

Box Holder



Snider's Secondary School Scoop

Greetings fellow Roadrunners! I hope you have enjoyed your summer as much as I, but the start of the 2011-2012 school year will be upon us before we know it. This summer has been an exciting one as I spent a great amount of time working with the staff and meeting more students while preparing for the upcoming school year. I really enjoyed watching our softball and baseball teams perform well this summer while showing some great school spirit and sportsmanship!

I know I speak for the staff when I say we enjoy our summers, but we always look forward to the start of a promising school year. Our building's goals align with our district's goals and relate to what we want in terms of achievement for our students and what we will do as a staff in order to meet those goals. This year, our teachers will continue focusing on implementation and alignment of our instruction with the Iowa Core. We will also be focusing on effectively using formative assessment in our daily practice to provide the best instruction for each individual student. One way we are going to do that is with the use of quality clear objectives for each lesson to focus student learning. Lastly we will continue to move forward with our technology initiative by including more technology during instruction and putting more technology in student's hands as we prepare them with the technological skills they'll need to be successful in an ever-changing society.

I also wanted to provide you with some important dates and information as we approach the start of the school year:

August 9th and 11th – Registration (Class schedules will be available)

August 22nd – Open House (6:30 – 7:30)

August 24th – First Day of School (1:15 Dismissal)

August 24th - 26th – 1:15 Dismissal

We will also have several new faces in the district this fall as we have five new teachers and one position shift. The first new teacher that is joining our district is Megan Schmelzer as 7/8 Language Arts teacher. Megan has a great passion and enthusiasm for middle level students and is very excited about the opportunity ahead. Her student-centered approach using technology, differentiation, organizational skills, and desire for interdisciplinary instruction will make her an excellent asset to the Interstate 35 team.

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From the Office of the Elementary Principal

Welcome Back!

Camping, relaxing, trips, fishing, exploring, movies, family visits, celebrations, vacations, playing, sleeping in, biking, going to the fair, swimming. Did any of these fit your summer? It is my sincere hope that all had a memorable summer and were able to enjoy something special. As the wonderful summer is nearing an end, soon starts the exciting 2011-2012 school year.

The summer always goes fast and we have been working hard at the school to freshen up the building, do some realignment, and make all the transitions for students, parents, and staff as seamless as possible. A few changes include the former MS/Elementary Office will now just house the Elementary Office. Along those same lines the Elementary will be grades PK-5. We have added some other cosmetic changes that we believe will help to continue to make the school a warm and welcoming place. One item will be a school and community bulletin board by the office in the hall that will share student, school and community information for improved communication. I invite everyone to come see the wonderful changes we are making here at the I-35 Elementary School during the open house on August 22 from 6:30 to 7:30.

It is an exciting time here at the I-35 Schools and I feel very lucky to be a part of this community. One of the changes I will be making is that I will be the PK-5 Principal and will not have the privilege of serving the 6-8 graders and their parents. It was great to be in that role and I look forward to following the progress of these students in the future years.

As I close, there will be more events at the school that will happen over the summer and surely at your home too. I look forward to working with all of you and your great children again this year and will see you soon.

Mr. Christensen

**Iowa Annual Sales Tax
Holiday
Friday and Saturday
August 5-6, 2011**

Registration Information Registration Dates for 2011-2012 August 9 & 11 Noon to 8:00 p.m.

You must register your child at the center they will attend.

First Day of School August 24, 2011

Our new Industrial Tech teacher is Josh Corwin. From the moment you meet Josh you'll be immediately drawn to his passion for helping students learn and grow both in and out of the classroom. Josh has a vast array of experience with industrial technology as he spent the last 10 years working in the construction trades industry. Josh's ability to apply what is being done in the classroom to what is happening outside of the classroom will be very useful for the students at I-35. Additionally, Josh is going to join the district as a 7/8 football coach.

We also have a new math teacher joining the 9-12 staff this year and his name is Andy Messer. Andy's ability to connect with the students, staff, and parents was quite evident in the interview process. Andrew brings a strong desire to incorporate technology such as clickers, smart boards, and on-line software programs to help our students gain a deeper understanding of mathematics. Andy is also bringing his state tournament coaching experience to our ladies basketball program.

We also have a new special education teacher joining us, Katy Downes. Katy brings a wealth of experience with her from the Chicago Public School System and a relentless desire to help all students overcome obstacles in and out of the classroom. Her ability to continuously communicate with students, parents, and staff in effort to help each student achieve new heights academically and socially drives her passion to effectively make a difference in each student's life.

Our final new secondary teacher is James Sleep. James is a graduate from Iowa State University (we won't hold that against him ☺). James has a strong background in environmental science and particularly enjoys meteorology. James ability to build strong relationships really helped him to stand out in the process. His desire to incorporate current events into the classroom will help provide a real-world touch to his courses. Additionally, he spends some of his free time in the summer as a storm chaser.

The other personnel change to make note of is the transition of Kelly Myers from her 9-12 science classroom to 6-12 Dean of

Students. Kelly's innate ability to build positive and productive relationships with students will serve her greatly in a position designed to provide a safe and suitable learning environment for students. I feel that her high expectations and consistency in providing a firm, fair, and friendly learning opportunity is something students will appreciate. Additionally, her experience with At-Risk students prior to joining the I-35 team will greatly assist her as she helps positively promote the school and the district.

This school year things will involve a couple of minor tweaks as we shift to the 6-12 school. The biggest change will be going through the secondary office for all things regarding students in grades 6-12. This new look will allow for clearer 6-12 communication and academic focus between parents, students, faculty, and administration. Deann, Tiffany, and I appreciate your patience and flexibility in the process.

Please join us in our learning journey throughout the school year as we work together to increase student achievement and engagement in the learning process! You can stay updated with our work by following us on twitter at: *I35Schools*. Enjoy the summer that remains,
Jeff Snider

**Open House
PK-12
August 22, 2011
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Sports Physicals

Mercy Clinics in Indianola are offering sports physicals Tuesday, August 2 from 5-8pm. \$25.00 cash only (no checks or debit cards). It is suggested to call ahead for an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome. All proceeds will be donated back to the students' school athletic department..

515-961-5324 or 515-961-8448

Bus Rules and Regulations:

- 1) Students will remain seated and follow directions.
- 2) Students will treat other bus passengers with respect.
- 3) Students will respect the bus and keep it clean.
- 4) Students will maintain school-appropriate conduct and language.
- 5) Cell phones, food, and beverages should remain put away through the duration of the bus trip.
- 6) Electronic devices and reading books/textbooks are allowed with driver permission.
- 7) The bus is school district property, thus any items prohibited in school are also prohibited on the bus.

Consequences

First Offense:

Driver verbally warns student, and student may be assigned to a front seat. A bus slip is sent to parent with a phone call from driver.

Second Offense:

A conference with student, parent, driver, and transportation director. May result in 1-3 day suspension from bus.

Third Offense

A conference with student, parent, driver, transportation director, and principal. May result in additional suspension from bus. Student signs a contract of behavior with the principal.

Breach of behavior contract:

May result in indefinite suspension from the bus.

Severe Clause

May be implemented at any time for the following:

Fighting, bullying, forbidden substance/items, insubordination.

Consequence: Immediate suspension after conference with student, parent, driver, transportation director, and principal. The principal will decide the level of action.

Statement of Board Affirmation and Support of Student Responsibilities and Discipline Policies:

The Interstate 35 School Board affirms its support of the school student responsibility and discipline policies, its intent to support school staff who enforce these policies, and its intent to hold school staff accountable for implementing the policies.

Abuse Complaints:

Students or their parents who believe the student has suffered physical or sexual abuse as a result of activities of an Interstate 35 staff member may call the superintendents office at 765-4291 to reach the designated Level 1 investigators of the complaint.

Meal Prices:

Lunch on account PK - 3rd grade \$1.75
Lunch paid by cash PK - 3rd grade \$2.00
Lunch on account 4th - 12th grades \$2.00
Lunch paid by cash 4th - 12th grade \$2.25
Breakfast on account all students \$1.25

It is the policy of I-35 CSD not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or religion in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code section 216.7 and 216.9. If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by the Interstate 35 Community School District, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416; web site: <http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc/index.html>.

Board policy #710.1a states “ the Board will allow a deficit of \$5.00 in a child’s account at any one time. However, if the child’s account goes beyond the \$5.00 deficit, the child will not be allowed to buy breakfast, lunch, snack milk, or ala carte items until such time that the account is paid in full plus a deposit for future meals. Since the district is only obligated to serve meals to students who are eligible for free meals, a reduced-price or a paid child with a \$5.00 deficit account will be served a peanut butter sandwich and a carton of milk if they do not bring a sack lunch. In the case of a child being served a sandwich and a carton of milk, there will be an additional milk charge to the account.”

Any amount may be deposited to accounts. However, please encourage your students to deposit enough money to last them at least a week at a time instead of making daily deposits.

PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND LAST NAME IN THE MEMO SECTION OF YOUR LUNCH CHECK TO ASSIST US IN DEPOSITING THE MONEY TO THE CORRECT ACCOUNT. If you send cash, please put the money in an envelope with your child’s first and last name on the envelope.

Free & Reduced Applications

If you are applying for free and reduced lunches please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the school during registration or mail it to: Interstate 35 High School
Attn: Deann Strange
P.O. Box 79
Truro, IA 50257

If your application is received prior to school starting and you qualify, your child's meal account can be set up for the free or reduced price prior to their first meal.

The I-35 Community School District is a participant in the federally assisted Child Nutrition Program. The I-35 Community School District offers paid, free, & reduced priced breakfast and lunch for preschool through 12th grades. The August issue of the Roadrunner report will include the forms to apply for free and reduced lunches and information on lunch prices and policies. For more information or questions, you may contact Deann Strange, lunch secretary, at (641) 765-4818.

You, the people we serve have certain rights. These rights, collectively called Civil Rights, grant protection to program participants ensuring that each participant has equal access to program benefits. The I-35 Community School District must take effective steps to ensure that participants’ civil rights are honored and that program benefits are administered equitably. No eligible person may be subjected to discriminatory behavior in the administration of the child nutrition program.

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“In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- One the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

Then, you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.

If you fit any of the above situations, you need to contact:
Erick Sundermeyer, Superintendent
Interstate 35 Community Schools

Interstate 35 Community School District Asbestos Management Plan Availability

The Asbestos management Plan for the I-35 School District is available for review in the principal’s office of each of the school buildings or in the superintendent’s office at Truro. This management plan is required under the federal “Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act” (AHERA) codified in 40CFR Part 763.

Admission and Activity Tickets

Adults activity tickets are good for ten events. This ticket is good for all senior high home athletic events with the exception of tournaments. They may be acquired from ticket sellers at the various events or from the high school principal’s office. Regular admission at varsity sporting events will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Regular admission at JV sporting events will

be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students

All year student activity passes are available at a cost of \$35.00. There is also a 10-punch activity pass available for \$22.50. These passes are good for all home athletic events with the exception of tournaments.

Adult 10 punch activity passes \$42.50 Senior citizens who are 65 years of age or older who are residents of the Interstate 35 Community School District are eligible to receive free passes, and citizens who are 60-64 are eligible to receive a pass for \$10.00 which will admit them to all home activities with the exception of tournaments. Persons interested in obtaining a pass should contact the principal’s office at 765-4818.

Medication Policy

The health and safety of Interstate 35 Community School children is our number one concern. For that reason, it is school policy that no medication will be given by any school personnel unless written authorization and instruction accompany the medication. If your child is to receive medication during school hours, please send only the amount needed during school in the **original labeled** container. The pharmacist will put medication in two prescribed bottles, one for home and one for school hours, when asked.

The following information must be on the medication container: 1) Name of pupil, 2) Name of medication, 3) Dosage, 4) Route of administering (mouth, eye drop, etc.), 5) Time medication is to be taken, 6) Name of physician prescribing medication, 7) Any other pertinent information.

Over-the-counter medication such as Tylenol, aspirin, and cough drops will only be given when accompanied by the above information with the exception of the physician’s signature.

No medication will be furnished by the school.

Please remind your child that he/she is responsible for asking for the medication at the appropriate time.

Open Enrollment Deadlines:

Regular Open Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year—March 1, 2011.

Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year — September 1, 2011.

Families who fall below the federal poverty guidelines may be eligible for transportation assistance.

Get in Gear With the NEW I-35 CLOTHING Selections For the Fall UNDER ARMOUR wear, long sleeve & short sleeve tee’s, pullover hoodies, zip up hoodies, jogging pants, mesh shorts & more...

Sale will be held during school open house 8/22/11 in elementary hallway.

