

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

April 10, 2017

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education held a work session meeting on Monday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. in 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, Josh Hughes, Dan Kirkpatrick, Jeremy Maske, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene and Board Secretary Ted Bauer.

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

Fiene started the discussion of the 2017-18 school budget with a brief overview of the budgeting process. Fiene presented specific information to the board comparing the actual tax rates for FY14, FY15, FY16, FY17, and the possible tax rates for FY18.

The legal requirements for certifying the budget were reviewed:

1. Budget must be published in the legal newspaper of the district (Wednesday, March 29, 2017)
2. A public hearing must be held not less than 10 or more than 20 days from the date of newspaper publication of the proposed budget.
3. The Board must officially approve the budget.
4. The budget must be certified by the Department of Management by April 17.

Fiene explained that the published rate is 18.77356 (per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) and the final rate will be 18.67356, which is the same as the FY17 rate. The district is following the legal requirements. It was also explained and discussed that the budget published and certified (including tax levies) can be adjusted downward after certification by the Department of Management, but it cannot be adjusted higher. Consequently, sound fiscal planning calls for publication and adoption of a higher tax levy rate than actually will be used.

Fiene presented the proposed 2017-2018 School Calendar, explaining that it is very similar to the 2016-2017 School Calendar because it is working very well. Fiene continued that he has worked with a calendar committee of volunteers from various work groups within the school to meet and discuss priorities for the calendar. After that, the calendar was reviewed by staff and vetted by community members. Fiene explained that the graduation date is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018, which is similar to the date and time for the 2016-2017 school year.

Fiene and school board members had a lengthy discussion regarding the potential resolution which was tabled at the March 30, 2017 regular board meeting.

Vonnahme moved to adjourn, Kirkpatrick seconded; motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Bryan Arzani, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary