

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2020

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met virtually via Zoom in special session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020 at the High School Media Center in Truro, Iowa and Electronically.

President Jeremy Maske called the virtual meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Roger Cannoy, Sara Hughes, and Eddie Vonnahme were virtually present via Zoom. Cindi Cassady joined shortly after roll call. Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger and Board Secretary Ted Bauer were at the school and attended virtually. Members of the public were also invited to attend the meeting via Zoom due to Governor Reynold's resolution to have no more than 10 people in a gathering. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Maske read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Maske indicated a correction to the agenda regarding the upcoming meeting date; it should state April 20, instead of April 13. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Cannoy to approve the agenda with the noted correction to the upcoming meeting date; motion carried 5-0.

Education Spotlight: Mrs. Dentlinger spotlighted the district office, namely Cindy Kennedy, for her work and dedication to receiving and responding to phone calls and emails from parents, teachers, and students to print materials and get the information packets to parents and students during the closure. Cindy works with a positive attitude to assist everyone and is in the office every day. Mrs. Dentlinger also spotlighted the teachers for their role in implementing the Continuous Learning Plan. Maske also thanked Cindy for all that she is doing and that her work is appreciated.

Student Representative Report: None

Principal Reports: Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that he and Mr. Tessau had a meeting at 4:00 p.m. with parents of students in Preschool – 8th grade and a 5:00 p.m. meeting with parents of students in grades 9-12 to explain the Continuous Learning Plan. He thanked the high school and middle school teachers for all that they are doing. Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau said the meetings were well attended by parents. He also thanked the teachers for what they are doing. He thanked the district office for printing materials and putting packets together for students for distribution and following up on the survey for internet connectivity by making phone calls for those that had not completed the survey. Initial results indicated approximately ten percent of the district does not have internet access. Tessau reported that an order has been placed for three Wi-Fi hotspots to be placed on buses to set up internet connectivity throughout the district to provide access. The links to the recorded meetings in case parents and students were unable to attend are posted on the district website.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs Dentlinger discussed the internet connectivity survey and how the district will plan to get the hotspots on buses so students can download materials at different locations throughout the district and work offline from their homes. The district is conducting exit interviews with teachers to learn more about our district from these employees who are leaving.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the April 6, 2020 special board meeting; internal transfers for Nicole Vogt (to At-Risk teaching position), Heather Peacock (to 6th grade ELA); contracts to Katelyn Grant (7th grade ELA) and Whitney Siefkas (8th grade ELA). Hughes noted that the minutes from April 6 stated that the board has scheduled a virtual work session via Zoom on April 13, however, it should state virtual special meeting. The meeting minutes will be

corrected before they are published. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items with the corrected minutes; motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Dentlinger gave a CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) update.

During the special board meeting on April 6, Mrs. Dentlinger explained that Governor Reynolds extended the school closures through April 30. The Board took action on March 17, 2020 to pay all support staff (essential and nonessential) through April 12. Even though there are many considerations, Dentlinger recommended that the district continue to pay employees through the April 30th closure date. If the closure continues past April 30, the issue would need to be evaluated again before a determination is made. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Cannoy to approve the continuous pay of all non-certified staff through April 30; motion carried 5-0.

The board has scheduled a virtual special board meeting via Zoom on April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary