

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2015

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education held a public hearing for the 2015-2016 school calendar on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Julie Brownlee called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Fiene explained through a PowerPoint presentation the process and driving philosophies used to develop the recommended 2015-16 school calendar. He explained that a calendar committee of volunteers from various work groups within the school had been organized to meet and develop priorities for the calendar. Priorities included larger chunks of time for professional development, limited disruptions to the regular teaching day, adjusting parent-teacher conferences, including shortened days or week when school begins, and maintaining some form of spring break. The committee developed a survey for staff and community which was posted on the district's website; results of the survey were then reviewed. The first draft of the calendar was created and reviewed by staff; this led to additional drafts being developed. The proposed draft was then posted on the district website for public comment. This continuous process has led to the calendar proposed for the 2015-16 school year.

At 7:09 p.m., Brownlee opened the public hearing for public comment and asked if anyone from the public had any questions. One school employee commented that she noticed there were no make-up days for snow days. She asked if they would be added to the end of the school year. Dr. Fiene said that they would not be made up unless the number of hours falls below a certain amount. The required state minimum number of instructional hours is 1,080, but the proposed calendar has 1,161.59 instructional hours.

At 7:15 p.m., Gray motioned to close the public hearing and adjourn, seconded by Kirkpatrick; motion carried 5-0. Brownlee declared the public hearing closed.

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary