

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

January 27, 2014

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, and Jenna Sandquist (Student Council Representative) – present. Absent – None.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Welcome and recognize visitors – Twenty-eight visitors including staff, community members, and students were present. **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 Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried Ayes 5, Nays 0.
- VI. Public Hearing on 2014-15 District Calendar – At 7:03 p.m., Julie Brownlee announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the 2014-15 district calendar. Dr. Craig gave a presentation to highlight the calendar for the next school year. Discussion included the new “hours vs. days” option, teacher collaboration time and Wednesday morning late starts. First day for students would be August 20 and last day would be May 28, assuming no snow days. The proposed calendar also includes a full week of spring break (March 16-20). Public questions about the calendar included the following: (1) Will bussing be affected or become overcrowded by the late-start Wednesdays? (2) Will late-start Wednesdays result in shorter class periods? (3) Would breakfast be served on late-start Wednesday’s next year? (4) Have teachers had any input in the calendar? (5) Did you have any parents on the calendar committee or did you consider having parents help with creating the calendar? (6) Could the board wait to act on the late-start Wednesdays and do a survey to see if it would be better to have early-out Wednesdays instead? Dr. Craig and members of the board responded to the questions and comments. Bobbie Finley, Transportation Coordinator, said that any issues with bussing will be addressed as needed. Dr. Craig explained that this calendar was done collectively with staff and input from many. The process for the 2014-15 calendar development involved input from many more individuals with different insight than in prior years at I-35. Board members further explained that the calendar has been discussed openly at previous public board meetings and work sessions. At 8:16 p.m., after all comments and questions from the public were heard, Julie Brownlee declared the public hearing closed.
- VII. 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
- VIII. Open Forum – Comments from a mother of a recent graduate and current student, asked the Board to look at the Math program to find ways to improve the math curriculum and instruction. Comments from a parent requesting that board meetings be recorded and broadcast. Also, expressed concerns about Superintendent leaving for another position.
- IX. Board Comments – Board members made supporting statements regarding the Superintendent’s opportunity and work performance.
- X. Superintendent’s Report- Superintendent Dr. Craig shared the following information in his report:
- Teaching and Learning Committee met on January 21, 2014. The group reviewed the survey completed by students regarding course requests and discussed surrounding ACT prep opportunities.
 - Upcoming Meetings: Building and Grounds Committee, Support Staff Negotiations, Heartland Administration Association, Madison County Development Group, and IASB District meeting with legislators.
 - Fitness Center and Renovation update: New lockers are installed. Locker rooms are painted. Half of the new lights have been installed. After a crane arrives, the steel framework will be put in place and they can begin to enclose the structure and heat it so that the interior work can begin.
 - Budget Development: On February 12 and 13, we will attend the ISFLC workshop to develop the budget.
- XI. Road Runner Recognition-
- ***PBIS December Award Winners:*** Richard Vetter, Abby Nelson, Cynthia Thomas, Luke Flickinger, Zach Goering, Shailey Beem, Maddie Olson, Nathan Phillips, Ainsley Maske, Rachel Flickinger, Cody Heckman, Jaylan White, Brody Nelson, Vicky Gutierrez, Hailey Moritz, Cherokee Sims, Zach Reed, and Cori Smith.
- XII. Administrative/Department reports - Jeff Snider, Secondary Principal, shared information on the board report. Iowa Assessments are scheduled for February 24-28. He reported that 19 secondary level students had no tardies and no absences during the first semester. Casey Christensen, Elementary Principal, shared information on the report to the board. Preschool registration dates for 2014-15 will be on March 25 and March 27. Geoff Tessau, Assistant Principal, reported the district will be changing from Pearson to PowerSchool hosted by Grant Wood AEA. This will decrease costs and should provide better tech support and give the district access to additional tools developed by Grant Wood AEA. This includes online registration. Jenna Sandquist, Student Council Representative, discussed some of the activities that the Student Council has had participation including Battle For Brooke and Senior Appreciation Week.
- XIII. Consent Agenda
- A) Approval of Past Minutes: December 17, 2013 Work Session Meeting
December 17, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting
December 30, 2013 Special Meeting
 - B) Approval of Bills
 - C) Approval of Personnel

- Motion to approve consent agenda by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried Ayes 5, Nays 0.
- XIV. 2014-15 District Calendar – Motion by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick to approved the 2014-15 District Calendar (by hours). Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.
- XV. Board Policy Review: 203.90 – Naming of Facilities
Motion to approve the first and second reading of the Naming of Facilities Policy by Leah Gray, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.
- XVI. Adjournment – Dan Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.
- XVII. Exempt Session, Chapter 21, for negotiations strategy session

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary