

**INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 22, 2021**

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021 in the Auditorium in Truro, Iowa.

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

Maske recommended amending the agenda to include adding Education Spotlight: Voc Ag/FFA. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Cannoy to approve the agenda as amended; motion carried 5-0.

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

Open Forum: Nathan Gibson addressed the Board concerning the annual designation-specifically legal counsel representation. He recommended the Board table this designation and find an attorney with more conservative views to represent the district. He also expressed concerns regarding the OSHA mandate. Heather Jelsma also expressed her concern regarding who the district has had for its attorney and recommended that the district make broad use of exemptions if the OSHA mandate were to be required in the future.

Student Representative Report: Will Borseth shared that the blood drive by NHS was a success and that upcoming winter sports will be starting soon. He gave a reminder to keep students engaged as we get closer to the break.

Education Spotlight: Voc Ag/FFA. This was tabled until the December meeting.

Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau gave a brief update of recent events including trick or treat at the end of October and marathon of roadrunners is continuing.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared that the College and Career Fair was held on November 12 and thanked Angela Steinlage and Tina Burkhead for coordinating it. Over 30 professionals and members of the armed forces presented to the students. Kaster reviewed the School Student Connectedness Survey which was done at the High School.

Assistant MS Principal Heather Dutrey shared that the middle school students held a wellness contest to encourage healthy living. Students in grades 6-12 participated in a band concert and middle school students put on a fantastic play. Ms. Dutrey shared that the middle school has been focusing on respect and responsibility to improve culture at this level.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger shared that she and several teachers and staff attended ISASP training to access data from the assessment to improve teaching and learning. The Interstate 35

Education Foundation is holding its first fundraiser event on Giving Tuesday—the theme is \$135 for I-35. Dentlinger showed where the foundation information is located on the district website. Dentlinger and H.R. Director Jennifer Baughman have been having Roundtable discussions with district employees to hear employee concerns and learn what is going well. Dentlinger explained that we continue to have substitute teacher shortages and the challenges that creates. Dentlinger shared that the district has been reviewing and will be entering into a Natural Gas Contract with our current supplier, Constellation, to lock in a price for one year to avoid major price increases that may occur during the winter. The district is reviewing board document organization—what we currently use and comparing to what else is available—for policies, board agendas, and minutes.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular board meeting on October 25, 2021; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment; contracts for Jessie Baldwin (assistant MS boys basketball coach), Marcia Hood (wrestling cheer sponsor); resignation from Don Brommel (assistant MS boys basketball coach). Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to approve the consent agenda items as presented, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the Warren County Canvas of Election Results for the November 2, 2021 school board election; motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Dentlinger presented outgoing school board members Cindi Cassady and Sara Hughes with a framed certificate of appreciation for their time served on the board. Board members commented that they appreciated their service to the district. Cassady and Hughes expressed that it was an honor and privilege to serve.

Immediately following this meeting and a short break, the Board will hold the Organizational Meeting.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Cassady to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Jeremy Maske, Board President

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Ted Bauer, Board Secretary