

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
405 E. NORTH STREET
TRURO, IA 50257-0079

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

November 25, 2013

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, Jenna Sandquist (Student Council Representative) – present. Absent –none.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Welcome and recognize visitors – Jan Connelly, Jenny Dickinson, Bobbie Finley, Steven Kaster, Candy Millard, Dennis Meggers, and FFA students Kayla Brant, Callie Jackson, and Garrett Thompson. **Administration present:** Geoff Tessau, Assistant Principal; Casey Christensen, Elementary Principal; Jeff Snider, High School Principal; Dr. Jeff Craig, Superintendent; and Ted Bauer, Business Manager.
- V. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried Ayes 5, Nays 0.
- VI. District Priorities – President Brownlee reviewed the following district priorities with the board to keep in the forefront as the board makes decisions that continue to move the district forward:
 - 1) Articulate and support a cohesive student-centered PK-12 vision for continuous school improvement
 - 2) Engage in effective teaching and relevant learning for the 21st Century
 - 3) Operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness
- VII. Open Forum – No one present addressed the board.
- VIII. Board Comments- Brownlee and Lee shared information regarding their recent two-day attendance at the annual Iowa Association of School Boards Convention.
- IX. Superintendents Report- Superintendent Dr. Craig shared the following information in his report:
 - Building and Grounds Committee met for their second meeting on November 19 to tour the buildings and evaluate the facilities.
 - Teaching and Learning Committee met earlier in the month. Twenty-three in attendance.
 - Upcoming Meetings: Heartland Superintendent’s Meeting, Calendar Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee, and Madison County Development Group.
 - I-35 has received the Teacher Leadership & Compensation (TLC) Planning Grant.
 - Fitness Center and Renovation update- wrestling room looks closer to completion, trophy case is ready to be installed, and footings for Fitness Center have been poured.
 - IASB Convention—attended with President Julie Brownlee and Vice-President Leah Gray.

- The National Honor Society induction ceremony, held on November 20, was very personalized with many family members and high school students attending and witnessing the honored induction.
- Upcoming Meetings: Heartland Superintendent's Meeting, Calendar Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee, and Madison County Development Group.
- Leadership Team has been discussing what we want an Interstate 35 graduate to look like. What skills and potential opportunities do we want them to have?

X. Road Runner Recognition-

- ***Road runners of the week:*** Aiden Kaster, Sam Vonnahame, and Addisyn Edwards.
- ***Academic Students of the week:*** Cecilia Christensen, Jacob Capps, Kaitlyn Morris, Tucker Keller, Addison Wilson and Levi Porter.
- ***PBIS October Award Winners:*** Keann Williamson, Regan Jackson, Kate Stanley, Kayla Wells, Zach Willey, Genaro Gutierrez, Cheyanne Loomis, Mick Schaeffer, Cassandra Parker, Dillan Jacobs, Cole See, Haley Shipley, Leah Jones, Sal Arzani, Garrett Ostling, Sheilaica Alvero, Kaden Mumford, and Alyssa Reed.

Administrative/Department reports- Bobbie Finley, Transportation Coordinator, shared information regarding bus inspections on November 21. Out of the 16 buses, 8 passed without any issues, 6 had issues that must be corrected within 30 days and 2 were placed out of service until repairs are made. The four vans passed without any issues. Bobbie thanked her team of drivers for their efforts to prepare for the inspections. Dr. Craig thanked Bobbie and the bus drivers. Geoff Tessau, Assistant Principal, discussed how the district is using electronic media to communicate with parents and district residents. The district is using Facebook to let parents know if inclement weather is cancelling a practice or having an impact on the start time or dismissal time. He further explained that Connect 5, the emergency text service, will continue to be used for the most important messages. Jeff Snider, Secondary Principal, shared information on the board report. During American Education week, students recognized staff to show support for everyone involved in the educating of students here at I-35. Custodians, cooks, bus drivers, associates, secretaries, teachers and coaches were recognized by students to show their appreciation for contributing to their educational experience. On Veteran's Day, high school and middle school students wrote letters to veterans to thank them for their dedication to our country. Steve Caster, Athletic Director, shared information on his board report. All conference and all district selections have been made for fall sports. Football all district selections are as follows: Briar Vogel, 1st team linebacker; Alex Middleton, 1st team running back; Bobby Heilman, 2nd team defensive line; Garrett Ostling, John Young, and Jaylin White each received honorable mention. All conference volleyball selections are Jenna Sandquist (first team), and Haley Bean (second team). Another big recognition for all of the fall sports is that 35 students achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher. Food Service Director, Candy Millard, updated the board on food service. Casey Christensen, Elementary Principal, shared information on the report to the board. The parent-teacher conferences at the elementary level had a 97% attendance. He thanked the PTO for help with the checkout and Mrs. Kozak for organizing and running the Scholastic Book Fair. The Pre-K staff received CPR certification and attended training for the grant process. Mrs. Pickering and the second and third graders and staff put on a wonderful fall musical. Jenna Sandquist, Student Council Representative, explained that teachers are bringing new ideas into the classroom to help students learn. For example, through pen pals students are practicing writing and speaking. In government, students use

court cases to study the Constitution. She thanked Mr. Snider and Dr. Craig for supporting her and Clair Bertrand who were selected to perform with the Honors High School Ensemble at Carnegie Hall in February.

XI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Past Minutes: October 28, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting
November 7, 2013 Special Meeting

B) Approval of Bills

C) Approval of Personnel

- Anna Johnson- Assistant HS Girls Track

Motion to approve consent agenda by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Dan Kilpatrick. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

XII. Candidate for Early Graduation – Dan Kirkpatrick moved to approve Joe Bedwell for early graduation, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried, Ayes 5 Nays 0.

XIII. FFA Out-of-State Trip – Mr. Meggers and FFA students, Kayla Brant, Callie Jackson, and Garrett Thompson were present to request permission to attend the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado, from January 16-19, 2014. Twenty-two students and eight chaperones would attend. FFA would be responsible for travel and lodging expenses. Leah Gray moved to approve the FFA Out-of State Trip, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, Ayes 5 Nays 0.

XIV. Early Retirement 2014-15 – The Board continued the discussion from the work session regarding whether to offer early retirement and felt that more information was needed before a decision could be made. Leah Gray moved to table the early retirement decision until more information is provided at a special board meeting, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, Ayes 5 Nays 0.

XV. Adjournment – Bryan Arzani moved to adjourn. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary