

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 30, 2016

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Bryan Arzani called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and welcomed all visitors. Directors Bryan Arzani, Josh Hughes, Dan Kirkpatrick, Jeremy Maske, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. 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.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda; motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: No visitors commented to the Board.

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: the 2016-2017 school calendar is in the beginning stages and will be worked on by a committee representing as many different groups as possible; congratulations to the Robotics Team for winning their regional competition and qualifying for the state competition; and work is underway to implement the plan for the approved Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) program for the 2016-2017 school year.

Hughes shared that he was able to witness education debate in the state house during his internship in January.

Maske explained that he accompanied Vicki Westerly's and Janet Walkup's class participating in the legislative luncheon on January 29th in Osceola and was complimentary of the students for asking pertinent questions of Representative Joel Fry and Senator Amy Sinclair.

President Arzani called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the December 21, 2015 regular meeting and January 18, 2016 work session; monthly bills and financial statement; and contracts for Nicole Bovy (van driver for special education), Haley Thompson (van driver for special education), and Lucinda Murphy (evening custodian). Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Maske to approve the consent items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene explained that he has been researching the benefits and cost savings to the district for replacing all lights with LED lighting. LED is brighter, easier on eyes, operates more efficiently, bulbs lasts longer, and requires less maintenance, but are more expensive to purchase. Fiene has worked with ISFIS who researched and solicited bids for LED lighting for ISFIS member school districts. Fiene contacted the winning bidder, Sitler's LED Lighting in Washington, Iowa. Sitler's came to I-35 to get information to prepare a bid. Sitler's bid was for \$131,243.06 which broke down to \$42,791 for the high school, \$77,423 for the middle school and elementary school, and \$11,029.06 for the outside areas. After utility-company rebates of \$34,013.20, the net cost is \$97,229.86. The payback on the project is conservatively estimated at 5-6 years. The bid includes installation which would be completed over two weekends. Fiene illustrated how much brighter the exterior lights would be with the security cameras. The project would be paid for by SAVE funds and the cost savings in electricity to operate the lights would benefit the general fund. Hughes moved to accept Sitler's bid for LED lighting for \$131,343.06, seconded by Vonnahme; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene presented a list of potential summer maintenance projects including keyless entry system, replacement of intercom speakers in elementary and middle school to match the new equipment in the high school, renovation of two high school bathrooms, replacement of wood clad windows in elementary and middle school, replacement of analog clocks, and replacement of carpet in several rooms and offices. Fiene also indicated that the district will be looking at technology updates, replacing buses, and fixing or replacing air conditioning in the elementary office. Fiene stated some projects will be ready with bids received at the February meeting and will be presented at that time. Fiene presented bids received for the window replacement and carpet replacement projects. Fiene recommended the low bids from Clark Glass for \$120,200 for the replacement of the elementary and middle school windows and from Nelson Carpets for \$37,266.50 for carpet replacement. Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Hughes; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hughes, second by Kirkpatrick to approve the SBRC Application for special education administrative costs for the Woodward Consortium. We currently have one student attending Grandwood so our portion of the application is \$3,446.53; motion carried 5-0.

Early Retirement Application – The Board received one application for early retirement. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve Janet Walkup’s Early Retirement Application; motion carried 5-0. Hughes shared heartfelt comments from his experience as a student with the TAG program and Mrs. Walkup.

The board discussed Superintendent Evaluation procedures that were used last year for Dr. Fiene’s evaluation. Fiene explained that the evaluation is based upon Iowa Leadership Standards. After a brief discussion, motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Maske to accept the current process to evaluate Superintendent Fiene this year; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene revisited the discussion from the board work session on January 18, 2016, which dealt with Phase I – site planning for potential building projects (auditorium, bus/maintenance building, and additional CTE shop space). OPN Architects will meet with staff on February 8, at 1:00 p.m. to share this information. After that, the district will hold an open forum to share with the public the different options that are available.

Fiene reviewed that the TLC plan was approved on December 10, 2015 with implementation for the 2016-2017 school year. The TLC Committee has been working on an implementation plan. The positions to be hired from our teaching staff were sent out on January 22. The goal is to have all Teacher Leader positions filled by March 1. When these positions have been filled, the district will begin to fill the positions created from the Teacher Leader hires.

Fiene explained that he contacts state legislators regularly and reminded the board members to regularly contact legislators and develop relationships. He shared contact information of state legislators and asked board members to reach out to them. Fiene also asked district patrons to contact them to advocate for their district.

The next regular board meeting is set for February 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro. Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn, Hughes seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Bryan Arzani, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary