

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

September 23, 2013

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - President Leah Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bryan Arzani, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, Dan Kirkpatrick, – present. Absent – Ken Stanley.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Welcome and recognize visitors – Ron Pontolilo, Jenny Dickinson, Tina Burkhead, Tracy Hutton, Candy Millard, Bobbie Finley, **Administration present:** Geoff Tessau, Assistant Principal, Casey Christensen, Elementary Principal, Jeff Snider, High School Principal.
- V. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bryan Arzani. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 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 –Bruce Flickenger, St. Charles resident said he was here to discuss the graduation time and the noon time seems a little soon instead of at 2:00 pm as traditionally done. He said it is Memorial Day weekend and churches have senior recognition on that day but the 2 pm time would be better than the noon time. Also the family members traveling the 2 pm time frame for graduation would be more beneficial.

Ron Pontolilo said he was here to see if there were ways for communication to be opened up between the board and residents. He said he would like to see if we could bring many people back to attendance of the meetings to give the opportunity for residents to assist in generating the ideas. He said possibly use the phone message to communicate the time frames and agendas. He said using the different forms of communication to bring residents back to attend the meetings. He said a question and answer communication technology on the school website. Mr. Pontolilo then asked to be excused from the meeting as it is boring.
- VIII. Board Comments- Gray and Arzani said they both plan on attending the IASB Convention this year in November.
- IX. Superintendents Report- Superintendent Dr. Craig shared the following information in his report:
 - Professional Development Day update
 - Fire and Severe Weather drill compliance update
 - IPI Survey

- Staff Handbook
 - Planning Grant
 - Looking at 2 existing properties in New Virginia and St. Charles for future purpose
- X. Road Runner Recognition-were in the admin and department reports.
- XI. Administrative/Department reports- Jeff Snider, Secondary Principal said he has been working on homecoming activity planning and the 5K event coming up.

Casey Christensen, Elementary Principal said the board report highlights are preschool will have some playground equipment soon. He provided unofficial numbers for pk-5th in board packet. The DIBELS scores are reading scores to focus on what we need to improve on and to get those students not proficient to focus and plan on how to get those students proficient. Also a mention on student leadership and how the students work together to get playground equipment requests and to have a service type field trip.

Geoff Tessau, Assistant Principal gave an update on full power school implementation. He said it takes time to make sure everything aligns and he thank Tina Burkhead with the assistance on getting the excel spread sheets ready for imports. He said the scheduling of classes is what has added additional time on getting the schedules complete in power school. He said most schools use a calendar year for implementation and we have taken 3 to 4 months to implement. He said power school hosting to be done by Grant Wood.

Steve Caster, Athletic Director, he provided information on students participating in reading to the elementary students. He said he would like to see this grow with all students in extracurricular activities.

Bobbie Finley, Transportation Director, shared information on the new bus policy and the feedback has been good. She said Jill has been a great asset to the team and have another driver to add on. She said spoke with Marc Steele on status of busses and that they should be here within a few weeks. Bus safety week is the second to last week of October.

Candy Millard, Food Service Director shared information on counting calories and the need to do this for each class sections. She said many of the students are catching on very well on the fruits and vegetables.

Jenna Sandquist, Student representative shared information from what students have noticed. The first notice is we see a lot of school spirit. The second thing is the new teaching strategies that are being used in the class room are being very effective. Another strategy is bringing current events to the materials being taught in class. Overall the new teachers are doing a good job. The student council is starting up a new project which a 5K was developed as a fundraiser. The students would like to see talk about an auditorium/fine arts building for future use and we would be able to host more events.

- XII. Consent Agenda –
- A) Approval of Past Minutes: August 26, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting

- a. **CORRECTION: August 26, 2013 Board minutes had Graduation date and time of May 25th at 2 p.m. and should be at 12 p.m. as posted previous to the minutes.**

B) Approval of Bills

C) Approval of Personnel

- Rick Gray- to Director of Buildings and Grounds-salary position
- Stephanie Good- Lane Change from BA6 to BA+15, step 6
- Resignations:
 - Charles Sims-bus driver
 - Natasha Hoyka- Teacher Associate

Motion to approve consent agenda by Dan Kirkpatrick, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0

- XIII. September 10 School Board Election Results – Enclosed in the packet the board were the results from the September 10 School board elections. Board Secretary Ballard shared the results with Dan Kirkpatrick, Director District 3 received 138 votes and Bryan Arzani, Director District 4 received 122 votes.
- XIV. Application to SBRC for Special Education Deficit: Enclosed in the packet the board are the 2012-13 results for the special education deficit. In 2012-13 school year, the district ran a special education deficit of 212, 638.70 down from 2011-12 of 221,479.99. The district can apply to the School Budget Review Committee to be able to recoup these costs in terms of spending authority. Bryan Arzani moved to approve the Application to SBRC for the Special Education Deficit for fy13 of 212, 638.70, seconded by Julie Brownlee. Motion carried Ayes 4, Nays 0.
- XV. Certified Annual Report FY13 – Enclosed in the board packets were the reports for the Certified Annual Report, CAR for the 2012-13 school year. Total revenues were at \$12,670,237.10 and Total expenses were \$12,519,053.46. Business Manager Ballard went over some key points on the reports.
- XVI. Annual Transportation Report FY13– Enclosed in the board packet the results of the Annual Transportation for the 2012-13 school year. Business Manager Ballard shared information from the report.
- XVII. Adjournment – Julie Brownlee moved to adjourn. Motion approved Ayes 4, Nays 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Leah Gray, Board President

Jacob Ballard, Board Secretary