

## **Minutes for February 8, 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 6:00PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Ali Kruger, Russ Wolter, Mike Higgins, Ben Christensen, Dale Streit, and Pat Meier.  
Members absent: Todd Smith

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, and Business Manager Beth Heinze.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to approve the amended agenda. Items 3.4, 6.1, and 7.2 removed. Add items 6.3. Approve contract with ICS, item 6.4. Approve Elem Targeted Services Summer School program and budget. And item 6.5. Approve solicitation of bids for all FY17-FY19 LTFM projects. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve the consent agenda with Treasurers report removed. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Board Work Session, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and the Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$305,376.11, computer checks approved 78788-78885; approval of the district activity checks 011756-011769, which totaled \$2,651.40; approval of the electronic transfer for Jan. \$2,142,431.62; approval of Spring Com. Ed. Instructors; and approval of Policy 506 Student Discipline. On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, and Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

### **REPORTS**

Superintendent Chris Swenson recognized the Board in light of the upcoming School Board Recognition Week Feb. 20th-24<sup>th</sup> he recognized the Board with certificates & thanked them for all their time, work and dedication. Mr. Swenson informed the Board there are updated facility drawings to review. He reported on Middle School progress including: possible staffing needs, training, scheduling and programming. Some more discussion items included possible mentorship program, homeroom advisor setup, parent contact, student involvement through organizations, no title in junior high, and no gifted program in junior high. Other areas of discussion were PBIS conformity, and obtaining knowledge from students previous teachers. Mr. Swenson also noted that curriculum update in Language Arts has taken place and Math is being worked on. He also informed the Board that he has formed a book study group, they will be starting to read the book "Mind Set" and will meet to discuss the learning model.

Mr. Higgins, on behalf of the Board thanked administration for their work on the Middle School Model.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported on communication prior to winter conferences, new committees being formed to look at report card & grading scale, to look at assessment system, and the playground committee. He informed the Board of the playground renovation scheduling process and he is working on observations.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported senior progress reports have been done, online registration is happening in the next two days, that there have been some early graduation requests, and with these requests the eligibility guidelines need to be established. Mr. Silbernack also informed the Board that the Senior Class Trip will be to Valley Fair on May 19, 2017.

BSED meeting Higgins reported meeting will be Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Business Manager Heinze informed the Board of SPED reporting requirements. She is working with the SPED department on Personal Activity Reports (PARS) and SPED tuition acknowledgement statements to be ready for the upcoming requirements.

## BUSINESS

The meeting continued with the Business Manager Heinze presenting updated enrollment numbers. She presented ADM history and projections, open enrolled student numbers, total resident students, resident students served, resident students served in other districts, net increase of students open enrolled is 236 students.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve contract with ICS in the amount of \$183,000 for Project Design, Project Oversight and Management and Project Commissioning. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to approve Elementary Targeted Services Summer School Program and Budget. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, for solicitation of bids for all FY17-FY19 LTFM projects per the previously approved LTFM 10-year plan that was submitted to the MDE in 2016.

On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, and Meier.

Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

## PERSONNEL

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to hire Van Route Driver Kimberly Wunderlich. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Christensen, to approve FMLA Leave for Emily Loso starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Motion carried. AIF.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Junior High Speech night Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Theater

The Board recognized & thanked Polar for the donation of three ring binders.

School Board Work Session March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Regular School Board Meeting March 15, 2017

The Board then reviewed the proposed facility drawings .

The agenda was completed at 7:58PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen, second by Streit. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Benjamin Christensen, Clerk