

Minutes for April 19, 2017 School Board Meeting Holdingford Public School

Chair Mike Higgins called the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 6:01PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Ali Kruger, Todd Smith, Russ Wolter, Mike Higgins, Ben Christensen, Dale Streit, and Pat Meier.
Members absent: None

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Technology Director Lance Feia and BSED Exec. Director Alicia Jepsen

Motion by Chrstensen, second by Smith, to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 6.6. Approve contract with ARVIG; 6.7. Call for Special meeting; 7.4. Approve to post for Secondary Extended Summer School SPED Para; 7.5. Approval to post for Elem Teacher; and 7.6. Approval to post for Elem SPED Teacher. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from March 15th Board Meeting and the April 5th Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$291,822.21, computer checks approved 79024-79124; approval of the district activity checks 011784-011801, which totaled \$18,882.95; approval of the electronic transfer for March \$1,761,852.02; Treasurer's report balance per books March \$3,624,933.29; approval of JH Track Coach; approval of Policy 704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets Accounting System; and approval of Policy 714 Fund Balance Policy.
On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Smith, Wolter, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, and Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Higgins welcomed fellow board members, administration, staff, and guests.

REPORTS

Alicia Jepsen from BSED presented structure of the Ed District, services available to the six member districts (Foley, Holdingford, Kimball, ROCORI, Sauk Rapids-Rice, and Sartell-St. Stephen), Special Ed finance and child counts of students served with a comparison to the other member Districts and to the State. She also explained Help Me Grow Referrals, SPED forms, Due Process, CPI Trainers, Infinitec online training, low incident services, and the Voyagers facility.

Superintendent Chris Swenson reported on May 6th Holdingford Day of Caring, upcoming meeting with SEE(Schools for Equity in Education), Legislative updates, Math Curriculum which will be delayed for one year to free up dollars for teacher positions, referendum summary data from 1995 to present and Property Tax Levy History.

BSED meeting report was given by Alicia Jepsen. She reported on Voyagers staffing recommendations, Assistant Director Position/Coordinator which will remain the same with Marlene Grindland in Holdingford, Budget, Voyager expansion needs in younger grades, policies, moving into negotiations, Infinitec usage, Due Process nights, and Advisory Council meeting update.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported on staffing, MCA testing incentives, ACES presentation by Chris Belmont, Digital Safety presentation by Jill Schmitt, Math curriculum delay, Infinitec online workshops, April Madness for grades 5 & 6, May 11th Elementary Concert K-5, May 12th Grandparents Day, May 25th Fun Run with pledges to the playground, May 30 Inflatable Party, and May 31st Sixth Grade Graduation. He also informed the Board of the Playground fundraising options in place: selling pickets, baskets donated by each classroom to be auctioned off, FUN RUN, Mr. Swenson reported that the Playground bid is out and closes on May 2nd.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported on April testing, Band & Choir contests and concerts. He thanked Debbie Binsfeld for arranging Author Jonathan Friesen presentations. Prom April 29, Parent Teacher Conferences May 1st, Senior Awards May 17th, Pops Concert May 17th, Spring Fling May 17th, Senior Class Trip May 19th, and Graduation June 2nd.

Business Manager Heinze reported on monthly expenditures for March, the revised 2016-2017 Budget, Health Insurance Bid Opening at 3:00 PM April 20, and the ongoing work with the Actuarial report.

BUSINESS

Motion by Smith, second by Meier, to approve renewal of Kemps milk contract for FY17-18. Motion carried. AIF

Ms. Heinze presented budget revisions, fund balance projection, revenue assumptions, and a summary of budgeted expense revisions. Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, to approve revised 2016-17 budget. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to authorize Bid Withdrawal with KUE Contractors due to a calculation error. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Wolter, to table Bid for HVAC renovation and Locker Room/Toilet Upgrades until April 26th Special Board Meeting. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 616 School District System Accountability.

Lance Feia Technology Director presented new primary Internet provider proposal for 2017-2018 extending for 60 months. Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, to accept intelConnect's recommendation to approve contract with ARVIG for the District's primary internet provider. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Wolter, to call for Special meeting for the purpose of following up on the Bid for the HVAC Renovation and Locker Rooms / Toilet Upgrades on April 26th at 6:00 PM in the Board Room with the work session to follow.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to accept resignation from Zachary Zierden, Assistant Wrestling Coach. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to hire Carleen Mokhtary for after school Ed Assistant. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Meier, to hire Lauren Volkers Junior High Summer School Teacher. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to post for Secondary Extended Summer School SPED Para position. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Smith, second by Meier, to post for 1.0 Elementary Teacher. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Smith, second by Meier, to post for 1.0 Elementary Special Education Teacher. Motion carried. AIF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board acknowledged donations from Standard Iron of Sauk Centre for a donation of 104 sticks of 8' flat bar for the welding class and Lakes Co-op Creamery of Perham for a donation of 500lbs of fertilizer for the FFA to use on School Gardens and thanked them for their generosity!

Special School Board April 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room

Work Session April 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room

Work Session May 3, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room

Teacher Appreciation Week May 8th-12th, 2017

Regular School Board Meeting May 17th, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the LMC

The agenda was completed at 7:38 PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen, second by Smith, Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Benjamin Christensen, Clerk