

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2015

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 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, and Leah Gray were present. Dan Kirkpatrick was absent. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene. Board Secretary Ted Bauer was absent. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Brownlee read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Bean to approve the agenda; motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: No visitors commented to the Board.

Fiene updated the Board on the following items: congratulated the softball team in qualifying for the state tournament; reviewed student registration for the 2015-16 school year which is scheduled for July 30 and August 4, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day in the high school library; reminded everyone that the first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25 with 2:20 p.m. student dismissal for the first four days of school; and congratulated Sue Meggers for being included in a C Magazine article for her work on teaching the science of soil.

President Brownlee called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the June 29, 2015 work session and regular meeting, monthly bills and financial statement, and contract for Melissa Parmer (F-T bus driver). Motion by Arzani, seconded by Gray to approve the consent items as presented; motion carried 4-0.

Fiene gave a review of the Fall Board Election scheduled for September 8, 2015. The election will be for District 1, District 2, and At-Large. Nomination packets are available from the office and are due back to the district office by 5:00 p.m. on July 30. Nomination papers will be taken to the County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on July 31.

Fiene explained that the FY16 tax rates have been finalized. The overall tax rate for the district did not change from FY15. Fiene explained that property tax values may have changed, but the district has no input in setting taxable valuation.

Fiene gave an update on summer projects. The camera system installation is well underway and should be in the testing mode by August 1 and ready by the start of school. The bells/clocks/intercom system will be installed beginning next week and is scheduled to be fully functional before school starts. The new key system was delayed at the factory, but should be here to begin installation during the week of August 10 or August 17. The new carpet installation will be finished in early August. HVAC controls will be done as scheduled throughout the Fall with expected completion in November. The corridor doors in the secondary area should be installed during the first week in August. Fiene expressed thanks to the custodial staff for all that they have done to get the building ready for the new school year, despite all the projects that they have had to work around.

Fiene continued the discussion from the work session on June 29 regarding the bond indebtedness being paid off in 2017. He listed the three top priorities for facilities identified by the Building and Grounds Committee in alphabetical order as additional CTE shop area, an auditorium, and a bus/maintenance garage. Fiene suggested that the board authorize him to develop an RFP and send to various architectural firms to do the following: (1) recommend locations for all three projects, (2) have preliminary discussions with stakeholders on needs/wants for each project/facility, (3) provide preliminary concept drawings for each project, (4) provide estimated costs for each project, and (5) recommend potential locations for any future expansion of the school building. Fiene further explained that he believes the CTE shop area and bus/maintenance garage could be funded by the SAVE account and the auditorium could be funded by general obligation bonds presented to be voted on as the current bond indebtedness is retired. Fiene stated that because it takes time to plan and organize these types of projects and funding for them, the next 18-24 months will be needed. After review and discussion of this information, Arzani moved to have Fiene develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to pursue architectural services for the five points above, seconded by Gray; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Arzani, seconded by Gray to approve the Anderson-Erickson bid for dairy products, the Pan O'Gold bid for bread/bakery products, Travis Mechanical for equipment repair, Agriland for fuel, Northland for oil products, Waste Management for garbage services, and Orkin for pest control; motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, August 31, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro. No work session is scheduled.

Bean moved to adjourn, Arzani seconded; motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Julie Brownlee, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary