

INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 2020

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020 at the High School Media Center in Truro, Iowa.

President Jeremy Maske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Roger Cannoy, Cindi Cassady, and Sara Hughes were present. Director Eddie Vonnahme was present via telephone. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Sharon Dentlinger, Board Secretary Ted Bauer, and Student Council Representative Will Borseth. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Maske read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried 5-0.

At 6:02 p.m., Maske declared the public hearing for the 2020-2021 School Calendar changes open.

Dentlinger proposed that beginning on December 4, 2020 through January 29, 2021 every Friday would be as follows: (1) Grades 5-12: Virtual learning Fridays, (2) Grades K-4: In person learning from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., (3) Priority students (special education, at risk, English-language learners, students with limited internet accessibility) would be allowed access to the building and in-person teaching, (4) Transportation would be provided for students in grades K-4 and priority students who currently use school-provided transportation. Dentlinger cited that this would provide additional time for the buildings to be deep cleaned and for teachers to do additional preparations for our remote learners.

Maske asked if there were any questions from the public and receiving none declared the public hearing for the 2020-2021 School Calendar changes closed at 6:05 p.m.

Student Council Representative Will Borseth shared the importance of having staff and students wearing masks properly and that together we can all get through this successfully.

Secondary Principal Steve Kaster shared the Secondary Building Goals for the 2020-2021 school year. Improving communication between administration and staff and improving connections between staff and students are the two key goals. A literacy goal for grades 5-8 has also been established to improve reading and writing skills. Elementary Principal Geoff Tessau discussed that alignment of report cards to match standards was a priority that came out of the goals from the 2019-2020 school year. The Elementary Building Goal for the current year is that teachers will identify individual gaps and needs for each student based on assessments and design instruction based on those needs. Tessau stated that teachers will teach not only to the students who have gaps and needs, but they will also challenge the students who have mastered the material. The original goals which included science and social studies standards are still a priority, but were moved back due to the importance of addressing the learning gap caused by the closure last Spring.

Superintendent Mrs. Dentlinger shared that she has been spending a lot of time on communication since the work session and information came out from Governor Reynolds. Dentlinger has also been

working with the middle school and high school English language arts teachers who are piloting Understanding By Design, which is a goal of the Strategic Plan and how we use data to make decisions. UBD will be done in two weeks and will be implemented in the classroom after that. Dentlinger explained that the tentative date for Wildwood Retreat will be December 1-3 and all the precautions that have been put into place to keep students and staff safe. Dentlinger expressed her thankfulness to students, parents, staff and the Board. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Maske called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the October 26, 2020 regular board meeting and of the November 16, 2020 work session; monthly bills and financial statement; open enrollment; contract for Marcia Hood (hs wrestling cheer coach). Motion by Cassady, seconded by Cannoy to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cannoy, seconded by Hughes to approve the proposed changes to the 2020-2021 academic calendar as presented in the public hearing; motion carried 5-0.

School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Application: Motion by Hughes, seconded by Cassady to approve the application to the SBRC for additional authorized spending authority, for \$77,056 for an increase in open enrollment out 2020 not in Fall 2019 count; motion carried 5-0.

This board meeting will be followed by the Annual Meeting.

Motion by Cassady, seconded by Hughes to adjourn; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Jeremy Maske, Board President

Ted Bauer, Board Secretary