

Minutes for April 17, 2019 School Board Meeting Holdingford Public School

Chair Ben Christensen called the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 6:00 PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Russ Wolter, Ed Feia, Ben Christensen, Mike Higgins, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, Student Rep Liz Rudser

Member absent: Evelyn Martini,

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, and guests.

Motion by Higgins, second by Wolter, to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 6.0. approve senior class trip; 7.7. accept resignation from Olivia Benkowski for Kid Zone Leader; 7.8. accept resignation from Olivia Benkowski for Preschool Para; and re-authorize Jason Bruns as teacher on special assignment. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Streit, second by Feia, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from March 20th regular board meeting and the April 3rd work session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$343,100.22 computer checks approved 82273--82368; approval of the district activity checks of 012022-012035, which totaled \$2,435.51; approval of the electronic transfer for March \$1,613,804.64; approval of Policy 403 Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees; and approval of coaching change as presented. On roll call voting in favor: Wolter, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, Streit, and Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS

Superintendent Mr. Swenson reported on roofing project, asbestos removal on drains, and construction planning day. He explained the Snow day legislation doesn't pertain since we had make-up days built in to the school calendar. Mr. Swenson informed the board the district will move forward to acquire a one day a week Chemical Dependency Councilor funded through Stearns County Collaborative Services; that administration is planning for staff placements during construction for the up-coming school year; President Ms. Wacker from SCSU is coming out for a visit on April 29th. It is Teacher/Staff appreciation week May 6-10 and the vaping information night went well.

Student Board Ms. Rudser informed the Board that Prom is April 27th and she invited the Board to attend Grand March. Ms. Rudser reported spring sports are off to a good start, the mock car crash presentation and speaker will be held on April 24th focusing on distracted driving, MCA testing is happening, and ACT is done. She also reported that vaping has decreased since locker rooms doors have been locked and citations are being issued.

Elementary Principal Mr. Stang reported on bus behavior incidents, MCA testing with reading being complete, Math testing in progress and Science testing coming soon, Summer School participants are being gathered, and Jill Schmitt will be the Summer School Principal. He informed the Board of up-coming events: Band Concerts, Choir Concerts, PTA's May Madness for students in grades five and six, and Grandparents Day which is May 10th the Board is invited to help out with the events that will take place in addition to Grandparent's Day such as the Book Fair and Plant Sale.

Mr. Swenson reported on the BSED meeting. They approved the Directors Contract with a 2% increase on salary and few small miscellaneous items, moving to a different billing model based on usage, and staffing changes,

Business Manager Beth Heinze reported monthly expenditures for March, budget work in progress, and deadlines for supply orders for existing year and capital expenditures for next school year. Supply budgets will be increased 1-2% in for next school year. She informed the Board the District received a School Finance Award for the 2nd year in a row! The Board congratulated and thanked Ms. Heinze!

BUSINESS

Mr. McDonough, a senior class advisor presented information on the proposed senior class trip. It is scheduled for May 22nd at the Mall of American Water Park Great Wolf Lodge and Minnehaha Falls Park. A motion to approve the senior class trip as presented was made by Higgins, second by Meier. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Swenson summarized the 3's Preschool Handbook. Feia made a motion, second by Wolter to approve Preschool 3's School Readiness Parent Handbook. Motion carried. AIF.

Ms. Heinze explained milk bids are sought out every third year. Motion by Meier, second by Wolter for approval to seek milk bids. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Higgins, to call for a Special Closed Meeting to follow the May 1st Work Session to discuss negotiation strategies. Motion carried. AIF.

Ms. Heinze summarized changes to update to current laws. Motion by Meier to approve revisions to ISD #738 Holdingford, MN Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures and to approve Policy 705.1 ISD #738 Holdingford MN Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy with revisions as presented second by Feia. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to approve the Resolution Adopting Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy for Tax-exempt and Tax-advantaged Governmental Bonds. On roll call voting in favor: Wolter, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, Streit and Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Heinze summarized the Actuarial Contract, which is required to be completed every two years. Motion by Wolter, second by Meier, to approve the Actuarial Agreement for Consulting Services in the amount of \$5,900 for FY19 and \$800-\$1,000 for FY20. Motion carried. AIF.

The Board acknowledged the Treasurer's Report as of March 2019 with a balance of \$14,699,536.29 that includes bond proceeds.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Wolter, second by Streit, to hire Jill Schmitt for Summer School Principal. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Higgins, to approve FMLA Leave for Jennifer Skwira from approximately 8/26/2019 to 10/11/2019. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Wolter, to approve FMLA Leave for Emily Loso from approximately 8/26/2019 to 11/15/2019. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit second by Higgins, to hire .3 LA Teacher Ronald Makela at MS30 Step 17. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to hire .8 LA Teacher Jessica Mueller at BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Streit, to approve to post for Summer Cleaners. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Higgins, to accept resignation from Olivia Benkowski, Kid Zone Leader with her last day being April 26th, 2019. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second by Wolter, to accept resignation from Olivia Benkowski, Preschool Para with her last day being April 26th, 2019. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, Second by Higgins, to approve re-authorization of Jason Bruns as Teacher on Special Assignment of Activities Director and Dean of Students for the 2019-2020 School Year. Motion carried. AIF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POC meeting April 18, 2019 @ 3:30 PM in the board room

Board Work Session May 1, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the board room

Special Board Meeting May 1, 2019 following Work Session in the board room

Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

The agenda was completed at 6:55 PM with a motion to adjourn by Streit, second by Higgins. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dale Streit, Clerk