

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2021

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2021 in the Auditorium in Truro, Iowa.

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

Maske recommended that the agenda be amended to include adding Joshua Kline (facility maintenance) to the new hires. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Hughes to approve the amended agenda as recommended; 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: Introduction of New Teachers—Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger introduced the new teachers for the 2021-22 school year as follows: Brandt Payne, Band Director; Danae Coleman, Choir Director; Alex Coleman, Science Teacher; Katie Klingensmith, Ag Teacher/FFA Sponsor; Hayley Yong, MS Interventionist; Alison Ritchhart, Kindergarten Teacher; Brayton Weber, Athletic Director/Special Education Director; Tonya Donahue, 8th grade Language Arts Teacher/MS Volleyball Coach; Stephanie Remmenga, Special Education Teacher/MS Volleyball Coach; Sharon Whitson, Health/PE Teacher; Jamie Lee, HS Interventionist.

Open Forum: Kevin Steward addressed the Board as to how the additional property taxes will be used and what the district is doing to reduce spending. Andy Boyce shared that he wants the Board to continue to keep masks optional and shared his concerns about Critical Race Theory. Nathan Gibson discussed the placement of topics on the board agenda and asked if Open Forum could be later on the agenda.

Student Representative Report: No report this month.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau shared that the school year has had a great start as we enter into week four already. FAST testing has been completed at the Elementary and the data is being analyzed. The first Marathon of Roadrunners will be held this week. Fourth graders will attend an I-Cubs Baseball game as a field trip as they gather data from the game and bring it back to the classroom for some lessons. Staff is continuing to work on Standards to make sure they align with report cards. Now that the Elementary is on trimesters rather than quarters, the first reporting period will be near the end of October, just in time before the parent-teacher conferences are held in November.

Assistant Secondary Principal Heather Dutrey started by listing many of the different clubs that are now available for students in Middle School on Friday mornings from 8:15 - 9:00. At the Secondary

level, PLC (professional learning community) groups continue to meet for various topics including UBD (understanding by design) planning, aligning standards to assessments, and standards based grading. FAST testing will be held this week for students in grades 9-11. This data will be analyzed so that support may be provided where needed. Joe Beckman was here last Monday and Tuesday to talk to our students about being a difference maker instead of a difference taker.

Activities Director and Special Education Director Brayton Weber added that the special education program has added seven new staff members this school year. Homecoming was held last week and it went very well. Weber appreciated that students and staff members participated in homecoming activities. The varsity football team, 9th grade football team, and the two middle school football teams all won their games last week. Boys Cross Country won the Creston Invite. Girls Cross Country has been finishing well this year and volleyball players have been playing well. Live streaming of activities continues to be appreciated by those who are not able to attend.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger publically answered questions she has received regarding the federal judge's ruling which blocked the state's law which banned schools from imposing mask mandates. Dentlinger explained that the district will not report numbers until there are at least six positive cases in any given week and because the district follows Iowa Department of Public Health guidelines, nothing has changed as a result of the judge's ruling. Dentlinger explained that the district continues to face staffing shortages. Professional development in Math continues to be the focus as it is one of the greatest needs currently. Dentlinger attended the Rural Economic Task Force hosted by US Representatives Axme and Bustos which was recently held in Warren County. Issues affecting our district including trained staff shortages and affordable housing shortages are common among all rural areas.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on August 23, 2021; monthly bills and financial statement; contracts for Jesse Helton (evening custodian), Joshua Kline (facility maintenance); resignation from Baylie Balcaen; open enrollment; and Registrar/Student Information Systems and Activities Director Secretary Job Description. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Cannoy to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 4-0.

The FFA National Convention will be held October 27-30, 2021 in Indianapolis. Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the out-of-state trip request for the FFA National Convention; motion carried 4-0.

The Certified Annual reports had been shared electronically prior to the meeting with board members. Reports included the FY21 Budget Crosswalk, FY21 Annual Transportation Report, FY21 Expenditures by All Funds and Individually, FY21 Revenues by Funds by Source, FY21 Special Education Supplement (SES), FY21 Balance Sheet by Fund, and the FY21 Treasurer's Report by Fund.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Cannoy to approve the FY21 Financial Annual Settlement (including the FY21 Treasurer's Report) report as presented; motion carried 4-0.

The district ran a special education deficit of \$269,163.05 in the 2020-21 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 Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to approve the FY21 Application to SBRC for the Special Education Deficit of \$269,163.05; motion carried 4-0.

Dentlinger shared the list of legislative priorities from IASB. Priorities that were discussed as important considerations for our district include: Early Childhood and full-day funding for preschool, on-time funding, sharing agreements, and mental health.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auditorium in Truro.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Cannoy to adjourn; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary