INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2017

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017, at the High School Library in Truro, Iowa.

President Bryan Arzani called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Directors Josh Hughes, Dan Kirkpatrick, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Director Jeremy Maske was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene and Board Secretary Ted Bauer. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Arzani read I-35's District Mission Statement and the District's Priorities.

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

Open Forum: No visitors were present to comment to the Board.

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: school will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. on December 22 and will resume again on January 3, 2018; the end of first semester is scheduled for January 12; no school for students on January 15 as it is a professional development/work day for teachers; the public is asked to not park along the entry road to the new CTE building behind the high school at any time; Fiene wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Arzani expressed his appreciation for the custodians and maintenance personnel in keeping the building clean during all the construction.

Arzani called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the November 21, 2017 regular meeting and minutes of the December 5, 2017 special meeting; monthly bills and financial statement; contract for Caleb Moore (high school co-speech sponsor) and Alex Sobotka (assistant high school robotics sponsor). Motion by Hughes, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 4-0.

Fiene gave an update on the facility projects. Construction of the CTE/maintenance building is moving along slightly behind schedule. The building should be closed in before Christmas if weather cooperates. Bid Packages for the remainder of Phase 2 (auditorium/commons area) went out on November 22 and will be opened on December 20. Footings for the fine arts center have been poured and connected to the existing foundation. The fine arts center will house instrumental music, vocal music, elementary music, and secondary art programs and will be done and ready to use for the 2018-19 school year. Fiene explained that the 2018-19 school year will have many challenges due to the construction. The estimated completion date for the auditorium, expanded high school commons, new high school entry, and expanded elementary cafeteria is August, 2019.

Arzani gave an update on the Superintendent Search. The informational flyer was made available for marketing after the Special Board Meeting on December 5 when the Board met to finalize the promotional flyer, job description, and online application form. Applications will be accepted from December 6 through January 21 and will go through the Ray & Associates' website. Preliminary interviews with the Board will occur the week of February 12. Finalist interviews with constituent

groups and the Board will be the week of February 19. Due to the confidentiality resolution, the names of candidates will be kept confidential until the finalist interview stage.

Signage will be needed for the CTE/Maintenance Building and the front of the Auditorium. Fiene asked the Board how they would like to brand the district going forward. Questions included the name to use and the design of the mascot. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that a survey should be sent out to district patrons to get a feel for what the public would like. Administrators were also charged to put together an ad hoc branding committee for the district in moving forward. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Kirkpatrick to direct the district to conduct a survey regarding district branding and organize an ad hoc branding committee; motion carried 4-0.

Goeff Tessau and Steve Kaster presented the Academic Progress Report and the Community Needs Assessment report to the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) on December 11 and shared it again with the Board.

Fiene explained the Instructional Support Levy (ISL) was approved by the Board and began during FY2016 with an end date of June 30, 2020; he recommended the Board consider renewing the ISL to extend it for an additional five years through FY2025. Another option is for the Board to take it to the voters to get it approved for an additional 10 years which would extend it through FY2030. Fiene explained the importance of this General Fund revenue to continue to provide quality education at Interstate 35 CSD. This will be presented as an action item in 2018.

Fiene reminded Board members and the public to be active in the upcoming legislative session, as State Senators and Representatives seem to listen to parents and board members more than a paid school administrator. The RSAI (Rural School Advocates of Iowa) website can provide additional information including position papers for issues that matter to rural schools. Fiene also provided a listing of legislators and their contacts to assist board members and school employees to contact them.

A special board meeting will be scheduled in late December or early January to award contracts for the next phase of construction. The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, January 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the High School Library in Truro.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Hughes to adjourn; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Bryan Arzani, Board President Ted Bauer, Board Secretary