

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

April 27, 2015

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education held a work session meeting on Monday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Directors Tracy Bean, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, and Dan Kirkpatrick were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene and Board Secretary Ted Bauer.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bean to approve the agenda; motion carried 4-0. Director Bryan Arzani arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Fiene presented a listing of summer projects and showed a breakdown of the bids received for each project. Projects included updating the central control system for HVAC, replacing four hallway doors on secondary end, replacing carpet in the elementary office and classrooms, replacing all interior door hardware to get one lock system districtwide, transitioning current room lighting to LED lighting, progress on eliminating leaks to the roofs, and replacement of wood clad windows in the middle and elementary schools, and updating air conditioning in the office area. Projects that bids have not been completely received include an integrated bell/intercom/clock system, replacement and expansion of the security camera system, and keyless entry to the school building. Fiene further explained that the funding for these projects would be from the PPEL and SAVE Funds. Fiene also explained that his philosophy is simple, "Do it right the first time and do it once."

Fiene presented the proposed 2015-2016 school calendar. He compared the proposed calendar to the current year's calendar and discussed any changes that were incorporated into next year's calendar.

Fiene briefly shared with the board that the tentative agreement with the I-35 Education Association was a fair settlement that both sides can live with. He expressed appreciation to Tim Bogs and Eric Borlaug for their cooperation during the negotiations process.

Fiene discussed proposed personnel changes for the 2015-16 school year. He recommended the replacement of the Assistant Principal for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning with the Director of Support Services. Fiene also recommended the creation of .5 FTE position of Special Education Coordinator/Director. He shared proposed job descriptions and discussed his recommendations with the board.

Fiene presented a PowerPoint on the curriculum development, review, and alignment process and the progress that the district has made. He reviewed in detail what the district is doing in the area of math. He explained how a district math team has been put together including secondary math teachers and representatives from the elementary, administrators, and the AEA 8 math consultant. He explained that the secondary math teachers meet every Wednesday morning during late starts to compare what is required in the Iowa/Common Core to what is actually being taught. The process

has already discovered a misalignment with the current series and requirements of the Iowa/Common Core. Additional work is underway to identify issues so that significant changes can be made in the future. Board members were very passionate about making advancements in this area in a timely fashion.

The Board Policy Series 400 and the suggested changes by Lynch Dallas were discussed. Recommendations for Series 400 included deleting a number of policies that should be covered in the master contract. Board members expressed concerns that the master contract may not include the necessary items, causing discussion about potentially tabling this at the regular board meeting.

Motion by Kirkpatrick to adjourn, seconded by Gray; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Julie Brownlee, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary