

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2020

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020 at the High School Media Center in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Directors Cindi Cassady, Roger Cannoy, Sara Hughes, and Eddie Vonnahme were virtually present. Director Sara Hughes was present electronically. 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 Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried 5-0.

At 6:04 p.m., Maske declared the public hearing for the 2020-2021 School Calendar change open.

Dentlinger presented the proposed changes to the 2020-2021 School Calendar which includes changing from counting hours to counting days. Iowa Code requires either a minimum of 1080 hours or 180 days of instruction during an academic school year. With the implementation of the district's Return to Learn Plan, the number of student hours that can be counted will drop below the 1080 hours. Dentlinger proposed to change the seven days that are currently slated as Professional Development Days for teachers and make those Remote Learning Days for students. Dentlinger explained that this change, if approved, would meet the 180 days requirement and provide the opportunity to practice remote learning with all students.

No one from the public had any questions or comments.

At 6:07 p.m., Maske declared the public hearing for the 2020-2021 School Calendar change closed.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau and Secondary Principal Steve Kaster Reports: None.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger read a thank you to the Board from Mrs. Alyson Morrison, who retired in May.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the July 20, 2020 board work session; minutes of the June 22, 2020 regular board meeting; monthly bills and financial statement; resignation from Julie Kordick as instructional coach and contract for Julie Kordick as district technology coordinator; resignations from Dawn Jackson (associate), Eric Borlaug (teaching and coaching), Diana Erwin (.5 daycare associate); contracts for Diana Erwin (full-time food service), Sara Houchins (4 hours/day in food service), Michael Peterson (evening custodian), Ken Yarrington (20 hours/week custodian), Bobbie Heitink (hs media associate), Breanna Lowry (varsity head volleyball coach), Mike Stuart (ms head wrestling coach), Brandi Rose (ms special education teachers and assistant varsity volleyball coach); reassignments for Cody Swim (to hs special education teacher), Becky Porter (to elementary special education), Ali Lyons (to

grade 3 teacher); open enrollment applications. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger gave an overview of the Return to Learn Plan including the recommendation regarding the requirement for students and staff to wear face masks and/or face shields. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cassady to approve the Return to Learn Plan as presented with modifications by the Board; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cassady to approve the job descriptions for the Technology Coordinator and Health Associate as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the Elementary Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with modifications by the Board; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cassady to approve the Secondary Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with modifications by the Board; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Cannoy to approve the Certified Handbook and the Non-Certified Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger recommended the following additions and changes to board policy in response to considerations of COVID-19 and FEMA with waiving the second and third readings: (1) COVID-19 Related Policies: (a) 603 Emergency School Closing: Adds the district's Return to Learn Plan; (b) 501.9 and 501.10R1 Attendance: Updates the policies to indicate possible quarantine absences; (c) 507.3; 507.3.E.1 and 507.3.E.2 Communicable Diseases: Adds COVID-19 to the Communicable Disease Information; (d) 404.1 Employee Health and Safety: Rewrites the section on employee physicals and adds the section on communicable diseases; (e) 501.4 Compulsory Attendance: Adds section specific to COVID-19; (f) 602 School Day: Adds section about remote learning and parent choice for remote learning. (2) FEMA Related Policies: 805.1 Procurement Policy and Fraud Reporting: Adds the policy to be in compliance to utilize FEMA money for emergencies. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cassady to approve the recommended Board Policy additions and changes with waiving the second and third readings; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve increasing the Curriculum Director sharing agreement with Southeast Warren from 20% to 40% as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Cassady to approve the recommended bids for pest control (Orkin) and garbage service (TRM); motion carried 5-0.

Earlier in the meeting the Board held a public hearing regarding changes to the 2020-2021 School Calendar. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to approve the recommended changes to the 2020-2021 School Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

Dentlinger gave an update on the progress being made on the Activity Handbook. After discussion, the Board asked for additional considerations to be discussed with activity groups. The Activity Handbook will be presented to the Board in August.

The district requested bids to replace two patches of broken concrete at the south entrance of the school drive. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to approve the recommended bid from MCB Construction for concrete work; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cassady to approve the recommended bid from Travis Mechanical and Controls for Phase 2 of the air conditioning project; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the recommended changes in the job description and subsequent pay increase for the Human Resources Director Contract; motion carried 5-0.

The district requested bids to replace the steamer for the food service department. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the recommended bid to purchase the steamer; motion carried 5-0.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center and electronically.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cassady to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary