

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 27, 2014

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education held a work session, Monday, October 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Julie Brownlee called the work session to order at 5:31 p.m. Directors Tracy Bean, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, and Dan Kirkpatrick were in attendance. Director Bryan Arzani was absent. 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.

Dr. Fiene presented the Instructional Support Levy (ISL) through a Power Point presentation. He explained that 329 out of 338 districts in the state of Iowa have the ISL. Fiene expressed that the Interstate 35 students' education is worth spending as much as those students in our neighboring schools districts who have the ISL. Board members expressed their concerns about increasing taxes and would like to know how these additional funds would be used. The district did have an ISL for a 10-year period, but did not renew it when it expired.

Fiene explained the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) percentages for Reading and Math for 2013-14 and compared them to 2012-13. He further explained how these numbers affect how the elementary was designated as a School In Need of Assistance (SINA). Fiene explained that Elementary Principal Casey Christensen is working with the SINA team to identify and implement changes to improve our test scores. Fiene explained that the SINA plan (for Math) is due November 14, 2014.

Fiene gave an update on the building and grounds projects and planning. The bus parking area has been extended to the west. The rock still needs to be brought in. Lighting has been improved. Drainage will be improved by putting in a tile. A sidewalk has been poured between the two elementary playgrounds. Bus cameras have been backordered and should be installed and in place by Thanksgiving. Truck and snow plow will arrive in November. Rick Gray, Director of Buildings and Grounds, has been talking to the City of Truro to jointly replace the sidewalk west of the bus barn.

At 6:27 p.m., motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Gray to adjourn; motion carried 4-0.

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary