

# INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2016

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2016, at the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Bryan Arzani called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all visitors. Directors Bryan Arzani, Dan Kirkpatrick, Jeremy Maske, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Josh Hughes was absent. 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 Maske to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Board Policy 504.6 added to Item IX-3e to read as follows: "IX-3e: First Reading of BP303.6 Administrator Evaluation and BP 504.6 Student Activity Program"; motion carried 4-0.

Education Spotlight: OSMOS at I-35 Elementary School: Library Associate Tracy Kozak was present with third grader students (Ella Van Dyke and Jazmine Warsawski) to present the OSMOS program. OSMOS is a tool for an iPad for shapes, math skills, and problem solving to help students learn. Board members were given the opportunity to try out OSMOS for a few minutes. The Board thanked Ms. Kozak and the students for sharing OSMOS with them.

The meeting was moved to the HS Commons at 6:17 p.m. to recognize Richard Sulentic for 30 years of teaching service to I-35, Jean Sulentic for 28 years, and Janet Walkup for 16 years. President Arzani presented a clock or plaque to each of them as a token of appreciation and wished them well in retirement. At 6:42 p.m. the board meeting continued in the HS library.

Open Forum: Mr. Ron Pontolilo was present to reiterate that whenever the district gets to a decision on new facilities the ultimate decision should be left to the public. He also expressed his desire that the Board would have the political courage to stand up to the federal government, in light of the significant guidance provided by the federal government concerning the use of restrooms and locker rooms by transgender students.

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: Graduation went well with 64 Seniors graduating; last day of school is Friday, May 27, with a 1:30 p.m. dismissal; it will be a busy summer with projects scheduled to start in June including window replacement in elementary and middle schools, keyless entry system for external doors, new intercom wires and speakers in the elementary and middle schools, carpeting per replacement schedule, computer and internet network infrastructure upgrades, high school bathrooms remodeling, and normal cleaning; update on summer school and some of the inherent challenges; and, board members were presented certificates from IASB as May is School Board Recognition Month.

Arzani commented how well graduation went last Saturday and expressed his appreciation to the school community.

President Arzani called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the April 25, 2016 regular meeting; minutes of the April 25, 2016 public hearing for the 2016-2017 school calendar; monthly bills and financial statement; resignations from Kari Borlaug (MS special education teacher, Tiffany Burk (teacher associate), Gentry Burton (teacher associate), Megan Edwards (teacher associate), Laurel Halstead (elementary/MS art teacher), Derrick Stowers (custodian); and

contracts for Damon Bryan (MS special education teacher), Ethan Calvert (assistant MS baseball coach for ½ season), Gideon Fuchs (HS business teacher), Jacob Heddinger (elementary counselor), and Lori Jacobs (custodian). Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the minutes and bills as presented; motion carried 4-0. Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the resignations and contract recommendations as presented, pending verification of certification and return of clear background checks; motion carried 4-0.

Ben Bedwell addressed the Board requesting to receive credit for Algebra that he took early in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to count toward his high school math graduation requirements. The current policy requires three years of math taken during the four years of high school. After a lengthy discussion, the board did not take any action to change the current policy.

The district has property in St. Charles that was formerly used for a transportation shed and has a storage shed in New Virginia. Fiene explained that the district has discussed selling these in the past and that he has had a district patron ask him about purchasing the property in St. Charles. Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Maske to direct the superintendent to pursue the sale of I-35 property located in St. Charles and New Virginia according to Iowa Code Section 297.22(1); motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the superintendent's recommendation on designated Expulsion Agreement; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vonnahme to not approve the open enrollment request because it did not meet the required timeline; motion carried 4-0.

Fiene presented the first reading of Board Policies 303.6 Administrator Evaluation and 504.6 Student Activity Program.

Fiene explained that the Federal government sent a letter of significant guidance for transgender students to all school districts across the country. Fiene stated that all students should have a positive experience at school. Fiene explained that he has given information on this issue to the board and recommended that the district continue to study this issue going forward. Additional information will be presented and discussed at future board meetings as more is learned on this issue.

A special board meeting is scheduled for May 26, at 6:45 p.m. at the high school library in Truro. The next regular board meeting is set for June 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro.

At 7:50 p.m., Kirkpatrick moved to go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) to review the superintendent's evaluation; Vonnahme seconded; motion carried 4-0.

At 8:53 p.m., the board returned from closed session.

Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn, Maske seconded; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Bryan Arzani, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary