

# **INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 25, 2023**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, on Monday, September 25, 2023 in the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Vice-President Roger Cannoy and Directors Melissa Keller, Monica Strange, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. 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.

At 6:04 p.m., the board held a reception to recognize Kenny Erwin who is retiring from the custodial/maintenance department in October and thanked him for his years of service to the district.

At 6:20 p.m., the meeting reconvened. Motion by Keller, seconded by Cannoy to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Maske declared the public hearing on the HVAC Project open. The district received bids for the MS HVAC project today at 2:00 p.m. Dentlinger reviewed the history of this project. She explained that the district had a bid letting in March, 2022 and the lowest bid received for the MS portion was \$573,000; in March, 2023 the lowest bid received for the MS portion was \$479,000. Dentlinger explained that the lower bid received today on the HVAC Project at 2:00 p.m. was from Travis Mechanical and Controls, LLC for \$270,600 (\$142,800 for the base bid and \$127,800 for alternate #1) for the MS portion. The higher bid was from Dahl Air Conditioning and came in at \$477,000 (\$287,900 for the base bid and \$189,100 for the alternate #1). During the public question and answer, Dan Hutton asked if the bids received from the past (\$573,000 in March, 2022 and \$479,000 in March, 2023) were for the same project as the \$270,600 bid received today. Dentlinger answered that this is the same middle school area and the price may be less because no federal funds will be used, so bidders do not have to follow Davis-Bacon laws. Maske asked if there were any other questions from the public and hearing none, the public hearing on the HVAC Project was closed at 6:26 p.m.

Open Forum: No one from the public addressed the Board during open forum.

Student representative Ross Baughman was present to share how students enjoyed the homecoming events—the football game, dance, fireworks.

The Principals, Assistant Principal, and Activities Director/Special Education Director had submitted their written reports to the Board prior to the meeting and responded to questions from the board.

Dentlinger presented the Superintendent report with updates on board policy work and library book information.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on August 28, and the special board meeting on September 7, 2023; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment; resignations from Kenny Erwin (custodian), Kati Silliman (associate), Sammy Ruth (associate). Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

SRO Overview: School Resource Officer, Deputy Chad Hollerud was present to share how his first month has gone and how he's getting acclimated.

The Certified Annual reports were provided electronically to board members and attached to the agenda online for the public. Reports included the FY23 Budget Crosswalk, FY23 Annual Transportation Report, FY23 Expenditures by All Funds and Individually, FY23 Revenues by Funds by Source, and the FY23 Special Education Supplement (SES), and the FY23 Balance Sheet by Fund. Bauer and Dentlinger presented highlights of these reports.

Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the FY23 Financial Annual Settlement (including the FY23 Treasurer's Report by Fund) report as presented: motion carried 5-0.

The district ran a special education deficit of \$452,125.11 in the 2022-23 school year. The district can apply to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) to be able to recoup these costs in terms of spending authority. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Strange to approve the FY23 Application to SBRC for the Special Education Deficit of \$452,125.11; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Keller to approve the low bid from Travis Mechanical for \$270,600 for the MS HVAC (air conditioning) project (as presented during the hearing portion of the meeting); motion carried 5-0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Keller, seconded by Vonnahme to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Jeremy Maske, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary