

## **INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 27, 2015**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, April 27, 2015, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. public hearing for the 2015-2016 school calendar in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:16 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 Bean to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Item VIII-C from "Discuss and/or approve Superintendent Recommendation to Reduce Fulltime Teaching Position" to "Receive and File Superintendent's Recommendation on a Personnel Matter"; motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: No visitors commented to the Board.

Education Spotlight: Early Literacy and FAST—Casey Christensen (Elem. Principal) and Heather Wells (MS/Elementary Reading Intervention Teacher) were present to explain how the requirements for early literacy are changing and to share information about the FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) and Iowa Tier (online data system used to collect and interpret the FAST data). They explained that students who demonstrate a deficiency in reading are required to receive 90 minutes of reading instruction daily. I-35's intervention services may come from the student's classroom teacher, Title I teacher, and/or Reading Intervention teacher. Board members and Fiene thanked Ms. Wells and Mr. Christensen for their presentation.

Fiene reported on the following items: reviewed details for Baccalaureate, gave an update on the planning for 2015-2016 and future years for the professional development for certified and non-certified staff, and shared information regarding lobbying efforts of I-35 students. Fiene asked Josh Hughes to explain their recent trip to the Capitol to meet with legislators.

The Board received written updates from Principals.

Arzani shared his recent trip to the Capitol where he met with legislators. Brownlee and Gray shared their participation in an IASB training session in Indianola.

President Brownlee called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the March 30, 2015 work session and regular meeting, the April 6, 2015 special board meeting; monthly bills and financial statement; resignations from Marche Howard (teacher associate), Dorothy Huss (teacher associate), Shaun Lehmann (5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, assistant football coach, and assistant track coach), Dustin Patterson (special education teacher), and Jamie Smith (head middle school football coach); contracts for Nicole Bovy (elementary/middle school special education teacher), Laurel Halstead (elementary art teacher), Joel Hoger (high school math teacher), Maria Howard (middle school social studies/science teacher), Doyle Jacobs (substitute bus driver for remainder of 2014-15 and full-time bus driver for 2015-16), and Jason Smith (assistant football coach). Motion by Arzani, seconded by Gray to approve the consent items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Bean to table the Series 400 Board Policies until it is verified that policies that are recommended by Lynch Dallas to be dropped are actually covered in the master contract; motion carried 5-0.

At the March 30, 2015 regular board meeting, it was approved to accept the recommended changes to the Good Conduct Policy and waive second reading which makes the change immediate. Per Board Policy 209.2, the Board needs to reapprove the change within three months. Motion by Gray, seconded by Bean to approve the recommended changes to the Good Conduct Policy; motion carried 5-0.

At the March 30, 2015 regular board meeting, it was approved to accept the recommended changes to Board Policy 803.1 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment. Per Board Policy 209.2, the Board needs to reapprove the change within three months. Motion by Gray, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve updating Board Policy 803.1 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar as presented at the public hearing; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the 2015-2016 Tentative Agreement with I-35 Teachers Association; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Gray to receive and file the Superintendent's recommendation on a personnel matter; motion carried 5-0. The Superintendent then presented the recommendation in a sealed envelope to Board Secretary Bauer, who will keep the recommendation until such time a private hearing is scheduled to address the matter.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the 2015-2016 Certified and Non-Certified Contracts as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Arzani to approve a .50 FTE Special Education Coordinator/Director position for the 2015-16 school year; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene explained his recommendation to eliminate the position of Assistant Principal for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning and replacing it with the Director of Support Services position, effective with the 2015-16 school year. After brief discussion, Arzani moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for administrative realignment as presented, seconded by Kirkpatrick; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene explained that operational sharing between two school districts increases efficiency and generates additional state funding. He further explained that additional operational sharing will be considered. Motion by Arzani, seconded by Bean to approve the 28E Sharing Agreement with SE Warren Community School District for Operational Sharing for Curriculum Director; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bean to approve the list of students for graduation as presented, contingent upon completion of all graduation requirements; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Arzani to approve the following bids: Carpet Replacement: Nelson's Carpet \$3,106.80 per classroom; Corridor Door Replacement: Door's, Inc. \$32,743 (add \$1,134 for pre-painting) for four interior hallway doors in the secondary wing; Interior Door Hardware: Door's Inc. \$28,400 (add \$1,914 for double cylinder function); Mechanical Controls: Travis Mechanical & Controls for digital control for HVAC system \$2,200 per room/connection; A/C in Office Area: Travis Mechanical & Controls \$5,448; Window Replacement: Clark Glass, Inc. to replace all wood-framed windows at middle and elementary school. Motion carried 5-0.

A private hearing and special board meeting will be scheduled sometime during the week of May 11, 2015.

The board will hold a work session on May 18, at 5:30 p.m. The next regular board meeting is set for May 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro.

Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn, Bean seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Julie Brownlee, President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary