INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2018

The Interstate 35 Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018, 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, Jeremy Maske, and Eddie Vonnahme were present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fiene, Board Secretary Ted Bauer, and Student Council Representative, Ainsley Maske. 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 5-0.

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

Fiene reported to the Board on the following items: (1) Baccalaureate is scheduled for April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the HS gym, (2) Graduation is scheduled on May 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the HS gym, (3) last day of school for students is May 25 with 1:20 p.m. dismissal, (4) the district will host an open house for the CTE building on May 6 (time to be determined yet), (5) congratulations to Max Vonnahme on being selected by Clarke Electric Cooperative to attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's youth tour to Washington, D.C. this summer, (6) a heartfelt thank you to staff for organizing the get together last Friday recognizing his retirement from I-35 and for the scholarship to be given in Fiene's name this year.

Arzani called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items: minutes of the regular meeting on March 27, 2018 and minutes of the special board meeting on April 9, 2018; monthly bills and financial statement; resignations from Gideon Fuchs (teacher), William Gilliam (substitute bus driver), Anna Johnson (teacher), Jamie Smith (associate), Marisa Waldschmidt (special education teacher); contracts for Jeff Douglas (head girls basketball coach), Nicole Reed (HS football cheerleader sponsor), continuing teacher and support staff contracts for the 2018-19 school year. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Vonnahme to approve the consent agenda items as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene gave an update on the facility projects. Work is progressing inside the Fine Arts Center. They are starting to frame walls and continuing to run mechanical lines. Weather caused delay in pouring cement in the roof, but will occur this week. If weather permits, they will be digging a large hole to bury the water sprinkling tank. The entire area by the new fine arts center will be closed for about three weeks in May. Furniture was delivered to the two CTE classrooms on April 19. Classrooms and shop area can now be used. Demolition for the auditorium and commons area projects will start when school is out. During the first part of May, a letter and map will be sent out to all parents and posted for district patrons regarding the changes necessary due to construction for the 2018-2019 school year. Fiene also presented a PowerPoint with updated pictures of the construction projects.

Freshman Seth Dickinson presented a proposal to the Board about starting the I-35 High School Progressive Club. Seth shared his ideas and vision with the Board and answered questions from Board members. Fiene recommended that this club request be approved. Motion by Maske, seconded by Vonnahme to direct the Superintendent to have the responsibility and authority to approve/disapprove club formations; motion carried 5-0.

Fiene explained that for the 2018-2019 school year, grades 5-6 and grades 7-8 will be more departmentalized to allow greater flexibility in schedule and to facilitate improved student achievement. The current plan takes two years to phase in. While the elementary principal and the secondary principal will work together in all aspects of these grades, the elementary principal will primarily oversee grades 5-6 and the secondary principal will primarily oversee grades 7-8.

Fiene explained three years ago the Board approved the Instructional Support Levy (ISL) to supplement the General Fund which directly benefits teaching and learning for the students at Interstate 35 CSD. The Levy will expire after June 30, 2020. It is important to start the process early to ensure that the Levy is in place for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 to give stability in financial planning. He explained that it is not a new tax, but a continuation of what we've been doing. It is funded by local property tax and state aid, however the state hasn't contributed to local ISL's for many years. The resolution is for up to the maximum 10% allowed by law, but each year the Board decides how much to levy from 0 to 10%. Fiene added that the ISL has allowed the district to update curricular materials in various disciplines, develop a curriculum review/alignment process, and support teaching and learning throughout the district. Hughes moved approval of the Resolution(s) to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program and to Schedule a Public Hearing as provided by the superintendent and legal counsel to the Interstate 35 Community School District; Kirkpatrick seconded; motion carried 5-0.

During the March 27 regular board meeting, the first reading of Board Policy Series 600 Curriculum was presented. Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vonnahme to approve Board Policy Series 600 Curriculum as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vonnahme, seconded by Kirkpatrick to continue the athletic training contract with the Athletic Training Room for 2018-2019 and approve the contract as presented; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve an early retirement application. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes-Hughes, Kirkpatrick; Nays-Arzani, Maske, Vonnahme. Motion rejected 2-3.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library in Truro. The agenda will include the Public Hearing for the Instructional Support Levy and the early retirees will be recognized (Tim Bogs, Randy Calvert, Sherrie Gray, Dee Myers, and Karen Reynolds).

At 7:02 p.m., motion by Hughes, seconded by Vonnahme to adjourn; motion carried 5-0.

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Bryan Arzani, Board President Ted Bauer, Board Secretary