

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2016

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, on Monday, March 28, 2016, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. work session at the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Bryan Arzani called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.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 4-0.

Open Forum: Ron Pontolilo addressed the Board requesting that the Board take the three potential building projects in Phase I (bus barn, CTE space, and auditorium) to the public taxpayers for a vote before spending any funds, even if the legal requirement gives the Board the authority without voter approval. Mr. Pontolilo expressed that he is neither opposed to or in favor of any of these projects, but would expect the school could justify the need and educational benefits of each.

Education Spotlight: State Wrestling Qualifiers were not available to present at this meeting, but this will be rescheduled for a future meeting. Speech—high school speech student, Alyssa Reed and instructors Brianna Schwenk and Eric Borlaug were present to explain how the speech program has grown at Interstate 35. Alyssa Reed recently earned All State recognition in Speech and delivered the speech which earned her this distinction. The board members congratulated Alyssa for her accomplishment and thanked Schwenk and Borlaug.

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: the school calendar for 2016-2017 is almost ready to be sent out to staff and community for comments; four TLC positions have been filled and should be ready to fill the remaining positions within the next week; all contractors for summer projects (keyless entry, intercom, carpet, and window replacement) have been scheduled so they can be finished before school starts; details are being developed for participation in the summer reading study by the Iowa Reading Center; SIAC meeting is scheduled for April 4; and a tentative agreement has been reached with the I-35 Support Staff Association.

Hughes shared that he attended a legislative forum last Saturday in Winterset to visit with Senator Garrett and Representative Gustafson and had an extended phone call with Representative Gustafson two weeks ago to discuss school funding and other issues.

President Arzani called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the February 22, 2016 regular meeting; monthly bills and financial statement; resignation from Alex Sanchez (varsity volleyball coach) and Brianna Schwenk (NHS sponsor); and contracts for Ethan Calvert (assistant MS boys track coach), Beva Lupkes (assistant MS girls track coach), Andrew McKinney (assistant boys track coach), and Nicole Vogt (HS English teacher). Motion by Maske, seconded Kirkpatrick, to approve the consent items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Hughes to approve revised Board policies 202.1, 601.2, 603, and Series 200 as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Maske to approve the 2016-2017 tentative agreement of 3.5% total package reached with the I-35 Support Employees Association; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Maske, seconded by Hughes to approve the early retirement/separation requests from Dick Sulentic and Jean Sulentic; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the FY 2015 audit report; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene explained the highlights of the Work Session regarding the FY 2017 Budget that was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to this regular meeting.

The public hearing for the FY 2017 budget will be held on April 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro, Iowa. A special board meeting will be held immediately following the public hearing on April 12.

The next regular board meeting is set for April 25, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro. Hughes moved to adjourn, Vonnahme seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Bryan Arzani, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary