

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

December 17, 2013

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order - President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, and Jake McCuddin (Student Council Representative) – present. Absent – Bryan Arzani.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Welcome and recognize visitors – Tina Burkhead, Jenny Dickinson, Josh Hughes, Sara Hughes, and Tracy Hutton. **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 Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried Ayes 4, 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - 3) Operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness
- VII. Open Forum – No one present addressed the board.
- VIII. Board Comments - President Julie Brownlee shared information from a recent conference that she attended.
- IX. Superintendent’s Report- Superintendent Dr. Craig shared the following information in his report:
  - Teaching and Learning Committee met on December 10. The group reviewed the list of items to be accomplished and then filtered them into four distinct categories: Assessment, Curriculum Development, Professionalism, and School/Community Relations.
  - Upcoming Meetings: Madison County Development Group, Support Staff Negotiations, Heartland Administration Association.
  - Teacher Leadership & Compensation (TLC) Planning Grant: Mr. Geoff Tessau will be facilitating the process and committee that is charged with developing a model and a plan for implementation in one of the next three fiscal years.
  - Fitness Center and Renovation update: The footings and footwall for the Fitness Center have been poured. Almost one interior wall is complete. Lockers and lights will be removed and new ones installed over break.

- Support Staff Negotiations: Opening negotiations were held on December 11, when the bargaining unit presented their initial proposal. The District will respond on December 18.
  - Early Retirement: The Board updated the Early Retirement Policy and has determined that we will open the process as provided in the Board Policy. One application has been received.
  - Early Literacy Law: Mr. Christensen and Dr. Craig will attend a webinar to gain further understanding of implementing the legislation to ensure compliance with the new regulations.
- X. Road Runner Recognition-
- ***Road runners of the week:*** Colby Miller, Shailey Dixson, and Reece Hutton.
  - ***Academic Students of the week:*** Addison Wilson, Levi Porter, Hannah Wisniewski, Ty Kitzerow, Abigail Bortner, Jackson Ransom, Ben Reyes, and Sean Smith.
  - ***PBIS November Award Winners:*** Shannon James, Joey Walker, Cheyenne Jennings, Matt Morrissey, Addie Smith, Jacob Steinlage, Shiane McKinney, Avery Vetter, Hannah Grandstaff, Dalton Allen, Kade Pitzen, and Joe Winslow.
- XI. Administrative/Department reports - Geoff Tessau, Assistant Principal, stated that he is researching the Teacher Leadership & Compensation (TLC) Planning Grant that the district will be receiving. Jeff Snider, Secondary Principal, shared information on the board report. He reported that semester tests were scheduled for December 19-20. Casey Christensen, Elementary Principal, shared information on the report to the board. Jake McCuddin, Student Council Representative, explained that the Student Leadership Council met with other student councils of the Pride of Iowa Conference to talk about issues including how to improve things including communication and support for each other. One idea is a spirit squad club that would have members attending activities to cheer on teams. This would also encourage other activities.
- XII. Consent Agenda
- A) Approval of Past Minutes: November 25, 2013 Work Session Meeting  
November 25, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 27, 2013 Special Meeting
- B) Approval of Bills
- C) Approval of Personnel
- Motion to approve consent agenda by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XIII. Spanish Club Out of Country Trip – Ms. Wieck presented her request for board approval to allow the Spanish Club to travel to Spain in March, 2015. Ms. Wieck explained that she has taken students to Spain while she was teaching at a previous district. She plans to have one chaperone for every six to eight students. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,000-\$3,250 per student. Board members Julie Brownlee and Leah Gray expressed that they loved her enthusiasm and appreciated the opportunities that Ms. Wieck is providing to our students. Dr. Craig stated that students have been invigorated in foreign language and he commended Ms. Wieck for it. Dan Kirkpatrick moved to approve the Spanish Club’s trip as presented, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XIV. Student Application for State Board of Education – I-35 junior Joshua Hughes presented his request to apply to be a member of the Iowa State Board of Education for the term beginning

May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015. Leah Gray moved to approve Josh Hughes' application request, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0.

XV. Adjournment – Leah Gray moved to adjourn, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Julie Brownlee, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary