

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2021

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021 in the Auditorium in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Cindi Cassady, Sara Hughes, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Vice-President Roger Cannoy was absent. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger, Board Secretary Ted Bauer, and Student Council Representative Will Borseth.

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

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Maske read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Education Spotlight: I-35 Prairie and Garden—Sue Meggers, 7th and 8th grade Science Teacher, was present to share how the 3-acre prairie was established in 2010. Throughout her tenure, Meggers has successfully written and received grants to provide funding to purchase seeds and cover other costs. The garden was added after the prairie and it provides fresh produce as the students learn how food is grown. Before Meggers finished, she presented each board member with a pint of her homemade salsa.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present to comment.

Student Representative Will Borseth shared that the first day of classes went smoothly. He also shared his summer experience of attending basic training in Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that the staff has had a great start to the school year. New teachers started two weeks ago and had three days of training prior to an additional five days of professional development with the veteran staff when they returned. Kaster shared that the Back to School Bash went very well and thanked Rose Dickinson for organizing it. The district has arranged to have a guest speaker, Joe Beckman, come two days in the Fall, one day in the Winter, and another in the Spring. Kaster shared the Code of Conduct program and how Mr. Stuart brought it back after attending a football camp.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared that registration was a few weeks ago. Parents were able to add new students in the system when registering. The number of students registering in preschool and Kindergarten justified having 4 sections of each. Tessau was pleased with how the Back to School Bash went with parents and students visiting their classrooms and teachers. This morning on the first day of school, teachers greeted students outside as they arrived. Tessau thanked Heather Wells for getting the computers ready to hand out to the students.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger shared that the professional development over the past two weeks has been very productive and discussed that the focus is around a comprehensive professional

development plan that looks at the “why’s” and “how’s” of what we are teaching. Dentlinger said that the Back to School Bash was one of nine events that will bring families in. The Homecoming football game is September 17. To increase communication, the district will have two pages each month in the Tri-Corner Express. Dentlinger explained the COVID-19 protocols that will be followed. Dentlinger shared that teachers are in charge of team building activities this year. The district is working through the process to get bids to add air conditioning in the MS and HS areas.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on July 19, 2021; monthly bills and financial statement; contracts for Alison Ritchhart (Kindergarten teacher), Betsy Shovlain (associate), Stephanie Remmenga (head ms volleyball coach), Jordan Fitch (ms assistant football coach), Tim McKinney (HS assistant volleyball coach), Margo Bobst (associate mentor), Stacy Schultz (associate mentor), Darla Collier (evening custodian), Nicole Kindley (daycare associate), Nicole Faith (daycare associate), Cole Daniels (assistant 9th grade football coach), Nathan McKinney (full-time bus driver); William Swim (changed from ms assistant football coach to ms head football coach; open enrollment; and Buildings and Grounds/Transportation Secretary Job Description. Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 4-0.

Dentlinger gave a review of current student data.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the Preschool Handbook as presented; motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auditorium in Truro.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Vonnahme to adjourn; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary