

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

March 24, 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, and Jenna Sandquist (Student Council Representative) – present. Absent – Ken Stanley.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Welcome and recognize visitors
- 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 21st Century
 - 3) Operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness
- VII. Open Forum – No one from the community expressed comments.
- VIII. Board Comments – Leah Gray stated that the board self-assessment survey is due by April 28.
- IX. Superintendent’s Report - Superintendent Dr. Craig yielded his time to administrative/department reports.
- X. Administrative/Department reports – Steve Kaster, Activity Director, explained that schools in the Pride of Iowa Conference are discussing gate fees for athletic events for the 2014-15 school year and requested input from the Board. President Brownlee expressed concern that parents and other adults may not attend events if gate prices are increased and the impact it could have on the concession stand. The Board would like to see additional information before considering any changes to the gate fees for activities. Geoff Tessau, Assistant Principal, explained that the District’s PowerSchool program would be enhanced greatly by an upcoming change that will have Grant Wood AEA as the new host. Casey Christensen, Elementary Principal, complimented the students for raising \$6,000 for Jump Rope for Heart. Jeff Snider, Secondary Principal, gave a preliminary update on the Spanish Trip and discussed different diagnostic learning software that the District has been testing. Jenna Sandquist, Student Council Representative, reported that they have requested and received permission from Coaches vs. Cancer to keep part of the money that the students raised to give out locally.
- XI. Public Hearing: Certification of FY2015 Budget – At 7:28 p.m. motion by Leah Gray, seconded by Bryan Arzani, to start the public hearing on the proposed budget. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0. President Julie Brownlee declared the hearing open. Business Manager Ted Bauer presented the information. The recommended tax rate is \$18.24, a decrease of 25 cents. There was no one present to speak in favor or against the proposed budget. At 7:40 p.m., motion by Leah Gray, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick, to close the public hearing on the proposed budget. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0. President Brownlee declared the hearing closed. Motion by Leah Gray to approve and certify the FY2015 budget, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.

- XII. FY2013 Audit Approval – Business Manager Ted Bauer presented the audit report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013. Motion to approve the FY13 audit report by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XIII. Application to SBRC for Additional Special Education Deficit – The District received notice that an additional \$4,347.80 was added to our FY13 Special Education Deficit. On September 23, 2013, the Board approved \$212,638.70 to recoup these costs in terms of spending authority. Motion by Leah Gray, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick, to approve this additional amount of Special Education Deficit and submit to the School Budget Review Committee. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XIV. 2013-14 Support Staff Substitute Wages – Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bryan Arzani, to approve the increase in support staff substitute wages to the entry-level wage. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XV. Madison County Career Academy Services Agreement for 2014-15 School Year – Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bryan Arzani, to approve this agreement for FY15. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XVI. University of Northern Iowa Cooperative Agreement for Pre-Service Clinical Placement for 2014-15 School Year – Motion by Leah Gray, seconded by Bryan Arzani, to approve this agreement for FY15. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XVII. STEM Update – Mr. Snider presented an update on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) to the Board. Ms. Birch and members of the Robotics Club presented their accomplishments in their inaugural year. Elijah Elliott presented on the World Food Prize through connections made by Mrs. Meggers. Digital picture books by Mick Shaffer in Mrs. Kordick’s technology class were shown. Dr. Craig thanked Mrs. Meggers, Ms. Birch, and Elijah for their hard work and accomplishments.
- XVIII. Consent Agenda Items
- A) Approval of Past Minutes: February 24, 2014 Work Session Meeting
February 24, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting
- B) Approval of Bills
- C) Approval of Personnel
- Hires-Jamie Smith (MS Assistant Boys Track Coach)
 - Hires-Kurt Adams (MS Head Baseball Coach)
 - Hires-Logan Tibbits (MS Assistant Baseball Coach)
 - Hires-Karley Jordan (MS Assistant Softball Coach)
 - Hires-Christine Bethards (Substitute Bus Driver)
 - Resignation:
 - Shauna Pickering (Elementary Music)
 - Stephanie Good (Wrestling Cheerleading Coach)
 - Sandy Loos (Football and Basketball Cheerleading Coach)
 - Kelsey Ritchey (HS Assistant Softball Coach)
 - Randy Calvert (HS Head Wrestling Coach)
 - Jason Smith (Weight Room Coach)
- Motion to approve consent agenda by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XIX. Fitness Center Equipment – Motion by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick, to approve the purchase of the fitness center equipment as recommended. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XX. Open Enrollment Update 2014-15—The Board received the listing of new open enrollment students.

Brownlee announced that there would be a short break before entering into closed session. At this time, visitors left the library.

XXI. Closed Session, Chapter 21.5(1)(i), Personnel Matters – Leah Gray moved to enter closed session, “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation”, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Roll call taken. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Closed session commenced at 8:36 p.m. Motion to enter back into open session by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Open session resumed at 8:52 p.m.

Motion by Bryan Arzani, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick, to enter exempt session, for negotiations strategy. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0.

XXII. Adjournment – Bryan Arzani moved to adjourn, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

XXIII. Exempt Session, Chapter 21, for negotiations strategy session

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary