

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**August 25, 2014**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education held a work session, Monday, August 25, 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 arrived at 5:37 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene and Board Secretary Ted Bauer.

Motion by Bean, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the agenda; motion carried 4-0.

Transportation Director, Bobbie Finley, explained that she had secured bids from companies to install digital cameras on all district school buses. The bids ranged from \$23,250 for the package with the fewer cameras and options to \$45,000 for the package with more cameras and expandable options. Finley explained how the cameras would provide safety for students, drivers, and the district. Fiene explained that if approved, the cameras would be funded out of the PPEL or SAVE funds and that he believes the potential benefits from having the cameras will exceed the cost. After a lengthy discussion, the Board requested more information to be provided at the next work session.

Dr. Fiene explained that it is important for districts to maintain board policies that are current and reviewed regularly. ISFIS (Iowa School Finance Information Services) referred Fiene to a service provided by Lynch Dallas to review and update all Board policies at one time. After the policies have all been reviewed and updated, there would be a process to keep them current by reviewing a portion of them each year. The one-time cost would not exceed \$5,500, which very easily could be less expensive than paying the district attorney each time a series of policies are reviewed.

Dr. Fiene shared with the Board that Interstate 35 Elementary has been placed on the SINA-1 (School in Need of Assistance) list for mathematics. At this time, we do not know if it is elementary-wide or for a particular subgroup. He explained that this is an opportunity for improvement and that they are putting together a team to coordinate our SINA school improvement efforts.

Dr. Fiene explained that with the additional square footage, along with the nature of the room and flooring of the Wellness Center, Rick Gray, Director of Building and Grounds, has requested additional custodial staffing to assist in cleaning and maintaining the additional area. The Board discussed options of full-time and part-time staff to fill this need.

Steve Kaster gave an update on the Wellness Center. Students are using the facility regularly. Over 60 staff members have been trained to use the facility. The committee will begin meeting to discuss policies for community members to use the facility. He explained that P.E. teachers are working to integrate the use of the facility into their curriculum.

Dr. Fiene asked if any board member would like to serve and attend the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly.

At 6:35 p.m., motion by Gray, seconded by Bean to adjourn; motion carried 5-0.

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Julie Brownlee, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary