

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2020

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met virtually via Zoom in special session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 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, Cindi Cassady, Sara Hughes, and Eddie Vonnahme were virtually present via Zoom. 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.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Cannoy to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Education Spotlight: PLC Teams—Kelly McKinney and Stephanie Brown were virtually present to share their experiences during the year while participating in a Professional Learning Community (PLC). This PLC team met weekly to meet its objectives. This PLC team consisted of teachers who were not grade level specific. Raising student achievement was a primary goal.

Student Representative Report: Ainsley Maske was virtually present for her last school board meeting as a student representative. Seniors have completed the virtual graduation recording. Mrs. Dentlinger and board members thanked Ainsley for her time serving as a student representative on the school board. Bobbie Finley asked Ainsley if she felt the Senior Class would be interested in a time capsule for the senior class to memorialize the unique year that they've had.

Principal Reports: Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that the seniors have finalized filming the virtual graduation and thanked the Seniors, parents, and board members. He has started talking with teachers about curriculum to see the progress that has been made. Kaster shared that they are getting closer to finishing up on the Continuous Learning Plan. Maske thanked Mr. Kaster, Mrs. Dentlinger, and the board members for their time and commitment to put together and be present for the filming of the virtual graduation. Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared that the elementary teachers have been meeting and reviewing where they are in the curriculum process. They have worked on aligning curriculum with standards. Tessau thanked teachers and parents for all they've done for students during the continuous learning period. Tessau shared that a lot of work is behind them, but there is a lot of work ahead to develop and implement the Return to Learn Plan.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs Dentlinger shared that the fitness center has been opened. All participants must sign a waiver before their key fob will be reactivated. Students will only be allowed to use it if their parents are members and are with them. Students are not allowed to work out with coaches during the closure. The Continuous Learning Survey will be going out to parents to complete for each of their students. Dentlinger presented the results of the PLC survey completed by the certified staff. Dentlinger briefly explained the ESSER Funds and what areas the district can use them on. Dentlinger also gave a brief update on the building project.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the April 27, 2020 regular board meeting; resignations from Sam Pearson (hs English teacher); contracts to Rick Cowden (full-time custodian), Elyse Rice (hs English teacher), Kaitlyn Pietan (hs English teacher). Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items; motion carried 5-0.

Transportation Coordinator Bobbie Finley presented the fuel transportation summary report to the board.

DERA Grant and Bus Bids: Finley applied for Iowa's 2019 Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grant and the district has been awarded reimbursement of 35 percent of the cost of two new buses, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$43,750 per bus. Due to the COVID-19 and uncertainty with future funding, the district has requested an extension to buy the second bus and qualify for the 35 percent reimbursement. The district reviewed the bids that were received. Finley recommended purchasing (1) Bluebird Propane 71-Passenger Bus from School Bus Sales for \$125,902. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Cassady to approve the purchase of the new bus as recommended; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger explained that Ted Bauer and she will be working on the FEMA application so that it can be submitted.

Hazardous Pay Update: Dentlinger stated that FEMA requires a policy to be in place prior to the declaration. Dentlinger has been working on a policy that allows flexibility for future school boards and administration. The district will include a hazardous pay funding request in the FEMA application. The Hazard Pay Policy will be added to a future board meeting agenda.

Superintendent Evaluation Process: Roger Cannoy who headed the superintendent evaluation process explained that it would involve gathering feedback from district staff and the board evaluating the superintendent's performance.

Maske reminded everyone that graduation is set for May 24, at 2:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, graduation will be limited attendance (by invitation only); however, everyone is invited and encouraged to watch the parade as the graduates will be parading through Truro, then New Virginia, and finishing in St. Charles. It will begin around 3:00 pm in Truro.

The next regular board meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary