

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

November 28, 2016

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2016, at the Gerry Allen Building at 809 West Street in New Virginia, Iowa.

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

Motion by Maske, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried 3-0.

Open Forum: No visitors requested to comment to the Board.

Education Spotlight: Project Lead the Way (PLTW)—Industrial Tech Teacher, Mike Stuart, and seventh grade students, Hannah Bedwell, Abby Goering, Sienna Vodraska, and Desiree Wadley were present to share information about PLTW. The girls were given a project to design a brace for someone with cerebral palsy and were provided limited resources to solve the problem as a team. They shared their design, process, and modeled their brace. The Board asked them questions about their collaborative work and thanked them for their presentation.

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: gave an update on the theft of the school pickup, trailer, and other items; reminded everyone to watch the calendar for non-student professional development days and early outs; and explained the decision making that goes into informing the public when school is delayed, cancelled, or dismissed early. Principals presented written reports to the Board.

Fiene read written comments from Hughes to share in his absence regarding the IASB Convention—Hughes enjoyed participating in the IASB Delegate Assembly, attended a workshop by the Director of the National Rural School Association, and worked the RSAI booth at the vendor fair. Kirkpatrick, Maske, and Vonnahme shared positive comments regarding the great potential of the relationship community/economic development initiative that was held on November 14 with Frank and Kim Spillers.

Vice-President Kirkpatrick called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the October 24, 2016 regular meeting and minutes of the November 14, 2016 special meeting, monthly bills, and financial statement; and resignation from Anna Johnson (assistant girls track coach). Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Maske to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 3-0.

Fiene explained the legal process to pursue a general obligation bond to secure funding for a school building project. Fiene explained that President Arzani received a petition of 303 signatures, of which 264 were accepted as meeting the criteria set forth by the law. The minimum required number of signatures is 113 (based upon 25 percent of the total number of votes cast in the last school general

election in September, 2015). Fiene explained that he has reviewed the petitions and asked the Board to review them as well. Fiene read written statements of support for the project from absent President Arzani and Director Hughes. Maske moved, seconded by Vonnahme, to approve the Resolution ordering a Special Election on the issuance of \$7,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds as described in the materials provided by the Superintendent; a roll call vote was taken, motion carried 3-0.

School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) request: Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Maske to approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) in each of the following areas for the additional spending authority at the maximum level allowed by the formula: increasing enrollment \$130,501.80; open enrollment out \$0.00; ELL instruction beyond 5 years \$2,900.04; for a total of \$133,401.84; a roll call vote was taken, motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Maske, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the FY18 At-Risk/Drop-Out Application and to request the maximum amount allowed by law of the (MSA) modified supplemental amount (\$322,618); a roll call vote was taken, motion carried 3-0.

Secondary Principal, Steve Kaster, presented information to the Board regarding discussions I-35 Schools has had with the West Central Conference. Kaster explained that Pleasantville and I-35 have been approached by the West Central Conference about potentially joining their conference. Kaster shared that the West Central Conference schools are more alike in size than our current conference, stability of the schools is greater than our current conference, additional fine arts opportunities with the new conference exist, and conference schools are all located closer to the metro area which may be more convenient for parents working in the metro area. There would also be a slight decrease in miles traveled. Fiene and Kaster recommended that the district officially apply for consideration to be accepted into the West Central Conference for the 2018-19 school year. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Maske to approve the request to send a letter of application to join the West Central Conference; a roll call vote was taken, motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Maske, seconded by Vonnahme to deny the late open enrollment request that was presented for consideration; motion carried 3-0.

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

Vonnahme moved to adjourn, seconded by Maske; motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Dan Kirkpatrick, Board Vice-President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary