

ISD #738
Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
Sept. 7, 2016

This Work Session of the School Board of ISD #738 was called to order in the Board Room at 6:04 PM by Chair Mike Higgins.

Present: Ali Kruger, Todd Smith, Russ Wolter, Mike Higgins, Ben Christensen, Pat Meier, Superintendent Chris Swenson, and Dale Streit, Absent: None

Higgins asked Mr. Swenson to open the discussion on Goals.

Mr. Swenson reviewed the Smart Goal Worksheet and discussion ensued on Goal #1.

Goal #1 Increase Communication & Visibility in the Community: This will be done by:

-Attending Local organizational meetings: Mr. Swenson is informally attending various meetings to get acquainted with the community groups.

The Board would like to include Student Council meetings. Mr. Swenson will get the Student Council meetings added to the calendar.

Discussion took place on the meeting dates for the month of September for the various groups.

Mr. Swenson suggested Board members try to attend one of the community meetings a month. Board members will add their name on the shared Calendar when they plan to attend a meeting.

-Attending Open House – Board members attended Open House wearing shirts identifying them as School Board Members. This was a huge success and they will continue attending various school events wearing the identifying shirts.

-New Board Member Bio's in Newsletter – This will be done when new members are elected.

-Community Relations report back at work sessions – Board members will report back at work sessions about the community meetings they have attended.

Discussion then ensued on selecting Goal #2

After a lengthy discussion on testing scores, 6 C's, Recognizing Excellence, Junior High Challenges, Facilities, and Superintendent Relations. The Board decided to focus on Goal #1 encompassing promotion of the facilities projects along with ongoing community/school relations and adding Recognizing Excellence to Goal #1.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:34 PM by Christensen, second by Smith. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk, Ben Christensen