**School Board Elections
September 13, 2011
7:00 am - 9:00 pm**

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 27, 2011**

Public Release

The Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Nutrition, Health and Transportation Services, today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and the Afterschool Care Snack Program.

State and Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Effective 7-1-2011**

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Free Meals</u>	<u>Reduced Price Meals</u>								
	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Twice a Month</u>	<u>Every two weeks</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Twice a Month</u>	<u>Every two weeks</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
1	14,157	1,180	590	545	273	20,147	1,679	840	775	388
2	19,123	1,594	797	736	368	27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524
3	24,089	2,008	1,004	927	464	34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660
4	29,055	2,422	1,211	1,118	559	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	34,021	2,836	1,418	1,309	655	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	38,987	3,249	1,625	1,500	750	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	43,953	3,663	1,832	1,691	846	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
8	48,919	4,077	2,039	1,882	941	69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339
For each additional family member	4,966	414	207	191	96	7,067	589	295	272	136

Households may apply for free or reduced price meal benefits one of four ways as listed below.

- Households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for reduced price meals or for free meals. Households may complete one application listing all children and return it to your child's school.
- Food Assistance households and children receiving benefits under the Family Investment Program (FIP) are eligible for free meals. Most children from Food Assistance and FIP households will be qualified for free meals automatically. These households will receive a letter from their children's schools notifying them of their benefits. Households that receive a letter from the school need to do nothing more for their children to receive free meals.
- Some Food Assistance and FIP households will receive a letter from the Department of Human Services (DHS) which will qualify the children listed on the letter for free meals. Parents must take this letter to the child's school to receive free meals.
- Food Assistance or FIP households receiving benefits that do not receive a letter from DHS must complete an application for their children to receive free meals.

Only complete applications will be approved by the school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. If a family member becomes unemployed the family should contact the school to complete an application.

Foster children are eligible for free meal benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, instructions for making application for such children are contained on the application form. Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals based on a completed application.

Households with children who are enrolled in the Head Start/Even Start Program or the Migrant Education Program or who are considered homeless or runaway by the school district's homeless liaison should contact the school for assistance in receiving benefits. If households are dissatisfied with the ruling of the officials, they may make a formal appeal either orally or in writing to the school's designated hearing official. The policy statement on file at the school contains an outline of the hearing procedure. School officials may verify the information in the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable State and Federal criminal statutes. Households should contact their local school for additional information.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to *USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410*, or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Iowa Non-Discrimination Notice: "It is the policy of this CNP provider not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or religion in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code section 216.7 and 216.9. If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by this CNP Provider, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone number 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416; web site: <http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc/index.html>."

AGENDA

Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call - Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, and Ken Stanley - present. Absent - Bryan Arzani and Dan Kirkpatrick.

Welcome and Recognize Visitors - Bus Driver Ross Cornelison was in attendance to address item XII on the agenda.

Approval of Agenda - Julie Brownlee moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing: Early Start Date Waiver Request - As specified in Iowa Code Section 279.10, Subsection 1, a school district must hold a public hearing on an Early Start Calendar waiver request. This waiver allows the Board of Education of a school district to make a request to the Director of the Department of Education to commence classes for regularly established elementary and secondary schools prior to the earliest date which is "no sooner than a day during the calendar week in which the first day of September falls..." Like every district in the state, the district's approved calendar starts with students before that date (August 24), so the district must file this request.

President Leah Gray declared the public hearing open. There being no one present to speak for or against the Early Start Date Waiver Request, Gray closed the hearing.

Julie Brownlee moved to approve the Early Start Date Waiver Request, seconded by Ken Stanley. A roll call vote followed. Ayes - Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Ken Stanley, Nays - none.

Open Forum - Bus Driver Ross Cornelison expanded upon his comments made to the board at the June 20 Special Board meeting.

Consent Agenda -

- Approval of monthly bills
- Approval of personnel Hires - Katie Downes (special education); Devin Ebert (elementary guidance); Josh Corwin (7-8 football); Andrew Messer (7-8 girls basketball)
- Resignations - Brittney Flansche (elementary guidance); Lora McAllister (2nd grade teacher)

Motion to approve consent agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 3-0.

Reports to the Board - Transportation Director Randy Jones briefed the board on the recent bus inspections performed by the State. Jones said most of the deficiencies had been addressed. There are some window frames cracked on one of the new Freightliner busses that will be a warranty-covered repair. Jones updated the board on the location of the bus barns for next year. At the May meeting, a proposal was shared to go from three bus barns down to one central bus barn in Truro for some savings in salary and utilities. A poll of the drivers was taken, and the drivers have since agreed to

forfeit their additional “shuttle pay” if the bus barns can remain at the three sites. This will result in an even greater savings to the district than going down to one bus barn, and will satisfy the needs of the drivers as well. To address safety issues next year, at least one driver will remain at each bus barn until all busses are in. The forfeiture of the “shuttle pay” will need to be voted on by the support staff association sometime in mid-July. Ken Stanley asked Jones about the condition of the roof at the St. Charles bus barn. Jones said he would have Dale Kephart take a look at the roof and the rafters and give an estimate of the cost to repair it.

Technology Director Jade Pospeshil reported that the elementary computer lab has been updated, configured, and imaged with new computers from the High School business lab. All the computers are Dell Optiplex 320's with flat screen monitors. The High School business lab has been updated with newer HP computers from the Middle School computer lab. Imaging of these machines is still in process. The Mac computers have arrived for the Middle School computer lab as well as new furniture. During the month of July, air conditioning, carpet, and electrical wiring will take place. Pospeshil thanked Denny Clark for setting up the removal of some very old machines and monitors that were taking up storage space. Several machines are out having warranty work done this summer. Teacher laptops not checked out for summer have been updated and checked. Finally, installation and configuration of the new wireless network is scheduled for the end of July.

Athletic Director Ray Condon reported the progress of the district's baseball and softball teams. There was about two weeks left of the season. The Middle School games had seen a lot of rainouts this year, but that wasn't a unique position as many districts had the same issue. High School Head Baseball coach Jeff Douglas was present to request an additional assistant coach for the current season due to the number of players and other health issues. Brett Douglas has been helping out since the first day of practice getting the fields ready for games, and working with the players. Jeff Douglas has had his arm in a sling and was unable to do some of the tasks, so Brett has been helping out. Ken Stanley asked Condon why this request was coming to them so late in the season. Condon said there was a miscommunication, and he thought it was being mentioned at the May board meeting. Condon was unable to attend that meeting because it was the first home game of the season. Because it was not on the agenda, the board was unable to take action on the issue, but will consider it at the next regular board meeting.

Maintenance Director Denny Clark updated the board on some buildings and grounds projects and issues. Clark reported on the new boiler controls system that has been installed which should be more energy efficient. The district will be changing its fire monitoring services from Simplex Grinnell

Midwest Alarm. The agreement with Midwest Alarm is less costly and should provide higher quality service. Clark commended the Student Council's design of the new football entry into the stadium. Summer cleaning is ahead of schedule thanks to the new floor stripping machine. Clark updated the board on the latest roof issues: there is a need for caulking around the flashing. Three bids were received for repaving the student parking lot. Speck was the low bid for approximately \$10,000. The freezestat in the library hasn't worked properly since being installed. The problem is the location of the freezestat, but moving it would void the warranty. Clark has been in contact with architect Rick Seeley to see if there is any way to go back to the contractors and have them fix the issue. Clark reiterated Pospeshil's comments on the disposal of old technology by J&A Recycling. Finally, one outdoor fitness station has been purchased, and will be installed by Clark's crew this summer, saving the district \$3,000 by installing it in-house.

Head Cook Mary Ann Evison reported that she has finished the inventory for year-end as well as prepared the menus for August and September. She has also been busy preparing information to request bids for items for next year. Evison has contacted Anderson Erickson Dairy to see if we own the milk cooler or not as the milk price reflects the cooler rental if it is owned by the dairy. Evison is also going to upgrade the Nutrikids and Accuscan programs that track student meals. The upgrade would display the student's picture and include allergy information so that the clerk can check the child's tray for any items he or she may be allergic to. In addition, the new program will make an auto adjustment if the clerk records three separate menu items that could be counted as a reimbursable meal which is expected to generate enough revenue to cover the cost of the upgrade. Evison planned to upgrade the High School system this year, and the elementary next year. Julie Brownlee felt that the allergy information was valuable enough to add it to both locations. Evison said she has enough reserves to cover both upgrades, so will plan to do both cafeterias next year.

Principal Casey Christensen briefly reported that he has been busy with change management for next year with the addition of fifth grade to the elementary.

Principal Jeff Snider reported that he is glad to get started at the district. There has been a lot of shuffling of staff. Snider has also worked with the secretaries, been busy hiring new teachers, and making progress on the Dean of Students position and how that is going to look.

Business Manager Jennifer Jamison reviewed the monthly reports with the board. Jamison still estimates that the district will end the year above its fund balance goal of \$1,000,000 in the General Fund. Jamison attended software training

on year-end procedures in early June and decided to pay out all remaining contracts in June as opposed to July and August. This will result in a cleaner cutoff for year end and more timely reports to the board. With the legislature wrapping up this week, the recent talk has been to reduce preschool funding from .6 to .5 weighting. After the session concludes, Jamison along with Superintendent Sundermeyer and Principal Christensen will need to review all funding streams and expenditures for next year and evaluate the fee structure for preschool for next year. The fees will be up for board approval at the July meeting.

Superintendent Sundermeyer shared his letter to the Department of Education regarding the switch from 5th grade at the Middle School to 5th grade at the elementary.

Roadrunner Recognition – There was no Roadrunner Recognition.

GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy 701.3 – This new policy puts the district in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54, which commits, restricts, and assigns fund balances. Jamison briefed the board on the new policy which requires board action to commit any fund balance and allows the Superintendent or designee to assign fund balance to a specific purpose. Motion by Julie Brownlee to approve Policy 701.3 and waive the second reading, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 3-0. Motion by Brownlee to commit the fund balance of all or a portion of the revenues in excess of expenditures in the general fund for the current fiscal year to fund the athletic training facility, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 3-0.

Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing Agreement – To be in compliance with proper procurement procedures, this agreement must be approved before June 30 as the district plans to use Martin Brothers (awarded the state contract through 2013) for many of the food items. Motion by Julie Brownlee to approve the Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing Agreement, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 3-0.

Substitute Bus Driver Contracts – Sundermeyer met with Randy Jones and Ross Cornelison (ISEA representative) last week regarding the proposed hourly rate for substitute bus drivers. They agreed that a substitute wage of \$14.79 per hour would be fair and competitive with conference and neighboring schools. Conference and neighboring districts on average pay \$14.24 per hour, with Indianola paying \$15.00 per hour. As soon as the rate is established, contracts will be offered to substitute bus drivers and the district will advertise for substitutes in the Corner Express and Madison County Shopper. Ross Cornelison was present and voiced concern regarding the change to an hourly rate. Cornelison felt that going to an hourly rate for substitute drivers was a change in the negotiated agreement. Per Cornelison's notes from negotiations, the district proposed switching regular route drivers to an hourly rate, but this was later dropped. Cornelison also had an employ-

ment contract for a current substitute driver which referenced pay as that of the route driver for which the driver was substituting. The board responded that substitutes were not part of the negotiated agreement, thus the district was not proposing a change to the agreement. In addition, the employment contract for substitute drivers was changed at the April board meeting and it references an hourly rate, so the employment contract Cornelison referenced is no longer valid. Julie Brownlee stated that she would like to have the rest of the board present before addressing Cornelison's concerns. Ken Stanley stated he didn't think that \$14.79 per hour was a bad wage, and that the substitute contract needed cleaned up, so he was supportive of the proposed rate. Stanley did agree to listen to the negotiations tape again with the Superintendent just to be sure that the district wasn't violating any agreements reached during negotiations. Motion by Ken Stanley to approve the substitute bus driver contract rate at \$14.79 per hour, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 3-0.

Superintendent Contract Consideration – Julie Brownlee moved to table this item until the next board meeting where the full board would be present, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried, 3-0.

Upcoming Dates – There were no upcoming dates.

Board Comments/Future Agenda Items

- Board Policies, 300s & 700s (July)
- Student Handbooks (July)
- Milk, bread, fuel, trash removal, pest control bids (July)
- Chapter 12 student achievement goals (July)
- Preschool Fees
- High School Assistant Baseball Coach
- Student IDs
- Adjourn – Julie Brownlee moved to adjourn. Motion approved 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL Multi-Cultural Gender Fair Policy

It is the policy of the Interstate 35 Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, religion, sexual orientation, or physical disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI and Title IX, 1973, Section 504 of the Educational Amendments.

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