

ISD #738  
Board Work Session Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2017

Work Session of the School Board of ISD #738 was called to order in the Board Room at 6:00 PM by Chair Higgins.

Present: Mike Higgins, Ali Kruger, Todd Smith, Dale Streit, Pat Meier.

Absent: Ben Christensen, Russ Wolter.

Also attending: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack, and Elementary Principal Jim Stang.

Mr. Swenson presented information on Locker Room and Bathroom updates. He entertained questions and input. The Schematics will be finished and bids sought for all summer projects.

Next the preliminary playground design was reviewed. The cost is approximately \$238,000. The original tile entrance will be preserved. Fund raising options are being discussed. Some old pieces could be sold off with closed bid auction. The next playground committee meeting will be March 6. The construction will take place mid August with grand opening during back to school open house.

The Board reviewed the facility proposals and discussed the pros and cons of several options to secure the Early Childhood / Kindergarten / Kid Zone / SPED space needs. They reviewed the proposed Ag Shop Industrial Tech expansion and equipment needs. Mr. Silbernack proposed eliminating from the proposal the old weight room conversion into classrooms, the LMC maker space, the changing rooms, and the conversion of the ITV room saving approximately \$500,000.

The Board agreed that additional Pool seating is definitely needed. The proposal would approximately double the seating capacity. This would eliminate a hallway and access to room C21. Mr. Silbernack will bring forward some ideas for that space.

The last area of discussion was the High School front entrance expansion which is needed to alleviate the congestion at events. This proposal could include a new front entrance making it obvious to the public where the main entrance is, an open welcoming commons area, relocated concession area, restrooms, a new fitness center that would be accessible to the public through memberships and a new event gym that could seat approximately 1,100 people as well as locker rooms for both girls and boys.

Other items that have been identified as a need previously were the roof replacement, secure entrances, Elementary School traffic flow and an additional bus barn stall.

The Board discussed the Farm Ag Credit. Mr. Swenson informed the Board that the legislation is still in the works and the outcome should be known by June.

Briefly the Board Goal of Public Relations was discussed they will continue to attend public events promoting the school whenever possible. Mr. Swenson added a reminder of the breakfast being held on March 31<sup>st</sup> hosting Holdingford area business owners and community leaders.

Lastly Mr. Swenson informed the Board that Jim Novak is planning the next few years prioritizing maintenance needs and equipment repairs/needs using the Long Term Facility Maintenance money.

Mr. Higgins entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Motion by Smith, second by Meier. Motion carried. All In Favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk Designee, Linda Zapzalka