

# INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 16, 2015**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in special session, Monday, February 16, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Directors Bryan Arzani, Tracy Bean, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, and Dan Kirkpatrick were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. Approximately 15 district patrons were also in attendance.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Gray to approve the published agenda; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Instructional Support Program (ISP), as well as background information on tax levies at Interstate 35. Fiene showed a spreadsheet indicating how the district planned to adjust other fund levies in order to support the ISP without raising the overall tax rate for the district, e.g., keep the overall tax pie the same, but cut the slices in different sizes in order to more fully support the teaching and learning process. He also shared the law indicates state financial support for the ISP (instructional support state aid), but that is no longer available even though it is still on the books as a law.

At 7:00 p.m., Brownlee declared the public hearing for the Instructional Support Program funded by property taxes only was open. The following people presented and/or asked questions regarding the Instructional Support Program: Tracy Hutton, Brianna Schwenk, Jay Smith, Erin Thornburgh, and Jon Van Feldt. Several questions regarded history of the ISP at I-35 and impact on the overall property tax rate for district patrons. At 7:18 p.m. when there were no more questions or comments, Brownlee declared the public hearing for the ISP funded by property taxes only was closed.

At 7:19 p.m., Brownlee declared that the public hearing for the ISP funded by a combination of property taxes and income surtax was open. The following people presented and/or asked questions regarding the Instructional Support Program: Jay Smith, Erin Thornburgh, and Jon Von Feldt. Clarification was given on figuring income surtax for patrons, as well as the delay in receiving funds if income surtax was used as a funding mechanism. Having no further questions or comments, Brownlee declared the public hearing for the ISP funded by a combination of property taxes and income surtax closed at 7:29 p.m.

At 7:30 pm, President Brownlee opened the special meeting for consideration of the Instructional Support Program. After a brief recap of comments and input from the Public Hearings, Arzani moved approval of the Resolution to Participate in the Instructional Support Program with funding from instructional support state aid and an instructional property tax as shared by the superintendent and legal counsel for the district; Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Arzani-YES, Bean-YES, Brownlee-YES, Gray-Yes, Kirkpatrick-YES – motion carried 5-0.

Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn, Bean seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Julie Brownlee, President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary