

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 28, 2022**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022 in the Auditorium in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske and Vice-President Roger Cannoy were absent. Therefore, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 279.5, Board Secretary Ted Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Melissa Keller, Monica Strange, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Also present was Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger. Student Council Representative Will Borseth was absent. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bauer explained that the board members needed to appoint a Temporary President to chair this meeting, in the absence of President Maske and Vice-President Cannoy. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Keller to appoint Strange as Temporary President to serve as Chairperson for this meeting; motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Keller to approve the agenda; motion carried 3-0.

Strange read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Open Forum: Nathan Gibson addressed the Board regarding his recent opportunities to substitute teach in the district. Gibson gave an update on the legislation to allow anyone with proper certification to volunteer as a substitute teacher and commented on the recent article by Superintendent Dentlinger in the *Tri-Corner Express*.

Positive Accomplishments: Middle School Student Council. Mrs. Jamie Gelner, 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher, was present with Middle School Student Council Member Makenzy Howard to share some of the activities that they are sponsoring including Dress Up Days, Fun Fridays, National Sweat Pants Day, Dress in Blue Day, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. Any middle school student can participate in Student Council and membership has ranged between approximately 20 and 30 students.

Student Representative Report: None.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared that the Preschool registration for 2022-2023 was held and 63 have already registered which is much higher than prior years. Parent-teacher conferences will be held next week. The Book Fair will be held in the library during conferences.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that he is working on teacher evaluations. ISASP testing will occur during the first part of April. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on March 7 and March 10. Students can attend parent-teacher conferences with their parents.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger shared that SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Committee) met on February 21<sup>st</sup> and discussed the topics of the meeting.

Strange called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on January 24 , 2022 and minutes of the special board meeting on February 24, 2022; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment; contracts for Heidi Boyd (FCS extra duties), Ashley Brillon (associate), Brenda Streeter (part-time associate), Bobbie Heitink (assistant robotics sponsor), Cassidy Houchins (computer science teacher beginning 2022-2023 school year), Amy Upp (special education teacher beginning 2022-2023 school year), Mike Stuart (hs track track throwing coach); resignations from Steve Kaster (secondary principal at the end of 2021-2022 school year), Jordan Wisecup (ms baseball coach); Timberline Service Contract Renewal. Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 3-0.

Special Education Director Brayton Weber presented an update on the Special Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Weber explained that the two goals of the program for this year include (1) every 12 weeks special education teachers will make three positive contacts for every student in the program and (2) by May, 2022, all special education students will make growth to IEP goals. Weber explained it is important to develop positive communication with our students and their families. Making growth toward IEP goals will help close the learning gap.

Intervention Team Updates for 2021-2022 School Year: Middle School Interventionist Mrs. Haley Yong and High School Interventionist Ms. Jamie Lee were present to update the board regarding the secondary intervention program.

Dentlinger presented the current wages for substitute employees of the district and explained that some substitute support staff positions have not been increasing regularly. The proposal recommended substitute wages effective March 11, 2022 be as follows: cooks \$11.22, custodians \$12.67, secretaries \$12.02, teacher associates \$11.22, bus driving per am or pm route \$40.90, bus driving for activities \$14.03, van driver \$12.29, teacher (1/2 day) \$65.00, teacher (full day) \$130.00, long-term teacher increases to \$170.00 per day after 5 consecutive days with the same teacher, nurse \$117.00. The recommendation included increasing rates for substitute cooks, custodians, secretaries, teacher associates each year so they continue to remain \$1.00 less than the entry level wage for each position. This will allow them to increase with inflation to be more competitive and help to budget these costs annually. The substitute rates for bus drivers (routes & activities) and van driver have been adjusted each year to be the entry level for each position in the current year and it was recommended that this practice be continued. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Keller to approve the substitute wage rates and recommendations as presented; motion carried 3-0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to adjourn; motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Monica Strange, President Pro-Tem

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary