

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

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022 in the Auditorium 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 Melissa Keller was present. Director Eddie Vonnahme attended electronically. President Jeremy Maske and Director Monica Strange were absent. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger, Board Secretary Ted Bauer, and Student Council Representative Will Borseth. Cannoy read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Cannoy declared the public hearing for the FY23 school budget open.

Dentlinger explained that the notice of public hearing was published in the March 16, 2022 *Madisonian* with a published tax rate of \$18.74251/\$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation. The tax rate has been the same for FY22, FY21, FY20, FY19, FY18 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 FY2023 certified budget closed.

Cannoy announced that the public hearing on the HVAC System Project has been cancelled.

Open Forum: No one from the public wanted to comment during open forum.

Positive Accomplishments: I-35 National Honor Society Update—Advisor Mrs. Stephanie Good, President Abbi Goering, V-P Miranda Gutierrez, Secretary Sydney Howard, Treasurer Mia Howard, and Reporter Sabryn Egli. Abbi Goering explained that NHS was started in 1921 and increases a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Recently, 11 new members were inducted into I35's NHS, giving a total of 21 current members. Service and fundraising projects include Helping Hand's Pack the Truck Night, Iron Man Volleyball, Blood Drives, Chili Dinner, Coin Wars, and Scrapbook Fundraisers.

Student Council Representative Will Borseth reported that spring sports and prom are coming up. Seniors are getting near the end of their time at I35 and he recommends that they put forth the effort to finish strong and make an impact while they are here.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared that with April comes ISASP testing and Conditions of Learning survey for grades 3 and 4. I-Ready Testing for Math and FAST testing (math/reading

screeener) will also be coming up in April. Fun and educational activities include class trips to the Civic Center or Temple Theater to see performances put on by the Des Moines Performing Arts.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that ISASP testing will occur next week. Kaster indicated that emails have gone out to students of the Senior Class outlining the important dates that are coming up through the end of the school year.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger complimented NHS on their presentation. Dentlinger thanked the I35 community for the support for Winterset and NHS for coordinating the project. Over \$6,300 was raised. Donuts for Grown Ups will be held in April. A job fair was held last Thursday. Mr. Weber was present and gave an update on long range planning for our facilities.

Cannoy called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on February 28, 2022 and the special board meeting on March 7, 2022; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment; resignations from Geoff Tessau (PK-4 principal) at the end of 2021-2022 school year, Heather Dutrey (assistant secondary principal) at the end of 2021-2022 school year, Jerry Young (hs science teacher) at the end of 2021-2022 school year; contracts for Danielle Woods (PK-4 principal), Paige McDuffy (hs science teacher), Jessica Duggins (elementary and lunch secretary), Kylie Holman (associate); reassignment for Geoff Tessau to work based learning coordinator and math interventionist along with his current technology director position, reassignment for Heather Dutrey to instructional coaching, reassignment for Jerry Young to an interventionist; renew sharing agreements with South East Warren for two years for Curriculum Director, H.R. Director, Maintenance Director, Transportation Director; retention payments for full-time teachers funded through the Department of Education's ESSER funds and payments to non-classroom certified staff including guidance counselors, at-risk coordinator, teacher leaders/instructional coaches, nurse, and part-time vocal teacher; and renewal of AEA purchasing agreement for FY2023. Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 3-0.

MS Building Goals Review: Mrs. Maggie Llewellyn (7th/8th grade Social Studies), Mrs. Jennifer Offield (7th/8th grade Math), and Mr. Zach Weilbacher (5th/6th grade Science) presented an overview of what they have done at the MS this school year to evaluate and improve student connectedness. Clubs have been implemented during first period at the MS.

Talented and Gifted Program Update: Mrs. Whitney Siefkas (K-12 TAG Coordinator) gave an update on the TAG program and how the five STEM nights targeted for grades K-4 have grown in attendance.

The district received two quotes for radios to enhance communication. Unplugged Wireless submitted a quote for \$24,475 and Electronic Engineering submitted a quote for \$36,157. Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the purchase of radios from Unplugged Wireless as recommended; motion carried 3-0.

The district received sealed bids on the HVAC System project and publicly opened them on March 24, at 2:00 p.m. The district's architect/mechanical engineering firm for the project, ISG, Inc., estimated that bids would come in at approximately \$678,000. The two bids that were received were \$1,173,600 (GTG Construction) and \$1,443,000 (Graphite Construction Group). Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to reject all bids for the HVAC System project as recommended by architect/mechanical engineering firm, ISG, Inc.; motion carried 3-0.

Dentlinger presented the tentative agreement with the Interstate 35 Support Employee Association for 2022-2023. Each employee would receive an increase of \$.59 per hour. Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the tentative agreement with the Interstate 35 Support Employees Association as presented; motion carried 3-0.

Dentlinger presented the tentative agreement with the Interstate 35 Education Association for 2022-2023. It includes advancement on step (aging the schedule), adding \$820 to the base and increasing the extra-curricular activity schedule to \$31,000 (up from \$29,000) resulting in a 3.53% salary increase. Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the tentative agreement with the Interstate 35 Education Association as presented; motion carried 3-0.

Dentlinger presented clarifying language that the Interstate 35 Education Association has asked to be updated in the agreement with certified staff including adding (1) Veteran's Day: Any employee who is a veteran of the United States Armed forces may choose to take Veteran's Day off with pay with proof of a DD214 certificate and two weeks advance notice and (2) Other Duties: Employees shall be responsible for such other duties as directly related to reasonable employee responsibilities as may be assigned by the board or its designee in an equitable manner. Each certified employee is expected to volunteer for two events/activities throughout the year. (A list of these events/activities is found in the employee handbook.) The duties that cannot be filled by volunteers will be assigned by the Board or its designee in an equitable manner among all employees including those who have already volunteered. (Those staff members who have already volunteered for ten (10) or more activities will not be assigned any more of those duties.) These may be in addition to the employee workday. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Keller to approve the updates as presented to the agreement with the Interstate 35 Education Association; motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve 3.53% increase for the Meet and Confer employees for FY2023; motion carried 3-0.

Bauer presented the highlights of the FY21 Audit Report. Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the FY21 audit report; motion carried 3-0.

During the FY23 Budget Hearing it was presented that the tax levy rate was published at 18.74251 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 Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the adoption of the FY23 Budget as published and presented at \$18.74251; motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, Dated July 25, 2017, Approving a Second Amendment to Escrow Agent Agreement, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2023 for the Redemption of General Obligation School bonds, Series 2017, Dated July 25, 2017. Roll call vote was taken; motion passed 3-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auditorium.

Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to adjourn; motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Roger Cannoy, Board Vice-President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary