

ISD #738
Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2017

Work Session of the School Board of ISD #738 was called to order in the Board Room at 6:01 PM by Chair Mike Higgins.

Present: Ali Kruger, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, Ben Christensen, Russ Wolter, and Mike Higgins.

Absent: Todd Smith

Also attending: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Beth Heinze, and Ehlers Financial Reps. Jodi Zesbaugh and Andrea Uhl.

Higgins opened the meeting. Mr. Swenson summarized the purpose of the meeting to discuss Technology Levy versus Operating Levy, how many questions to have and stand alone or contingent on the first question passing. He asked the Ehlers representatives to present pros & cons on Operating Referendum versus Capital (Technology) Levy.

Ms. Zesbaugh presented information on Operating Levy, Capital (Technology) Levy and the differences in tax impacts.

Operating Referendum – House, Garage & one acre for farmers, and get 28% state aid on total level, Need MDE review & comment. Very specific ballot language for Operating Referendum and a 10 year max.

Capital (Technology) Levy, more explicit description on the ballot language, 10 year max, no state aid.

Ag Tax Credit is in place moving forward giving farmers 40% tax relief

Bond Amount \$19,690,000

Tax impact scenarios

New legislative changes affect small business owner giving them some tax relief

Ehlers will get information on voter property owner tax categories

Call for a Work Session July 11th 6:00 PM in the Board room.

Mr. Higgins entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Motion by Christensen, second by Meier. Motion carried. All In Favor.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ben Christensen, Clerk