

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2014

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 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 Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bean to approve the agenda; motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: No visitors commented to the Board.

Education Spotlight: Students With A Target (SWAT)—Dean of Students Rose Dickinson, Secondary Guidance Counselor Angela Steinlage, and Senior Shianne McKinney were present to share the work of this newly-formed high school group. Group focus includes alcohol and drug prevention, self-esteem, nutrition and exercise, and giving back. SWAT members also work with younger students and plan to continue to increase involvement in the future.

Dr. Fiene reported on the following items: District Leadership Team and Subcommittees update; Development of a plan to review K-12 math program; SINA Plan has been submitted for the Department of Education approval; congratulations to Mr. Webster and the students for the musical presentation last week, to Mrs. Good and the Knowledge Bowl Team for winning State competition and qualifying for National competition, and to the five I-35 Honor Students who will be singing at Carnegie Hall; and Opening of the Wellness Center for public use on December 1.

Brownlee, Gray, and Bean attended the Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) Convention and reported on their involvement. Themes from the sessions include the emphasis on change, comparing how students learn when they are in school and when they are not in school, student voice in what is taught in schools, and protecting school finance in Iowa to focus on improving student learning.

President Brownlee called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the October 27, 2014 work session and regular meeting, and the November 5, 2014 work session; monthly bills and financial statement; resignation from Cody Miller (FT night custodian); and contract for Michelle Wright (FT night custodian). Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the consent items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Gray to approve the Knowledge Bowl out-of-state trip to compete at the national level; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Bean to approve the Honors Choir out-of-state trip to perform at Carnegie Hall; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the Resolution Authorizing Review of Disclosure Activities and Participation in the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperative Initiative of the Securities and Exchange Commission; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Arzani to approve accepting (receiving) applications for the early retirement plan, limited to a maximum of eight applications at the Board's discretion, based upon financial condition when the final numbers are put together, and reserving the right to not approve any applications if the situation changes; motion carried 5-0.

After a discussion of the options available and the best way to proceed to implement an Instructional Support Levy without increasing tax rates, motion by Bean, seconded by Kirkpatrick to table this decision and discuss at future meetings; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Arzani to approve application for the 2015-2016 Modified Supplemental Amount for Dropout Prevention (previously known as Modified Allowable Growth for Dropout Prevention) for the maximum amount allowed by law (\$210,904); motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bean to direct Dr. Fiene to organize a Branding and Marketing Committee and report back to the Board at a later date; motion carried 5-0.

Brownlee presented the First Reading of BP Series 100, 200, and 300.

The next work session is set for December 22, at 5:30 p.m. and the next regular board meeting is set for December 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro.

Gray moved to adjourn, Bean seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary