

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 23, 2016

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Bryan Arzani called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all visitors. Directors Bryan Arzani, Dan Kirkpatrick, Josh Hughes, Jeremy Maske, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Arzani read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Maske to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: No visitors were present to comment to the Board.

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: update on summer projects, review of the schedule for the first week of school, recap of the four fall workshop days, and thank you to the staff for the effort to get ready for this new school year.

Hughes shared his work as the newly-elected Chairperson for the RSAI Legislative Committee, his experience as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention, and that he will be serving on the IASB Resolutions Committee.

President Arzani called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the July 19, 2016 work session and regular meeting, minutes of the August 2, 2016 and August 8, 2016 special meetings; monthly bills and financial statement; resignations from Ethan Calvert (assistant MS boys track coach), Jon Gelner (varsity assistant football coach), Lori Jacobs (custodian), Missy Madonia (teacher associate), Candy Millard (co-director of food service), Anita Steward (teacher associate); and contracts for Damon Bryan (assistant HS football coach), Brett Douglas (assistant HS football coach), Lori Goering (substitute bus driver), Blaze Shedenhelm (head MS wrestling coach), and Haley Thompson (head MS volleyball coach). Motion by Hughes, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene reviewed the Community Planning Initiative which promotes the partnership of New Virginia, St. Charles, and Truro and Interstate Communications to create a relationship between communities, schools, and services to be as "move-in friendly" as possible with an emphasis on recruiting individuals/families who want or have the capability to work from home via the internet. More information will be shared in the months ahead as it gets developed.

Fiene explained that on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Special Election will be held at polling places in New Virginia, St. Charles, and Truro, for the Interstate 35 Community School District. The voter-approved PPEL has been in effect for 20 years at I-35. The maximum levy is \$1.34 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. Fiene further explained that the PPEL may be used for infrastructure, technology, and purchase of buses. Information on PPEL and the election is on the district website.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vonnahme to approve revised Board policies 103.1 Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination, 103.1a Continuous Notice of Non-Discrimination, 103.2 Grievance Form for Complaints of Discrimination or Non-Compliance, 401.1E1 Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Grievance Procedure, and 502.10E1 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Investigation Procedures as presented; motion carried 5-0.

At 6:26 p.m., Arzani declared the public hearing open regarding the sale of school property on South Cross Street, St. Charles, Iowa (former bus garage, legal description Exempt Bus Garage LOT 5 ORIG SE). No members of the public were present. Arzani declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Maske, seconded by Kirkpatrick to officially accept the purchase proposal from Charles and Megan Allison for the former bus garage located on South Cross Street in St. Charles, Iowa (legal description Exempt Bus Garage LOT 5 ORIG SE), currently owned by Interstate 35 Community School District, at a price of \$19,500, and to follow the conditions set forth in the purchase agreement. A roll call vote was taken: Arzani – yes, Hughes – yes, Kirkpatrick – yes, Maske – yes, Vonnahme – yes; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the Transportation Employee Handbook; motion carried 5-0.

During the summer break, the district has undertaken many projects to update and modernize the facilities. Because of the timing of these projects, it is necessary to officially borrow funds until additional funds which come in monthly replenish this account. Borrowing from the General Fund is the most economical. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve a short-term loan of \$500,000 plus an interest rate of .22% from the General Fund to the SAVE Fund, as of June 30, 2016; motion carried 5-0.

On May 26, 2016, Matt Gillespie from Piper Jaffrey presented information to the Board regarding funding options for infrastructure and/or new structures including the three projects under consideration (auditorium, bus/maintenance building, and CTE space/building). Gillespie returned again to discuss how much money the district is comfortable with spending on new construction. He reviewed the four options to pay for construction including cash, general obligation bonds, PPEL Funds, and SAVE Funds. For larger projects, two or more of these funding sources can be combined to finance a building project. Discussion included the need to reserve funds in order to continue maintaining the facilities, meeting technological needs for students, and maintaining a safe and highly functioning fleet of vehicles for student transportation.

The next regular board meeting is set for September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the high school library in Truro.

Hughes moved to adjourn, Vonnahme seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Following the meeting, Fiene led a tour of the facilities to highlight progress on the many projects that have taken place to update, modernize, and maintain the facilities.

Bryan Arzani, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary