

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2016

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2016, at the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

Vice-President Dan Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Director Eddie Vonnahme was present and Director Josh Hughes was present telephonically. President Bryan Arzani arrived at 5:42 p.m. and Director Jeremy Maske arrived at 5:36 p.m. 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 Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried 3-0.

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

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: explained that the district is developing a new curriculum management system with an intent for implementation in the 2017-2018 school year; reported that preliminary data on the propane buses is positive with a lower cost per mile for fuel and maintenance; received feedback regarding the hard-to-hear audio on the Board recordings and let everyone know that microphones have been ordered and should be in place for the January meeting; and reminded everyone that school will dismiss at 1:20 p.m. on December 22, school will resume on January 3, first semester will end on January 13, a non-student professional development work day will be held on January 16, and second semester will begin on January 17. Principals presented written reports to the Board.

Hughes reported that he recently participated in a conference call with the IASB Legislative Platform Committee on the topic of the IASB position on Chapter 20 negotiations. He explained that he believed the focus would not be for a full reform or repeal of the current negotiation laws, but rather targeted reforms. (Director Maske arrived at 5:36 p.m.)

Vice-President Kirkpatrick called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the November 28, 2016 regular meeting, monthly bills, and financial statement; no new hires and no resignations. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Maske to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 4-0. (President Arzani arrived at 5:42 p.m.)

Fiene presented a PowerPoint which reviewed the planning and the building projects included in the upcoming bond issue and the process to be followed going forward so that district patrons have the information to make an informed decision at the polls on February 7, 2017. The video will be on the district website for easy access. Additional information will be added to the district website as it becomes available.

After a brief discussion regarding the Superintendent's evaluation process that has been used to evaluate Superintendent Fiene's performance in his first and second year at I-35, motion by Maske, seconded by Vonnahme, to use the same process to evaluate Dr. Fiene for the current year; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene explained that he and Bauer have been working with Larry Sigel, a partner with ISFIS (Iowa School Finance Information Services) which the district is a member, to utilize a new financial tool that Sigel has created to enhance the financial reporting and analysis of a district's finances. Fiene demonstrated how the tool works and explained it is a work in progress. He further explained how beneficial the additional information will be as we continue to utilize it at a higher level. Fiene stated the district is in sound financial condition, but by using a financial tool such as this, the district will be able to more closely monitor where we are financially and forecast where our finances are headed so that changes and corrections can be made in a timely manner.

Fiene reminded Board members and the public to be active in the upcoming legislative session, as State Senators and Representatives seem to enjoy hearing from parents and board members more than a paid administrator. Fiene recommended the RSAI (Rural School Advocates of Iowa) website for additional information including position papers for issues that matter to rural schools.

The next regular board meeting is set for January 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the high school in Truro, Iowa. Hughes and Vonnahme left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn, seconded by Maske; motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Bryan Arzani, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary