

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 24, 2023**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 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 Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to approve the agenda; motion carried 5-0.

Maske declared the public hearing on the FY24 Budget open.

Bauer explained that the notice of public hearing was published in the April 12, 2023 *Madisonian* with a published tax rate of \$18.75212. The tax rate has been the same for FY23, FY22, FY21, FY20, FY19 at \$18.67356; Bauer 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.

Maske asked several times if there were any questions from the public attending the meeting. The question was asked if the School Resource Officer position was included in the certified budget proposal. Bauer replied yes and further explained that the certified budget simply sets the amount that the district can spend. In May of each year, the district amends the budget for the current year if it is necessary.

Maske declared the public hearing for the FY2024 certified budget closed.

Open Forum: The Board heard public comments from Bryan Arzani, Nathan Gibson, Rich Bucklin, Dan Hutton, Jennifer Baughman, Jess Bucklin, David Cormeny, and Krista Maxwell.

Education in Action: Celebrating the Class of 2023—Baccalaureate will be held on April 26; Senior Signing Breakfast on May 12 (families are welcome); Fine Arts Night on May 16; Senior Awards Night and Senior Check Out Day on May 17; Graduation Practice Walk Through with Seniors (last day) on May 19; Senior Graduation on May 21.

Student representative Ross Baughman gave his student report.

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 presented her board update including that she had taken several students to the Iowa Youth Institute, reviewed the many different ways that the district is communicating with the public, and discussed two key pieces of legislation (Senate File 391 Chapter 12 Flexibility and Senate File 496 Transparency and Parents' Rights).

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on March 27, 2023 and special board meeting on April 5, 2023; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment; renewal of Iowa LGRP contract for FY2024; contract for Lori

Howe (FCS teacher) pending approved licensure, Adam Beckel (secondary principal), Amy Maiers (ms cross country coach), Kelcie Daniels (hs assistant volleyball coach), Polly Blum (secondary interventionist), Brooke Miller (hs math teacher) – duplicated as it was already approved at the March board meeting; resignations from Margaret Llewelyn (all positions), Tim McKinney (assistant volleyball coach and head boys track coach), Brooke Layton (grade 2 teaching positions), Michelle Wheeler (computer science teaching position.); transfers Whitney Siefkas (to teacher leadership coach), Maddie Olson (to preschool teacher), and Jenny Dickinson (to TAG teacher/coordinator position). Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Keller to approve the consent agenda items as presented; Ayes: Cannoy, Keller, Maske, Vonnahme. Nays: Strange. Motion carried 4-1.

Dentlinger presented an update to the Public Safety Plan which will be made available to the public on the district website.

Motion by Keller, seconded by Strange to approve the second reading of an update to Board Policy 707.2 Meal Charges; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Keller to approve the hiring of a full-time SRO (School Resource Officer) with Madison County; motion carried 5-0. The position would qualify for operational sharing and provide a deputy serving as a School Resource Officer while school is in session.

The out of state travel-boys basketball request was tabled until the end of the meeting, as Mr. Weber was temporarily unavailable.

Dentlinger presented the tentative agreement with the Interstate 35 Education Association for 2023-2024. It includes advancement on step (aging the schedule) and adding \$575 to the base, resulting in a 3.21% increase. It also includes a four-year contract with a wage reopener every year. Language changes include (1) language on the extra duty contract, (2) language which allows employees to advance from one educational lane to another more than once per year by submitting paperwork by January 15<sup>th</sup> or September 15<sup>th</sup> each year, (3) allowing up to 40 unused sick bank days to carry forward each year, (4) teachers will be given the option to work from home on days when school is canceled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the superintendent and those that choose not to work from home on these days will be given other options to make up the missed work day, (5) updating language to reference direct deposit for employees, (6) language stating that the number of contracted days is 192 days for teachers and 195 days for new employees to allow for orientation purposes. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Strange to approve the tentative agreement with the Interstate 35 Education Association as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to increase the salaries of salaried personnel of the Meet and Confer group by 3.21% and to increase the rate of hourly personnel by 3.34% for FY24; motion carried 5-0.

During the FY24 Budget Hearing it was presented that the tax levy rate was published at 18.75212 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 Strange to approve the adoption of the FY24 Budget as published and presented at \$18.75212; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, Dated July 25, 2017, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Redemption of General Obligation School bonds, Series 2017, Dated July 25, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Keller to approve the updated Daycare Parent Handbook as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger explained that after a review of the daycare program, it will be necessary to increase daycare rates to cover the program costs. The proposed increases are as follows: (1) 4-year old increase from \$120 to \$140 per week (wrap around \$15 increase and tuition \$5 increase), (2) Before and After School increase from \$70 to \$75 per week, (3) After School only increase from \$45 to \$50 per week, (4) Summer (3 days per week) increase from \$75 to \$90 per week, (5) Summer (4 days per week) from \$100 to \$125 per week, (6) Summer (5 days per week) from \$125 to \$150 per week. Motion by Strange, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the proposed rate increases for the daycare program as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to increase the board share for single insurance coverage for teachers from \$773.89 to \$824.72 and for support staff from \$740.29 to \$800.72; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the out-of-state travel request for boys basketball to Omaha on June 9 and 10; motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Jeremy Maske, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary