

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 22, 2021**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in special session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021 at the High School Media Center in Truro, Iowa.

Vice-President Roger Cannoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Cindi Cassady, Sara Hughes, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. President Jeremy Maske and Student Council Representative Will Borseth were absent. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Cannoy read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried 4-0.

At 6:02 p.m., Cannoy declared the public hearing open on the recommended changes to the 2020-2021 school calendar. Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger presented introductory comments on the proposed school calendar changes to move calendar from days (180) to hours (minimum of 2080) and to move the last two professional development days (March 12 and April 2) to No School Days for students (no remote learning). Dentlinger explained that the current calendar hours are 1132.5 (not including early outs, late starts or snow days). During the public question and answer period, no one from the public asked any questions.

At 6:06 p.m., Cannoy declared the public hearing closed.

Open Forum: No one from the public had any questions or comments.

Education Spotlight: First Grade Teachers and Riddlers—First Grade Teachers Lexi Crozier, Julie Krull, and Nicci Truman were present with seven of their first grade students to share their bird research projects. Each first grader presented a riddle they had written about a bird on which they had researched and become experts. Board members were asked to guess the bird. Cannoy and board members thanked the teachers and students for sharing their work and their parents for coming to the meeting.

Student Council Representative Will Borseth's report was read by Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger and included the following: student council will be hosting music madness during Advisory as a fundraiser, blood drive will be held in March, and he is looking forward to a strong finish through the remaining months of the school year.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau's report was read by Dentlinger and included the following: students will be able to have outdoor recess as the temperatures warm up again, Spring Conferences are coming up in March and will be held the same as they were in the Fall, the book fair is coming up and will be held in the gym, PBIS expectation stations will be on the school's YouTube channel, the Elementary has been reviewing Schoology and will standardize how each teacher does things to make it easier to navigate for students and parents, and any new instruction will be demonstrated by a video to help introduce the concepts.

Instructional Coach/Assistant Secondary Principal Heather Dutrey shared that students have the option for activities and games during their open campus, middle school team is continuing to make progress on literacy goals, Talented and Gifted Teacher Ms. Stephanie Brown is reviewing the acceleration plan to ensure students continue to advance without skipping over necessary concepts by learning in the summer (math) or compacting (ELA). Dutrey also read Mr. Kaster's report that the hiring process has started for early retiree positions and the high school and middle school teachers continue to improve and standardize assignments and information on Schoology to make it easier for parents and students to follow. New instruction will include a video posted to Schoology.

Superintendent Dentlinger shared that Rural Housing 360 will be having a meeting this week for anyone interested in learning more about their program, FEMA Grant has been approved by the State and is waiting for Federal approval, gave an update on current quarantine and remote learner numbers, discussed FAST scores and I-Ready data, and announced that the district has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from Casey's.

Cannoy called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on January 25, 2021 and the special board meeting on February 1, 2021; resignations from Libby Hainer (assistant softball coach); contracts for Chris Allen (classroom associate), Nathan McKinney (substitute bus driver), Libby Hainer (head softball coach), Heather Dutrey (.5 admin contract extended for 2021-2022); internal transfer for Alex Nissen-Pickard to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade position; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented, except for Heather Dutrey's to be discussed separately; motion carried 4-0.

After a discussion of the .5 administrative contract extension for 2021-2022 for Heather Dutrey for a \$16,000 stipend which Dentlinger explained could be paid from the CARES funding and that it is for one additional year to support middle school students and teachers during the pandemic, Cassady moved, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the .5 administrative contract extension for Heather Dutrey for the 2021-2022 school year; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the final reading of Board Policy 502.12: Student Mask Use; motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and vote on recommended changes to 2020-2021 school academic calendar: During the hearing for the 2020-2021 proposed school academic calendar changes, Dentlinger proposed the following calendar changes: (1) to move calendar from days (180) to hours (minimum of 1080) and (2) to move the last two professional development days (March 12 and April 2) to No School Days for students (no remote learning). Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the recommended changes to the 2020-2021 academic calendar; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to approve the second reading and suspend the final reading of BP 404.81 Temporary COVID-19 Leave Policy as presented; motion carried 4-0.

Dentlinger explained the importance of long-range planning, especially when considering writing for grants and planning for future needs and opportunities for our students. Motion by Vonnahme,

seconded by Cassady to approve appointing a subcommittee on long range facilities planning, including athletic facilities, family consumer science, science and daycare; motion carried 4-0.

Dentlinger explained that at the May, 2020 board meeting it was announced that the district was awarded the DERA (Diesel Emissions Reduction Act) Grant for two buses. The grant specified that the district could purchase two buses and be reimbursed for 35 percent of the cost of each bus for a maximum of \$43,750 each. The first bus was ordered and will be delivered soon. Dentlinger and Transportation Coordinator Bobbie Finley recommended the board approve the bus bid from School Bus Sales for \$132,772 with delivery in the next fiscal year. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the bus bid as recommended; motion carried 4-0.

Dentlinger explained that the bus and van camera systems need to be updated. Finley has received two bids to replace the camera systems. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cassady to approve the low bid from Hogland Bus with the upgrade to one-terabyte hard drives, if it remains the low bid with the Option SD300-1-64GB instead of the Rosco DV440; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the recommended updates to Internal Transfers in the Certified Staff Handbook. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center in Truro. Virtual Work Session with Representative Joel Fry on February 25, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Cassady to adjourn; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Roger Cannoy, Board Vice-President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary