

# INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**August 31, 2015**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, August 31, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Julie Brownlee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all visitors. Directors Bryan Arzani, Tracy Bean, Julie Brownlee, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Leah Gray were present. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Brownlee read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

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

Open Forum: Secondary English Teacher Brianna Schwenk thanked the Board for the recent investment in updated technology and expressed the positive changes it has had for her English class students.

Fiene updated the Board on the following items: commented on the smooth start to the school year; explained the "Paving the Road to Greatness" theme introduced at I-35 Schools; explained that the district is beginning a K-12 science review as part of the curriculum cycle; and shared that I-35 has a representative team of teachers and administrators to participate in the K-12 Gifted and Talented Academy through Heartland AEA. Principals submitted written reports to the Board.

Kirkpatrick shared information regarding his recent trip to the Roush propane engine manufacturing plant in Michigan. He explained that the advantages of purchasing propane-powered buses make it worthwhile to pursue additional information before purchasing additional buses in the future.

President Brownlee called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the July 28, 2015 work session and regular meeting, monthly bills and financial statement, and contracts for Tim Bogs (assistant MS football coach), Randy Calvert (head MS football coach), Robert Johnson (substitute bus driver), Kati Millard (F-T cook), Caleb Moore (assistant MS football coach), Bob Overman (assistant HS football coach), and Carrie Wood (MS girls basketball coach). Motion by Arzani, seconded by Gray to approve the consent items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene gave an update on summer projects. The corridor doors in the secondary area are complete. The camera system is completed. The new key system is almost finished. HVAC controls will be done as scheduled throughout the Fall. The carpet installation is done. The bells/clocks/intercom system has been progressing with additional adjustments needed before it is considered complete.

Dr. Fiene explained that at prior board meetings it has been discussed that the board may need to approve an inter fund loan from the General Fund to the SAVE Fund due to the major summer projects. Motion by Arzani, seconded by Gray, to approve a short-term loan of \$15,000 plus an interest rate of .22% from the General Fund to the Fund 33 (SAVE), as of June 30, 2015; motion carried 5-0.

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. Polling places include New Virginia Lions Hall, St. Charles Parish, and Truro Public Library. Polls will be open from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fiene explained that after the July board meeting when the Board directed him to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for architectural services to include the following possible projects: auditorium, bus/maintenance building, and CTE classroom/shop space, he developed an RFP and sent it out to six Architectural firms. Fiene reported that five firms returned bids. Bids were received from the following: FRK Architects and Engineers, Modern Design Architects, OPN Architects, Shive-Hattery Architecture and Engineering, and Struxture. The district has had OPN Architect and Struxture serve as the architecture on previous building projects. After much discussion, Arzani moved to accept the bid from OPN Architects for architectural services for this Phase I, seconded by Kirkpatrick. A roll call vote was taken. Arzani-Aye, Bean-Aye, Brownlee-Aye, Gray-Aye, Kirkpatrick-Aye; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene presented the first reading of the Board Policy Series 600, 700, 800, 900 updated by Lynch Dallas.

The next regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library in Truro. No work session is scheduled.

Gray moved to adjourn, Kirkpatrick seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Julie Brownlee, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary