

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2021

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021 at the Auditorium in Truro, Iowa.

Vice-President Roger Cannoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Cindi Cassady, Sara Hughes, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger, Board Secretary Ted Bauer, and Student Council Representative Will Borseth. President Jeremy Maske was absent. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Cannoy read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda; motion carried 4-0.

Education Spotlight: Recognition of Retiring Teachers & Staff—At 6:03 p.m., the Board moved to the High School Commons to recognize the retirees, Ramona Freeman, Jensina Jones, Julie Kordick, Dennis Meggers, Rebecca Porter, Tena Richards, and David Webster and thanked them for their years of service.

Cannoy declared the public hearing to amend the FY21 budget open at 6:33 p.m. Bauer explained that the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the *Madisonian* on May 12. Revenues and expenditures for FY21 have been higher than originally expected when the budget was adopted on March 23, 2020. Taxes do not change as a result of a budget amendment. There were no comments from the public. At 6:36 p.m., Cannoy declared the public hearing to amend the FY21 budget closed.

Open Forum: Heather Jelsma addressed the Board with a recap of the mask mandate and the importance of freedom of choice. Scott Williams and Brooke Miller expressed their concerns regarding standards based grading and the requirement to wear masks on school buses. Dr. Vincent Boom expressed concerns regarding 1619 Project. Michael Mayhew addressed the Board regarding vaccines and that they should not be required for children to attend school or activities. Nathan Gibson shared his experiences contacting state lawmakers regarding masks and discussed rural community values.

Student Council Representative Report: Will Borseth shared that some students are excited about the change in policy regarding masks and that some are concerned about standard based grading. Borseth is looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year and closing out this year on a high note.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that the secondary level has been planning professional development for the next school year. Three parent nights are planned to discuss Standards Based Grading. The dates are June 14, July 13, and August 5 and will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The same information will be presented each evening, so parents will only need to attend one of the three evenings. Graduation went well yesterday.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared that they are wrapping up the year. Tomorrow field day is scheduled for the elementary. Curriculum Director Natasha Cooper and Mr. Tessau have been going through math research and meeting with each grade level team to determine what type of professional development would be beneficial next year.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger discussed that the Return to Learn Plan must be reviewed and updated every 6 months as necessary, so that will be done in July. Dentlinger shared that she will be sending out updated information that masks will not be required on school buses, even though they will be recommended. Dentlinger introduced the district's new Special Education/Activities Director, Brayton Weber.

Cannoy called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on April 26, 2021 and the special board meeting on May 16, 2021; monthly bills and financial statement; resignations from Brandi Moa-Lamp (assistant hs volleyball coach), Stacey Kreps (5-12 instrumental teacher), Maddie Olson (associate), Tena Richards (cook), Jamie Leih (associate), Brett Douglas (20-21 hs assistant baseball coach), Mike Stuart (hs track throwing coach); contracts for Thad Tussey (K-6 guidance counselor), Dallas Gilleland (hs assistant baseball coach), Brandi Moa-Lamp (hs head volleyball coach), Danae Coleman (.5 FTE hs vocal music teacher), Brandt Payne (5-12 instrumental music); contract increase to 260 days for Samantha Gyles (daycare). Motion by Hughes, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the print management contract with PaperCut as presented; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to approve the bread (Pan O Gold) and milk (Hiland Dairy) bids for the 2021-2022 school year; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the student fees for the 2021-2022 school year as presented; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve Schnurr & Company for audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 through 2023 and the additional optional two years (2024 and 2025) as presented; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve amending the FY21 budget as presented; motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auditorium in Truro. The Board will meet in closed session beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Cassady to adjourn; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Roger Cannoy, Board Vice-President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary