INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2015

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, February 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all visitors. Directors Bryan Arzani, Tracy Bean, Julie Brownlee, Leah Gray, and Dan Kirkpatrick were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene, Board Secretary Ted Bauer, and Student Council Representative Josh Hughes. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Brownlee read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

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

Open Forum: No visitors commented to the Board.

Education Spotlight: Middle School Backpack Against Hunger Project—Sue Meggers (grades 7- 8 science teacher) and Rebecca Lamos, Lauren Hagen, and Cecilia Christensen (middle school student council members) were present to share how they collect non-perishable items that are voluntarily donated by students and discreetly distribute food items to families in need to get them through the weekend. Mrs. Meggers explained that FFA also contributes to this project. In eight weeks, 124 people were served with 568 meals. Board members and Fiene thanked Mrs. Meggers and the student council for their efforts in making a difference.

Dr. Fiene thanked everyone for a very positive school year.

The Board received written updates from Principals.

Arzani shared that he and Fiene recently visited Creston Community Schools to see the new bus garage that is under construction. They explained that their visit was mainly to gather information and that potentially outside funding could be available for this type of project. When additional information regarding funding is available, they will share it. Brownlee shared that she and Fiene attended a meeting for Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI). Josh Hughes shared that Coaches vs. Cancer has raised over $4,000 and that the Student Council has partnered with the Journalism class on a social media campaign to support public schools with a four percent allowable growth (supplemental state aid).

Arzani temporarily left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

President Brownlee called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the January 26, 2015 work session and regular meeting, the February 16, 2015 special board meeting/public hearing; monthly bills and financial statement; resignation from Greg VanWyngarden effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Gray to approve the consent items as presented; motion carried 4-0.

Early Retirement Application – The Early Retirement program was open from December 7, 2014 to February 12, 2015. The only application received was from Greg VanWyngarden. Motion to approve Greg VanWyngarden's Early Retirement Application by Bean, seconded by Kirkpatrick; motion carried 4-0.
Arzani returned to the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Gray to support a partnership with the Truro Betterment Committee without financial obligation to explore development of a walking trail on private, school, and other public property; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to delete Board Policy 507.3E1 and waive second reading which makes the change immediate. This will be confirmed next month per Board Policy 209.2; motion carried 5-0.

The open enrollment request and closed hearing under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) was tabled.

The board will meet for a budget work session on March 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the high school library in Truro.

The board will hold a work session on March 30, at 5:30 p.m. The next regular board meeting is set for March 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro.

Arzani moved to adjourn, Bean seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Julie Brownlee, President   Ted Bauer, Board Secretary