

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2022

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022 in the Auditorium in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske called the meeting to order at 6:03 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.

Dentlinger recommended amending the Agenda by adding Heather Dutrey to Agenda Item IX–E: Recommend Retention Payments Staff. Motion by Keller, seconded by Cannoy to approve the amended agenda as recommended; motion carried 5-0.

Maske declared the public hearing to amend the FY22 budget open at 6:05 p.m. Bauer explained that the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the *Madisonian* on May 11. The increase is primarily in Non-Instruction Program Expenditures (Lunch Program/Daycare) and Other Expenditures (Roof Replacement). Taxes do not change as a result of a budget amendment. There were no comments from the public. At 6:07 p.m., Maske declared the public hearing to amend the FY22 budget closed.

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

Positive Accomplishments: Third Grade Newspaper—Mrs. Tahra Bedwell, Mrs. Ali Lyons, and Mrs. Beva Lupkes highlighted the Third Grade Newspaper that was started in 1965 by former teacher, Mrs. Helen Lorenzen. Students run all aspects of the paper and sell it when it has been printed. Board members commented that they look forward to purchasing a copy when it is available and enjoy reading all of it.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared field day was held today and it went well. Tessau complimented the 4th Grade ELA for their ISASP results. The growth was 42% (from 29% in 3rd grade to 71% in 4th grade).

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that Graduation was held on Sunday and the student speeches were great. Kaster indicated that he was pleased with ISASP results. Summer School will be held in June.

Assistant Principal Heather Dutrey gave an update regarding middle school activities. Dutrey shared that the middle school students had a successful track season. Eighth graders recently attended 9th grade orientation.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger congratulated the Class of 2022. Heather Wells is preparing for on-line registration. Dentlinger shared that the SIAC meeting was held on May 16 and that ISASP Data was reviewed and upcoming challenges in education were discussed. Dentlinger and Bauer recently met with our insurance agent, Jim Lane. Property insurance premiums will increase approximately 25% in July. Dentlinger discussed the importance of renewing the district's Revenue Purpose Statement and recommended we hold a special election to get it extended from 2031. More

information will be presented at the June meeting. Dentlinger thanked the board members for their service. May is School Board Recognition Month.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on April 25, 2022; monthly bills and financial statement; resignations from Geoff Tessau, Elyse Rice (hs ELA), Makayla Briggs (elementary special education), Dallas Gilleland (hs social studies), Tanner Warrington (hs assistant wrestling coach), Brandi Moa-Lamp (head hs volleyball coach), Jesse Helton (custodian), Jerry Young (all positions), Mary Strickler (associate), Stephanie Good (NHS sponsor), Marcia Hood (wrestling cheer sponsor), Mike Stuart (track thrower coach), Nate Rankin (ms football coach); contracts for Sara Coder (grades 5-6 ELA), Kathryn Belden (hs ELA), Elizabeth Hainer (special education teacher), Heather Wells (added as technology director), Autumn Parmer (cook), Betty Dolan (cook), Monica Cormeny (grades 5-8 reading teacher), Geoff Tessau (four days of IT support), Kelcie Daniels (grades 5-8 interventionist), Stacy Henson (4th grade teacher), Austin Mustain (elementary music teacher), Jessica Reisinger (elementary guidance counselor), Sara Skinner (hs social studies teacher), Brandon Chapman (hs assistant baseball coach), Blake Bauer (assistant hs wrestling coach), Katie Klingensmith (robotics sponsor), Rachelle Palmer (associate); reassignments for Tonya Donahue (to hs ELA), Kaitlyn Grant (to grades 7-8 ELA), Brandi Moa-Lamp (to hs interventionist), Nicole Kindley (to general associate), Chris Allen (to sub-calling associate and associate); voluntary transfer for Heather Peacock (to 4th grade teacher); assignment for Heather Dutrey (to include adding work-based learning coordinator part-time). Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Keller, seconded by Strange to approve the bread (Pan O Gold) and milk (Hiland Dairy) bids for the 2022-2023 school year; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger reviewed the 2021-2022 District Data.

Motion by Strange, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the 2022-2023 District Goals as presented by the Superintendent; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Keller to approve amending the FY22 budget as presented; motion carried 5-0.

At the January 24, 2022 board meeting, support staff employees except bus drivers received a \$2.00 per hour cost of living increase. At the March 28, 2022 board meeting, full-time classroom teachers received \$1,000 from the (Governor) Iowa Department of Education's ESSER funds and non-classroom certified staff received \$1,000 retention payments through the district. Dentlinger recommended that \$1,000 retention payments be made to the remaining staff from ESSER II funds. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the retention payments as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger gave an update on the teacher shortage at I-35. The high school math and computer science positions for next school year are still open. During the work session, Dentlinger discussed several options for the computer science position and what could occur if the math position is not filled.

The Reconsideration Committee met to review a request to remove a book from the I-35 High School Media Center. The Reconsideration Committee's recommendation was to not remove the material from the library. The committee further requested that the school look into options that

would allow parents to choose (or sign a waiver) for materials to be checked out, or a way that a parent could be notified if specific material was checked out by their student, much like the email that gets sent to parents if a student uses their school computer to access certain unwanted websites. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to accept the recommendation from the reconsideration committee as presented; motion carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auditorium.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Keller to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary