

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

High School Library

July 22, 2013

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley, – present. Absent – none.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Welcome and recognize visitors –District patrons Jenny Dickinson, Candy Millard, Tracy Hutton, Ron Pontolilo, Robert Winslow, Tina Burkhead, Patty Dolan, Reanna Hubbard
Also in attendance: district administrators
- V. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried 5-0.
- VI. District Priorities – President Gray 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 –
 - Ron Pontolilo, St. Charles resident, asked about better communication between the school board and the community. He commented on a survey taken of 63 residents of the district which was regarding the agenda items. He also had questions regarding the funding and plans on the fitness center. Mr. Pontolilo also talked about the possibility of televising the school board meeting in the future.
 - Tracy Hutton, St. Charles resident, asked if the public would be able to know the bids on the fitness center.
 - Rob Winslow, New Virginia resident, asked the board if the school was notified on the recent death of resident John Ireland. He also talked about a door to door salesman selling encyclopedia sets to assist students with tests and homework. He said he felt unhelped and unsupported with a student which was failing and needs more support and asked if the school will be addressing his concern.
- VIII. Public Hearing for Fitness Center Construction Bids- Superintendent Dr. Craig presented information and recommended to approve the bid from CPMI Construction, LC for \$1,249,000.00, the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the construction of the Fitness Center project. After the presentation Board President Gray opened the public hearing and at that time Gray asked for any resident or taxpayer to present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed bid, since there were no objections the hearing was closed. The cost does not include the fitness equipment and furniture for the fitness center, and

projected indirect costs would be in the ballpark of \$300,000.00 Bryan Arzani moved to approve the bid from CPMI Construction, LC for \$1,249,000.00, seconded by Ken Stanley. Motion carried 5-0.

IX. Board Comments- Board Member Bryan Arzani commented on how nice the grounds looked and wanted to thank all the employees for working so hard on improving the appearance of the school.

X. Superintendents Report- Superintendent Dr. Craig shared the following information in his report:

- Leadership team structure which will consist of the Admin team and leaders of the transportation, food service, athletics/activities, guidance, and custodial/maintenance departments which will meet consistently to improve team work.
- Background check legislation change for background checks to be completed on all employees hired after July 1, 2013
- Televised Board Meetings- discussed an inquiry to televise the board of education meetings on Channel 1.
- Graduation practices- review of graduation ceremony, participation from staff, ceremony time, place and content, and observation of pomp and circumstance by all adults.
- Building and Grounds committee renewal- capacity determination, class size per instructional level, and watch criteria.
- Bus pick-up and Drop off- current practices raises some red flags for safety and security of our students.
- Needs Assessment communication and follow up- evaluate the document as a whole and provide a summary report to staff and community members.
- Board Self- Assessment survey- provided by Ray and Associates to recommend a plan and implementation of the plan for the board of education.
- Meet and Greet plans- Meet and greet set up for August 19, 2013 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the High School Library for community members to meet the Superintendent and School Board Members.
- Equipment Removal- outside fitness equipment located on the west side of the High School gymnasium was removed and will be repurposed in a different location near the elementary wing.
- General Grounds- The entire maintenance and custodial staff have worked tirelessly to get the building and grounds back to a presentable state. A thank you to all the hard work by the staff and a commendable mention of efforts under the leadership of Rick and Kenny.
- Roof replacement- bids to be in for a special board meeting on July 29, 2013 at 6:00 pm to award the bid for the roof replacement on the high school gymnasium.

XI. Administrative reports- Jeff Snider, High School Principal updated the school board on summer sport activities and shared the removal of the scoreboards and shared about the new scoreboards going up. Snider gave a heart-warmed thanks to all the community members, staff, and support organizations that assisted. The School Board and Administration would like to thank and recognize the following people for their assistance:

Press Box – Steve Kaster (organizing and working), Travis Egli (organizing and working), Jeff Bush (trim work), Ryan Snyder (work), Shaun Lehman (work), Dustin

Patterson (work), Youth Football Program (Shane Bregar) –donating money to cover half of expenses and I-35 Booster Club- donating money to cover half of expenses.

Scoreboards- Chris Cummings (equipment and removal of scoreboard), Steve Kaster (organizing and helping with removal), Travis Egli (helping with removal), Steve Sandquist (loaning us a trailer to dispose of old scoreboards), Zach Cummings (help with removal), and I-35 Booster Club- providing us with the funds for a new scoreboard.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Advisory Committees of the Board
 1. Buildings and Grounds Committee (Facilities)
 2. Teaching and Learning Committee
 3. Finance Committee
 4. Policies Committee
- Bus parking lot lighting
- Bus barn replacement
- Debt Management Policies per Piper Jaffrey and Co.
- Public Hearing: Gym Roof Replacement: July 29, 2013 at 6pm

XIII. Consent Agenda –

- A) Approval of Past Minutes: June
- B) Approval of Bills
- C) Approval of Personnel

- Hires –Candy Millard (Director of Food Service)
- Briann Schwenk (HS LA Teacher) pending background check
- Jamie Smith (Head Middle School Football Coach)
- Contract Correction: Casey Christensen
- Terry Phillips dismissal in accordance to Iowa Code 413.4

Motion to approve consent agenda by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 5-0.

XIV. Appointment of Board Secretary/Treasurer- President Gray provided the oath of office to Jacob Ballard for the board secretary and treasurer positions. Motion to appoint Jacob Ballard as School District Board Secretary by Julie Brownlee, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried 5-0. Motion to appoint Jacob Ballard as School District Board Treasurer by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0.

XV. Board Policy Review: 100 series, Second Reading – The board was provided revisions to the 100 series board policies in June request to waive second reading. Bryan Arzani moved to approve to waive the second reading of the updates and revisions to the 100 series board policies, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.

XVI. District Developed Special Education Delivery Plan (DDSDP): First Reading – The board was provided the documentation regarding the district developed special education plan which is due September 15, 2013. Geoff Tessau shared information on the document provided in the board packets. Julie Brownlee moved to approve the first reading and to waive the second reading of the District Developed Special Education Delivery Plan, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried, 5-0.

XVII. Preschool and Elementary Handbooks – Superintendent, Dr. Craig presented the recommended preschool and elementary and secondary handbooks for the 2013-14 school year.

Dan Kirkpatrick moved to approve the preschool and elementary and secondary handbooks after the changes discussed, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried, 5-0.

XVIII. Bids for Products and Services, 2013-14 – A list of all annual bids received for various products and services was included in the packet. The board selected the following vendors for the 2013-14 school year:

- Fuel – Agriland
- Oil – Diamond Oil
- Bakery Products – still needed bids will be item for July 29, 2013 board meeting
- Dairy – Anderson Erikson (AE)
- Garbage – Waste Management
- Pest Control – Orkin
- Purchased Foods- USA Foods and Lafrado

Motion by Bryan Arzani to approve the vendors listed above, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.

XIX. IASB Legislative Action Priorities – The board discussed potential legislative priorities prepared by the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), and were asked to pick no more than five for the next legislative session. Bryan Arzani moved to approve the following legislative priorities for the 2014 legislative session: 1 Supports Statewide penny sales tax; 3 supports IACORE standards; 14 Supports setting allowable Growth; 21 Supports use of PPEL; and 33 supports employees in insurance pools, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.

XX. Indianola CSD bus stop on Hwy 69 – Indianola has requested to right to pick up students on Interstate 35's side of Hwy 69 in front of their house to avoid having their children cross the highway. Their children are open enrolled to Indianola from Interstate. As it relates directly to the safety of the children and is on a boundary line where their buses already travel, the Superintendent recommended approval of this arrangement. Bryan Arzani moved to approve of allowing Indianola CSD to pick up within I-35's boundary, seconded by Julie Brownlee Motion carried, 5-0. (10 minute recess)

XXI. Closed Session – Expulsion Hearing, (Section 21.5(1) {a})

Julie Brownlee stated, *“I move that we enter closed session to conduct a hearing to consider disciplinary action against a student pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) and to review and discuss records which are required by state or federal law to be maintained confidentially pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a).”*

The motion was seconded by Bryan Arzani. A roll call vote followed. Ayes: Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, Ken Stanley Bryan Arzani.
Nays: none.

Return to Open Session – Julie Brownlee moved to resume open session, seconded by Dan Kirkpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0.

Open session resumed at 9:01 p.m. Superintendent Dr. Craig gave recommendation for reinstatement of Student B. Grandma gave thanks and gratitude to the school board of education for giving Student B a second chance. Bryan Arzani motioned to reinstate Student B upon adherence of stipulations and to begin on August 1, 2013 to go workout-weightlifting with Principal Snider, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried 5-0.

XXII. Adjourn – Ken Stanley moved to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jacob Ballard, Board Secretary