

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 22, 2021**

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

The Board determined that it is impossible and impractical for all members to be physically present at this meeting due to business and personal commitments, and that it is necessary to conduct the meeting by electronic means. The Board has provided public access to the electronic conversation. Vice-President Roger Cannoy, was present in the chair as Acting President and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Director Cindi Cassady was present. President Maske was present virtually. Director Sara Hughes attended virtually and joined the meeting immediately after roll call. Director Eddie Vonnahme and Student Council Representative Will Borseth were absent. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. Cannoy read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Cannoy declared the public hearing open for the FY22 school budget open.

Dentlinger explained that the notice of public hearing was published in the March 10, 2021 *Madisonian* with a published tax rate of \$18.80000/\$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation. The tax rate has been the same for FY20, FY19, FY18, FY17 at \$18.67356; Dentlinger further explained that the rate could be adjusted down as closely as possible to \$18.67356 in June after the Department of Management has made final adjustments as the district has done in the past.

Cannoy asked if there were any questions from the public attending the meeting and receiving none declared the public hearing for the FY2022 certified budget closed.

Open Forum: Ms. Heather Jelsma, mother of four children attending Interstate 35 CSD, addressed the Board to request that the Board revisit the blanket mask mandate and give students a choice in wearing a mask during instruction time for the upcoming school year. Mr. Scott Williams, father of four children in the district, addressed the Board to share concerns with the mask mandate at school and how remote learning has had a negative effect on them. He asked that the Board lift the mask mandate for the next school year.

Education Spotlight: Sixth Grade Live Museum—Sixth Grade ELA Teacher Mrs. Heather Peacock was present with seven of her sixth grade English Language Arts students (Kira Brillon, Hailey Cormeny, Macy Flaherty, Elyse Maxwell, Zoey McClanahan, Kenzie Stark, and Danica Tessau) to share their projects. The Board recessed from 6:17 to 6:33 p.m. to visit the live museum projects which spotlighted the lives of Rosa Parks (civil rights leader), Mae Jemison (first African-American woman to travel into space), Mahatma Gandhi (Indian lawyer and peaceful protester), and Jessie Coleman (first African-American woman and first Native-American woman to hold a pilot license). Cannoy and board members thanked Mrs. Peacock and her students for sharing their projects.

Student Council Representative Will Borseth's report was shared by Secondary Principal Steve Kaster. Mr. Kaster shared that prom will be held on April 10 within the guidance provided by Madison County Public Health for a safe event. Masks and social distancing will be required for prom as much as possible. ISASP testing will begin April 12. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on March 8 and 11 and 14.6 percent of parents attended at the secondary level. Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 and planning is currently underway. Student Council's music March madness was well received. An elementary egg hunt is being planned. Hats can be worn in the building with teachers deciding if they can be worn in their classrooms. Kaster shared the progression timeline that has been made with standards based grading.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared that 98 percent of parents participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences at the elementary level. The Book Fair was well attended with sales of \$5,645 which is among the highest. Tessau expressed gratitude for parents who purchased books for classrooms. The Elementary students have met their goal of reading 10,000 books by March 2. The Spring Play will be held on April 2-3.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger shared that the parent survey on the Return to Learn Plan will close tomorrow evening. Results of the survey will be shared with the board in about two weeks after it is compiled and it will be discussed at the April board meeting. ISASP testing is scheduled for the week of April 12 and students learning remotely will come into the school building on April 16 to take the test. The district was awarded \$78,000 Childcare Grant for age appropriate materials for additional classrooms, air conditioning for additional childcare space during the summer, and roof replacement over the daycare area. Dentlinger gave an update on 100 percent in person learning and shared that she has formed a committee to look into a Virtual Academy for next year and will share information at the April board meeting.

Cannoy called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on February 22, 2021 and the board work session on February 25, 2021; resignations from Rochelle Jackson (food service); contracts for Sharon Whitson (secondary physical education/health teacher), Katie Klinginsmith (agriculture teacher/FFA sponsor), Brandi Moa-Lamp (assistance softball coach), Heather Wells (technology coordinator), Stephanie Good (instructional coach), Stephanie Brown (instructional coach), Stephanie Remmendga (el/ms special education teacher & ms volleyball coach); internal transfer for Katelyn Grant to 4th grade position; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Maske to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 4-0.

Dentlinger presented the tentative agreement with the I-35 Support Employee Association for 2021-2022. Each employee would receive an increase of \$.50 per hour. Motion by Maske, seconded by Hughes to approve the tentative agreement with the I-35 Support Employees Association; motion carried 4-0.

Dentlinger explained that the Insurance Committee reviewed the insurance renewal from Wellmark (3.22% increase) and recommend moving from two health insurance plans to one health insurance plan effective July 1, 2021. The Insurance Committee recommended that the Blue Choice POS 500 plan be eliminated and keeping the Blue Choice POS 750 plan. The committee also recommended Coinsurance for In-Network to be 80%/20% and Out-of-Network to be 70%/30%. By making these

recommended changes to the district's plan for FY2022, the rates would be slightly lower (-.10%) than they are in the current school year (FY2021). In addition the Insurance Committee recommended that the district allocate funds for the Naturally Slim program for a pilot program to encourage employees to get healthy. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to approve the recommendations by the Insurance Committee to move to one insurance plan and make the minor changes within the plan and allocating a maximum of \$5,950 (up to 10 employees at \$595 each) to enroll in the Naturally Slim program; motion carried 4-0.

101% Budget Guarantee Resolution: Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes that the Board of Directors of Interstate 35 CSD will levy property taxes for FY2022 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa; motion carried 3-0 (Ayes: Cannoy, Cassady, Hughes; Virtually unavailable during vote: Maske)

Bauer presented the highlights of the FY20 Audit Report. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Maske to approve the FY20 audit report; motion carried 4-0.

During the FY22 Budget Hearing it was presented that the tax levy rate was published at 18.80000 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation and recommended to be approved/adopted at that same rate and reduced to the current rate of \$18.67356 when final adjustments are made in June. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Cassady to approve the adoption of the FY22 Budget as published and presented at \$18.80000; motion carried 4-0.

After Cannoy read the resolution in its entirety, motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, Dated July 25, 2017, Approving a First Amendment to Escrow Agent Agreement, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2022 for the Redemption of General Obligation School bonds, Series 2017, Dated July 25, 2017. Roll call vote was taken; motion passed 4-0.

Special Education Director/Activities Director Keegan Smith provided an annual update on Special Education.

The district received two bids to replace the roof above the wrestling room and JV locker rooms. Academy Roofing's bid was \$89,400 for tear off, replacement, and 25 year warranty; Bailey Roofing's bid was \$104,550 for the same. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Maske to approve the low bid from Academy Roofing for \$89,400; motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center in Truro. The board will meet in special session on March 30, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to adjourn; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Roger Cannoy, Board Vice-President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary