

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.
High School Library
April 28, 2014

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Zach Goering (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 Leah Gray, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. 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 – Bryan Arzani expressed his appreciation to all staff and community members who were involved in the Superintendent interview process. Julie Brownlee added the board’s appreciation for everyone who participated in the Secondary Principal interviews. President Brownlee expressed her sadness that Board Member Ken Stanley has submitted his resignation from the Interstate 35 Board of Education. She stated that the Board has 30 days to appoint a new director from his district (St. Charles). The appointment will likely be made at the May 27 board meeting after considering all possible candidates.
- IX. Public Hearing: 2014-15 Early Start Date Waiver Request Resolution – President Julie Brownlee announced that it was the time and place for a public hearing regarding the 2014-15 early start date waiver. There was no one present to speak in favor of or against the early start date waiver, so Brownlee then declared the hearing closed. In order for school boards to receive the waiver, they must recognize significant negative educational impact. Leah Gray introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Bryan Arzani after due consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution and, the roll having been called the following Directors voted: Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Bryan Arzani, and Dan Kirpatrick – yes. Nays – none. Whereupon the President declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 279.10(4), the State of Iowa has granted school districts and nonpublic schools the ability to request a first day of school earlier than the mandated start date; and

WHEREAS, the request is made upon a determination by the board that the later start date would have a significant negative educational impact, and

WHEREAS, the Board, in consultation with its community, has determined a later start date would have a significantly negative impact on the educational program due to the direct and indirect impact on student learning and student learning needs, more specifically,

- Avoiding the delay of the end of school, due to weather, going into mid-June when students are significantly less likely to be learning than they are in late August.
- Facilitating dual credit courses for high school students, ensuring they are equipped with post-secondary and career ready skills, with post-secondary institutions by having the calendars aligned.
- Allowing for effective and evidence-based professional development to be spread throughout the school year, rather than front- or end-loaded, in order to improve instruction.
- Giving teachers and other staff, a small break between the end of the school year and the beginning of summer coursework in June.
- Honoring the community's desires and needs in the calendar adopted.
- Any other criteria specific to the school district – local control.

WHEREAS, the Board believes that student achievement first and foremost should drive all education policy decisions. Any alterations to the current school start date should have data showing how the later start date is more vital to the state of Iowa than the success of its students, its future. The decision on school calendar should be made with that in mind as well as the recognition of the community's involvement and support of the calendar.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board this 28th day of April, 2014.

- X. Tentative Agreement with I-35 Educational Support Employees Association – A settlement of 3.18% total package for FY2014-15 and 4% for FY2015-16 was reached between the board and the association. Motion by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Leah Gray. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XI. Class of 2014 Candidates for Graduation – Bryan Arzani moved to approve the list of candidates for graduation, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XII. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Dr. Craig explained the changes made to the district's WIFI available access. Because the internet had been up and down quite frequently in recent weeks, effective April 21, all non-school owned devices are unable to access the WIFI. Geoff Tessau explained that all school WIFI laptops and devices are able to access the WIFI with a password. It is expected that this will improve the situation until it can be further evaluated this summer.
- XIII. Administrative/Department reports – Secondary Principal Jeff Snider told the board that the ELL Plan is in their board materials and will presented to be approved at the May 27th monthly board meeting.
- XIV. Consent Agenda Items
 - A) Approval of Past Minutes: March 24, 2014 Work Session Meeting
March 24, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting
March 25, 2014 Special Meeting
March 31, 2014 Special Meeting
April 1, 2014 Special Meeting
April 2, 2014 Special Meetings (4:00 & 6:00)
April 7, 2014 Special Meeting
April 14, 2014 Special Meeting
April 22, 2014 Special Meeting
April 24, 2014 Special Meeting
 - B) Approval of Bills
 - C) Approval of Personnel
 - Hires-Afton Bradley (MS Student Council)

- Hires-Ryan Snyder (HS Head Wrestling Coach)
- Hires-Carissa Coopman (HS Assistant Softball Coach)
- Hires-Karley Jordan (MS Head Softball Coach)
- Hires-Kelsi Holmes (Elementary Music)
- Hires-Steve Kaster (Secondary Principal)
- Resignation-Kristine Zuercher (HS Vocational Business)
- Resignation-Karley Jordan (MS Assistant Softball Coach)
- Resignation-Ryan Snyder (HS Assistant Wrestling Coach)

Motion to approve consent agenda by Bryan Arzani, 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 6:24 p.m.

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary