

Geoff Tessau's report included an update on the needs assessment: there were 124 responses and the results will be presented at a later board meeting. Updates to the network upgrades and student emails were also reported. Arzani asked about the

possibility of grant opportunities. Tessau said he hasn't been actively looking for grant opportunities, but would consider them if they made sense. Arzani urged the district to explore hiring a grant writer to take advantage of funding opportunities.

Principal Casey Christensen's report highlights included: preschool home visits, students of the week, IPI results, field trips, bullying and harassment reporting, professional development on September 17th. Christensen explained briefly the new process of reporting bullying and harassment to the board. Leah Gray asked about the IPI results and wanted more explanation of what each category means. Julie Brownlee asked for a spreadsheet of the results showing the change and how we are getting better.

Principal Jeff Snider's report included updates on PBIS, sophomore retreat, extended cleaning of locker rooms on PL days to help prevent the spread of staff and MRSA, 9th period progress, homecoming court, and CTE Advisory Council, Healthiest State Walk, Senior meeting night, Junior meeting/college meeting night, and IPI results for the Secondary School.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison provided the board with financial reports for the finish of the 2011-12 school year. The General Fund ended with an additional \$326,000 added to fund balance. Jamison was asked how much of this balance was "committed" for a specific purpose, and replied that there was no committed fund balance as of June 30. In order to commit a fund balance to a specific purpose, the board must approve this action before June 30. Other fund balance changes were as follows: Activity Fund increased \$17,400; Management Fund decreased \$68,300; Capital Projects Fund increased \$297,000; PPEL decreased \$4,000; Debt Service decreased \$9,200; Enterprise Funds (Lunch and Preschool) decreased \$39,600; and Trust Fund increased \$100. The board was also provided with reports through August of the 2012-13 school year. Jamison is still entering budgets and should have most of them completed for the September reports.

Superintendent Eric Sundermeyer's report included results of the Needs Assessment and information to board members who will be available for the DE site visit.

- X. Adjourn – Bryan Arzani moved to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jennifer Jamison, Board Secretary