

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 2023

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023 in the High School Auditorium in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Roger Cannoy, Melissa Keller, Monica Strange, 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 Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the agenda; motion carried 5-0.

Maske declared the public hearing on the HVAC Project open. Dentlinger explained that the district received bids on the HVAC Project on March 23. No one from the public had any questions. The public hearing on the HVAC Project was closed.

Open Forum: The Board heard public comments from Greg Bedwell, Nathan Gibson, Jess Bucklin, Nick Cicero, Angie Stroh, Frank Stroh, Belinda Howard, Carolyn Boswell, Sharon Whitson, Rich Bucklin, Deann Strange, Danielle Woods, and Brayton Weber.

Beyond I-35-Education in Action: College and Career Transition Counselor Ms. Kara May, Workplace Learning Coordinator/Instructional Coach Mrs. Heather Dutrey, and Grades 7-12 Guidance Counselor Mrs. Angela Steinlage were present to explain the support services that are provided to help guide students from middle school through high school and into their post-secondary education.

The Board welcomed Ross Baughman as the student representative to the school board.

The Principals, Assistant Principal, and Activities Director/Special Education Director had submitted their written reports to the Board prior to the meeting and responded to questions from the board.

Dentlinger gave an overview of the Strategic Plan Update.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on February 27, 2023; monthly bills and financial statement; resignation from Gloria Brott (FCS teacher); contracts for Brooke Miller (hs math), Kelley Meinen (K-8 music), Pam Sereg (grade 7-8 ELA/Reading—pending K-8 ELA endorsement), Nicole Nichols (associate), Brandon Chapman (hs assistant baseball coach); reassignments for Tahra Bedwell (to 4th grade), Alex Boyle (to 3rd grade), Lexi Crozier (to 2nd grade), Kelcie Daniels (to 2nd grade), Hayli Douglas (to 3rd grade), Ali Lyons (to 1st grade), Heather Peacock (to special education), and Amy Roush (to Title reading); 2023-2024 AEA Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Matt Gillaspie from Piper Sandler was present to give a brief overview of the district's financial position.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the services of OPN Architects to move forward on long-range facilities work. Motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger presented the redistricting plan prepared by Cornerstone Geospatial Consulting which is required following the 2020 federal decennial census in order that each director district's population continue to be within 10% of the others. Motion by Keller, seconded by Strange to adopt the resolution adopting plan to adjust director district boundaries following the 2020 census. Motion carried 5-0.

Several members of the Standards Referenced Grading Team including Instructional Coach Stephanie Good and Elementary Principal Danielle Woods presented an update on Standards Based Grading.

Motion by Strange, seconded by Keller to approve the early retirement applications for Nancy Calvert, Brenda Erickson, and Tim McKinney. Motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger gave a brief overview of the Public Safety Plan which will be presented for adoption at the April board meeting.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Strange to approve the first reading of an update to Board Policy 702.2 Meal Charges; motion carried 5-0.

The district received sealed bids on the HVAC System project and publicly opened them on March 23, at 2:00 p.m. The district received one bid from Edge Commercial for \$492,800 for base bid supply of HVAC equipment and two add alternate bids to install equipment in Area A of the high school for \$811,600 and Area B of the elementary for \$479,950 for a grand total bid of \$1,784,350. Because the bid exceeded the engineer's estimated costs, ISG recommended that the district reject the base bid and alternates. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Keller to reject the bid for the HVAC system. Motion carried 5-0.

Bauer presented the highlights of the FY22 Audit Report. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Strange to approve the FY22 audit report. Motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger gave an overview of the Insurance Committee's recommendation for medical, dental, and vision insurance. The committee recommended moving to a partial self-funded plan with an increase to the deductible and out of pocket maximums with no changes to the dental and vision plans. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to approve the committee's recommendations as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

At 9:41 p.m., motion by Strange, seconded by Vonnahme to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0. The Board moved to the District Office Conference Room. At 1:27 a.m., the Board returned to the Auditorium and President Maske announced the Board was in open session.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to not renew the probationary administrator contract of Anson Bonte. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Strange to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:29 a.m.