

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

October 24, 2016

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 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, and Jeremy Maske were present. Director Eddie Vonnahme was absent. 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 4-0.

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

Education Spotlight: I-35 K-12 Science Team—Elementary teachers Nicci Truman and Tahra Bedwell presented information regarding how the district has organized a K-12 Science Team to meet the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) which were released prior to the 2015-2016 school year. In addition to Nicci Truman and Tahra Bedwell, the team also includes Sue Meggers (ms science), Theresa Birch (hs science) and Stephanie Good (hs science). The team has worked monthly with AEA Consultant Peggy Christensen to learn about and prepare for the implementation of the NGSS; in the interim, the state officially adopted the NGSS as part of the Iowa Core with a multi-year implementation schedule. The team expanded this year to include Kelsey Fish (5th grade) and Julie Kordick (instructional coach). Moving forward with the NGSS standards will be a challenge and a great opportunity. Members of the board thanked them for their hard work and efforts.

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: explained that the LED lighting project is almost completed, gave an update on the professional development on October 17 and the implementation plans at the state for moving from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), shared information regarding the Business and Education Summit that Fiene and Secondary Principal Steve Kaster attended on October 13, explained that both former bus garages in New Virginia and St. Charles have been sold and the money is in the PPEL fund, and shared that the certified enrollment is up a little over 18 students this year.

Kirkpatrick, Hughes, and Maske shared that they attended the Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI) annual meeting on October 12. The meeting involved the legislative priorities for RSAI.

President Arzani called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular and annual meetings, minutes of the September 24, 2016 special meeting, and minutes of the October 11, 2016 work session; monthly bills and financial statement; and contracts for Lori Goering (substitute bus driver), Ashlyn Gray (custodian), and Bob Johnson (bus driver). Motion by Maske, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 4-0.

Fiene gave an update on the Community Planning Initiative for the I-35 Community School District and the communities of New Virginia, St. Charles and Truro. Interstate Communications and the school district have met with the New Virginia and Truro City Councils and will meet with the St. Charles' City Council in November. On November 14, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Library in Truro, everyone is invited to an informative meeting with Frank and Kim Spillers of Global Horizons, LLC. They will lead the meeting and share additional information as to how I-35 Schools, Interstate Communications, and the leaders of New Virginia, St. Charles, and Truro, can work together to encourage economic and community development.

Fiene explained that the Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) convention is November 16-18.

Motion by Maske, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the 2017 early graduates as presented pending successful completion of all graduation requirements; motion carried 4-0.

Fiene explained that each year the Board decides whether to offer an early retirement program to staff. Fiene presented the same plan that was approved last school year for the licensed staff. Fiene explained that submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance, as the Board has the final decision to approve or deny any and all applications. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve offering the Early Retirement Plan to licensed staff; motion carried 4-0.

Fiene reviewed the work and planning that has been done over the past 18 months for the auditorium, bus garage, and CTE building. He explained that the total estimated cost is \$12-\$15 million. Funding for these projects would include both a bond issue and borrowing against the SAVE fund. Between these two funds, the district would generate slightly over \$13 million. Because the current bond issue (debt) will be paid off completely during the 2016-17 school year, property tax levy rates should be able to remain constant to complete these projects. Fiene explained that the intent is to pursue a bond vote on February 7, 2017 and in order to pursue a general obligation bond it is required to form a citizens committee to review plans, get required signatures on a petition, and present the petition to the Board for approval. Fiene presented the names of four citizens that he recommended the Board approve for the Steering Committee of this new Facilities Committee. They include Cindi Cassady, Tim Palmer, Pat Thornburgh, and Nancy Von Feldt. Motion by Maske, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the four names recommended by Fiene for the Steering Committee; motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting is set for November 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at a location to be determined, as the Board is going to periodically schedule board meetings in New Virginia and St. Charles to make it easier for district patrons to attend.

Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn, Maske seconded; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Bryan Arzani, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary