

ISD #738
Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2017

Work Session of the School Board of ISD #738 was called to order in the Board Room at 5:00 PM by Chair Higgins.

Present: Ali Kruger, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, Ben Christensen, Russ Wolter, Mike Higgins
Absent: Todd Smith

Also attending: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack, Pat Overom with ICS, Mark Lenz & Rich with MLA Architects. Business Manager Beth Heinze arrived at 5:29 PM

Higgins asked Mr. Swenson to present charts showing tax impact at various values of homes and farms.

Mr. Swenson had Mr. Overom present to the Board the HVAC change/add order which will be an added cost of \$10,951. Verbal approval for change order to move forward was given. Formal approval will be at the June 21st Board meeting.

Mr. Swenson then asked for input on tax impact charts. Discussion ensued on the history data on referendums in the area, Ag Credit which is currently included in the tax bill, tax increases with options ranging from \$6M to \$23M and scenarios adding in operating dollars ranging from \$300 to \$460/Pupil.

Chris asked for discussion on top priority items. Mr. Higgins wants to establish a way to prioritize facility upgrades and decide what direction to go by the end of the meeting. Operating levy money is tight so the administration would like to see an increase in operating dollars included in a Nov. public vote.

The Board members consensus is to go with 5 year operating levy at approximately \$300 per pupil as question one and with an additional one or two questions pertaining to facility improvements and additions.

ICS is asked to send sample ballot questions to be discussed at the June 7, 2017 Work Session.

Mr. Higgins entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Motion by Wolter, second by Christensen. Motion carried. All In Favor.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ben Christensen, Clerk