

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 26, 2021

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021 at the Auditorium in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Directors Roger Cannoy, Cindi Cassady, Sara Hughes, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. Student Council Representative Will Borseth was absent. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Maske read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Motion by Maske, seconded by Cannoy to amend the agenda by moving item IV: Education Spotlight before item III: Open Forum and to approve the agenda as amended; motion carried 5-0.

Education Spotlight: Science Fair Participants—Sixth grader Ellie Vander Werf presented her project on popcorn fluffiness & ability to pop and Anna Lee shared her project on how different types of cigarettes directly affect the healthiness of the human body. Board members asked questions about each project, congratulated Ellie for placing 3rd place and Anna for getting 1st place, and thanked them for sharing their projects.

Open Forum: Tina Burkhead addressed the Board regarding the hat policy. Peg Herman, Emily Lewis, Cheri Kollbaum, Melissa Keller, Tucker Keller, Scott Williams, Heather Jelsma, Abigail Lyons, and Nathan Gibson each asked the Board to eliminate the mask mandate, making mask wearing optional. Katie Monroe and Kelsie Ritchie served on the Committee for Virtual Learning and recommended to the Board not to do virtual learning next year.

Student Council Representative Report: No report. Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared that ISASP testing wrapped up last week. Field trips to Blank Park Zoo and Living History Farms are scheduled for May. The Des Moines Civic Center will be broadcasting a performance remotely in our auditorium in May for some of our elementary students. A fire drill was held today and it went well. Third graders are preparing to publish their newspaper.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that April is a busy month. Prom was held on April 10. Baccalaureate will be held on April 28. Boys and Girls Track and Golf seasons are underway. FFA state competition brought great results. ISASP testing is almost finished. A draft of the standards-based grading will be given to the instructional coaches tomorrow, so that staff can use it at the professional development at the end of the school year.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger shared that the district has received information from a law firm representing school districts throughout the nation regarding a mass-action lawsuit against companies that sell vape. The administrative team will find out additional information to determine if it would be beneficial to join this mass-action lawsuit. Due to the shortage of custodial staff, the district will be contracting additional hours with a cleaning company until additional staff can be hired. On May 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the district will host a Job Fair to try to recruit

support staff in all departments. Dentlinger shared that the Safety Committee recently held an activity with local safety experts that discussed how to prepare for a tornado during an outdoor event such as a track meet.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on March 22, 2021 and the special board meeting on March 30, 2021; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment; resignations from Jacob Hedding (PK-6 counselor), Keegan Smith (special education director and activities director), Becky Porter (el special education teacher & ms reading interventionist, Bill Bubany (custodian), Ethan Adair (custodian), Breana Lowry (varsity volleyball coach); contracts for Jordan Wisecup (ms assistant/head baseball coach), Hayley Yong-Druivenga (5-8 interventionist), Baylie Balcaen (ms special education teacher), Tonya Donahue (8th grade English teacher), Brayton Weber (special education director and activities director); internal transfer for Brandi Moa-Lamp to 7th grade English teacher; AEA Purchasing Agreement for FY22; Driver's Education Contract with Street Smarts through August 31, 2024; Coca-Cola Contract through July 31, 2026. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger presented the results of the Return to Learn Plan survey from students, staff, teachers, and parents.

Dentlinger presented feedback from the Committee on Virtual Learning. The committee recommended that the district not explore adding a virtual learning academy to our offering at this time and focus on getting back to routines for next school year.

Rick Gray, Buildings and Grounds Director, gave an update on facilities projects in progress now and for the upcoming summer months.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Hughes to approve the two-year sharing agreement for the Maintenance Director position and a one-year sharing agreement for the Transportation Director position with SE Warren; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the retirement/severance package for Mr. David Webster as presented; motion carried 5-0.

After a discussion regarding hats and Board Policy: Dress Code 502.1, Maske asked three times for a motion regarding the first reading of amending BP 502.1. No motion was made.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auditorium in Truro. The Board will meet in closed session beginning at 5:15 p.m. Graduation will be held in the gym on May 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary