

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

March 28, 2016

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education held a work session meeting on Monday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Bryan Arzani called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Bryan Arzani, Josh Hughes, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Eddie Vonnahme were in attendance. Director Jeremy Maske arrived at 6:12 p.m. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene and Board Secretary Ted Bauer.

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

Fiene started the discussion of the 2016-17 school budget with a brief overview of the budgeting process. Fiene presented specific information to the board comparing the actual tax rates for FY14, FY15, and FY16 to the possible tax rates for FY17. The FY 17 budget is challenging due to the fact the State has not finalized the supplemental state aid rate (formerly known as allowable growth rate) for FY17, even though it will likely be 2.25% if the Governor signs it. Another challenge includes declining enrollment.

The legal requirements for certifying the budget were reviewed:

1. Budget must be published in the legal newspaper of the district (Wednesday, March 30, 2016)
2. A public hearing must be held not less than 10 or more than 20 days from the date of newspaper publication of the proposed budget.
3. The Board must officially approve the budget.
4. The budget must be certified by the Department of Management by April 15.

The district is following the requirements of the law. It was also explained and discussed that the budget published and certified (including tax levies) can be adjusted downward after certification by the Department of Management, but it cannot be adjusted higher. Consequently, sound fiscal planning calls for publication of a higher tax levy rate than actually will be used.

The budget public hearing time and date will be set during the regular board meeting which will follow this work session.

Motion by Vonnahme to adjourn, seconded by Maske; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Bryan Arzani, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary