

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2014

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, August 25, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Arzani read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Dr. Fiene noted that the agenda needed to be amended to add Item VII-h Discuss and/or Approve Open Enrollment Request. Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the agenda with the amendment added; motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: No visitors commented to the Board.

Dr. Fiene updated the Board on the following items: update on RSAI (Rural School Advocates of Iowa) legislative platform; reminder for late-start Wednesdays throughout the school year; preliminary enrollment count is 883 students in the classrooms; implementation of the Professional Learning Communities (PLC's); and seeking community volunteers for the Building and Grounds Committee. Dr. Fiene will serve on the Madison County Development Group Board.

President Brownlee called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the July 28, 2014 work session and regular meeting, minutes of the August 11 special meeting, and monthly bills. Motion by Gray, seconded by Bean to approve the consent items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to table the cameras for school buses; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the 28E Agreement with Woodward-Granger; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Arzani, to approve the proposal from Lynch Dallas, P.C. to provide the Board Policy Review Service. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Kirkpatrick, to send Bryan Arzani as the IASB Delegate Assembly Designee. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick, to approve adding an additional part-time custodial position; motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Fiene explained that when our auditors were here during a preliminary audit earlier this month, they recommended that we have the Board approve a short-term loan from the General Fund to the SAVE Fund for \$240,000 plus interest, on June 30, 2014, to cover costs that the district has incurred for the Wellness Center and paid by the SAVE Fund. Fiene stated that the law requires that this loan be paid back by October 1. In July and August, the district received \$487,135 in the SAVE Fund. Motion by Gray, seconded by Arzani, to approve a short-term loan of \$240,000 plus an interest rate of .22% from the General Fund to the Fund 33 (SAVE), as of June 30, 2014; motion carried 5-0.

President Brownlee read the following: There has been some chatter regarding financing of the new Wellness Center. The entire Wellness Center project is being paid for from the SAVE fund (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) – formerly known as the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) or School Infrastructure Local Option (SILO) – the state sales tax penny. Each year the state takes all the revenue from the 1 cent sales tax for school infrastructure and disseminates it to every school district through a formula; last year the allotment for Interstate 35 was \$727,197.81. We anticipate our SAVE revenue for this year to be approximately \$750,000. As a district, we have used this money from the state penny (SAVE) to fully fund construction of the Wellness Center—there was no local tax money used to build the facility, e.g., tax rates did NOT go up—in fact, the school’s overall tax rate decreased 12 cents this year.

Board Policy 802.4 has a limit of \$500 for capital assets within the school district. The auditors recommended we raise it to \$5,000. Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick, to approve the changes to Board Policy 802.4 as suggested and allowing the policy to take effect in FY14; motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed an open enrollment request it has received. Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick, to deny the open-enrollment request not received timely and without extenuating circumstances; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the following resignations: Dustin Patterson, MS assistant boys’ basketball coach; Jim Smith, Head varsity baseball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Kirkpatrick, to approve the following contracts: Roxanne Beeler, MS girls’ track coach; Kelsi Holmes, Elementary vocal music (extra duty contract); Misty Jurgenson, regular-route bus driver; Brian Martin, MS instrumental music and HS instrumental music (both extra duty contracts); and Paula Schultz, part-time teacher librarian. Motion carried 5-0.

The next work session is set for September 29, at 5:30 p.m. and the next regular board meeting is set for September 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro. Future agenda items include the 2nd Reading of Board Policy 802.4 Capital Assets, bus cameras, and the annual meeting.

Gray moved to adjourn, Kirkpatrick seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary