

ISD #738
Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
Oct 5, 2016

This Work Session of the School Board of ISD #738 was called to order in the Board Room at 6:04 PM by Superintendent Swenson

Present: Ali Kruger, Ben Christensen, Pat Meier, Russ Wolter, Dale Streit arrived at 6:16PM.

Absent: Mike Higgins, Todd Smith,

Also attending: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernick, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Activities Director Jason Bruns,

Mr. Swenson presented Facility input from Administration and informed the Board that it is time to narrow things down and schedule listening sessions with community members and staff.

Discussion ensued on prioritizing facility needs, middle school plans, classroom space, specialist options, enrollment growth, updating needs, and cafeteria space.

Bruns added the upgrades at the surrounding schools create a need for our school to upgrade as well.

He expressed the concern of practice space for Fine Arts Activities, practice space for Junior High Teams and Locker Room congestion.

Next the Early Childhood, Kindergarten, Elementary Special Ed and Kid Zone area was discussed. Consensus was that this area needs to be expanded. With this, drop off and pickup areas will need work as well as parking.

Stang inquired about Safe to School Grant money for reconfiguring drop off and pick up. This will be researched. A secure front entrance for the Elementary is also a priority.

Discussion took place on playground needs. The Dream Catcher Playground needs to be brought up to code and rotting structures need to be addressed. There is money set aside from the Long Term Facility Maintenance Revenue for playground work.

Moving on to High School Entrance, it was determined that it is a priority to create a recognizable secure entrance/office area with break out meeting spaces that can double as activity practice spaces and Com. Ed. program spaces.

Donor discussion took place. Mr. Swenson is working to possibly secure some donations to put towards the facility needs.

Lastly a Community Center was discussed which could include a fitness center, walking track, fine arts practice spaces and practice courts.

Silbernick suggested some of the LMC, ITV, and real estate be transformed into team prep rooms.

Streit suggested compiling data on the advantages of attracting open enrollment students to present at listening sessions.

Summarizing: The Board would like to open discussion on Early Childhood/Kindergarten/Elem SPED/Kid Zone Addition, Secure Office Entrances at Elementary and High School with remodel and expansion, and a Community Center with fitness center, walking track, fine arts practice spaces and practice courts to staff and community listening sessions to be scheduled in Nov. & Dec. Mr. Swenson will get information out and in the District Newsletter.

The Board would like Drawings and to see other facilities, informal tours will be scheduled.

Mr. Swenson will contact Pat from ICS to get drawings and set up next meeting for Oct. 12 at 6:00PM in the Board room.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 PM by Wolter, second by Kruger. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk, Ben Christensen