

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2020

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the High School Media Center in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Cindi Cassady, Roger Cannoy, Sara Hughes, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Maske 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 5-0.

Open Forum: No one present for public comments.

Education Spotlight: Robotics Team and Sponsors. The Robotics Team, led by Mr. Eric Borlaug and Mr. Jerry Young, were present along with Seniors Jordan Hartfield, Zack Merrifield, Aubrey Ocheltree, and Kai Weiler; Juniors Sam Lawyer and Joseph Streeter; Sophomore Abi Fantz to demonstrate their latest robot and share their experiences working together to create and program it. Senior Lucas Vander Werf was unable to be present, but is also on the team. They commented that they have learned to solve problems and communicate effectively with the other members while working on their projects.

Student Representative Report: Mrs. Dentlinger read the report submitted by Student Council Representative, Ainsley Maske.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that fewer parents attended the Spring parent-teacher conferences. Bi-monthly staff meetings have been set up at the High School and Middle School. In June, High School and Middle School staff will make up focus groups for grading, attendance, discipline, and student recognition to evaluate current policy compared to best practice and what the recommended changes will be to the student handbooks. Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau updated the board on the Math Pilot Program. The Elementary students have met their goal of reading 10,000 books. Summer daycare will be available. The play will be held Saturday, March 7th and on Sunday, March 8th.

Ben Gannon, Project Manager from DCI, gave an update on the building projects.

Dentlinger recognized that \$6,200 in books were sold at the Spring Book Fair. This results in \$3,000 in Scholastic books that can be added to the Elementary Library. Parents bought and donated 60 books for the classrooms and 24 books were bought for teachers. Dentlinger expressed her appreciation for everyone who worked to put on the book sale and for everyone who supported it.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the January 27, 2020 regular meeting; monthly bills and financial statement; resignations from Torie LeQuatte (associate), Brett Douglas (assistant hs baseball coach), Sam McKinney (shared-assistant hs baseball coach); open enrollment. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Cannoy to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster and Mrs. Dentlinger led a discussion regarding vaping. Kaster explained that students who are caught vaping are disciplined. The district will increase the education and awareness of the negative health effects of vaping, so students have the information to make wise decisions.

Dentlinger presented an option for Phase I of the Air Conditioning project to install air conditioning in the daycare rooms and preschool classrooms over spring break. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to approve the bid from Travis Mechanical as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger explained that the roof above the kitchen has been leaking and is due for replacement. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Cassady to approve the low bid by Bailey Roofing for \$37,300; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger presented the proposed daycare rates for the summer months of 2020 and for the 2020-2021 school year. After a lengthy discussion, motion by Hughes, seconded by Cassady to approve the rates as proposed, except continuing to offer 50% discount to any staff member's children who currently utilize the services of the daycare program (25% discount for staff members who do not use it currently, but may use the services in the future); motion carried 5-0.

Good Cause Leave Request: Superintendent Dentlinger explained that Margo Bobst, Teacher Associate, has requested that she be able to convert additional sick leave days to use while she is caring for a family member. Ms. Bobst can annually use 15 days for family sick leave and may exhausted them. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve converting 5 additional sick days to family sick days at a time for up to 3 times; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger explained that the 2019 Ford Transit-150 Low Roof 10-Passenger Van that the Board approved to order at the August 26, 2019 board meeting was not available. The 2020 model has been upgraded and the price has increased to \$31,279.20. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to approve the purchase of the 2020 model as presented; motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary