

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2023

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, on Monday, October 23, 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 Monica Strange and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Director Melissa Keller was absent. 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.

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

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

Student representative Ross Baughman was present to give an update on recent events including the I35 National Honor Society has inducted five new members, high school marching band fundraiser raised approximately \$8,500 for new uniforms, and the Spanish classes enjoyed a field trip highlighting Spanish culture.

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. Count day was October 1 and the district is serving 19.75 fewer students this year. This will likely put us on the 101% budget guarantee for next year, depending upon where the state sets the SSA rate of increase (allowable growth). Dentlinger also gave an overview of the SIAC meeting and shared what was discussed. Dentinger shared the RSAI Legislative priorities that came out of the RSAI meeting that she had recently attended.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on September 25, 2023; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment; contracts for Tim McKinney (substitute bus driver), Clair Vander Molen (payroll coordinator), Paige Davis (associate). Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Dentlinger presented the first reading of Board Policies 503.1 and 503.8 (Discipline Policies) and 605.1, 605.1R, 605.2, 605.3, 605.3R1, 605.3E2, 605.3E3, 605.4, 605.5 (Instructional Materials). There will be three readings of these board policies before they are policy. Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the first reading as presented with modification to the discipline policy as discussed; motion carried 4-0.

President Maske left at 7:30 p.m. and Vice-President Cannoy presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Dentlinger presented EVAAS (Education Visualization and Analytics Solution) data which is being made available by the Department of Education to measure learning loss as a result of COVID-19.

Dentlinger started preliminary discussions regarding offering early retirement for certified staff again this year. The district has five teachers who will be at least 56 years of age and have at least 20 years of service by June 30, 2024. Last year, the Board set the criteria at 57 years of age and 17 years of service. Dentlinger recommends offering it again this year to help balance the budget through attrition. More information will be presented at the November meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Strange, seconded by Vonnahme to adjourn; motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary

Roger Cannoy, Vice-President