

Minutes for August 17, 2016 School Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 was called to order at 6:00PM in the LMC by Chair Mike Higgins.

Pledge was recited.

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

Members absent: None

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

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve the agenda with Item 6.3 being pulled. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from July 20 Board meeting & the August 3 Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$506,210.77; Computer checks approved 77887-78027; approval of the district activity checks 011705-011711, which totaled \$7,075.51; approval of the electronic transfer for July \$910,813.91 Treasurers report balance per books is \$1,652,501.40; approval of Fall Coaches; Secondary Annual Report; approval of Policy 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources; approval of Policy 413 Harassment & Violence Policy with report form; approval of Policy 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse; and approval of Health Office Assistant contract revision.

On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Smith, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Chris Swenson reported George Holt was brought in for a one day consultant to evaluate the MARSS reporting throughout the district, library skills, ICS meeting, back to school in-service, new SPED Coordinator through BSED is Marlene Grindland, new website is up and running, the address is ISD738.org, and he presented elementary enrollment numbers.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported on back to school preparations, summer cleaning, Open House, 7th grade orientation, math workshop. He also updated the Board on new student enrollments.

Mr. Silbernack then informed the Board that he and Mr. Stang attended the assessment conference and found the same tests to be in place for this school year. Mr. Silbernack then presented testing data and comparisons to conference and other local schools.

BSED meeting Higgins reported on new Executive Director in place, Sauk Rapids Rice Liaison Officer is also working with Voyagers, Annual SPED meeting in District Sept. 13th.

Business Manager Heinze reported on updated budget and expenditures through June 30th, Audit, which is scheduled the week of Sept. 26th, and FY17 expenditures through July. She also informed the Board that cash flow barrowing would not take place until part way through the year.

Lynn Nelson presented Preschool Survey Data from families involved. 49 surveys completed out of 60 families. Julie Primus reported on changes to 4-year-old program.

The Pre-Sale Report for Independent School District #738 \$1,700,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2016A was reviewed. Ms. Heinze entertained questions.

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve the Resolution Relating to \$1,785,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2016A; Stating Official Intent to Proceed with and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale Thereof and Providing for Credit Enhancement with Respect Thereto.

Voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Smith, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier. Voting against the same: none. Motion carried.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 520 Student Surveys; first reading of Policy 529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior Students; and first reading of Policy 705.1 Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Attachment A, Procedures for the District.

Mr. Swenson presented teach sub pay comparisons over the last three years and new estimated costs.

Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, to approve Teacher Sub pay increase as presented.

Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Wolter, to approve Support Staff subs pay increase: Food Service grade III to \$9.50 and Cafeteria/Playground staff to \$9.50. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Swenson introduced and recommended hiring Jill Schmitt for the Technology Integrationist/Gifted & Talented Teacher. There was a motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to hire Jill Schmitt for Technology Integrationist/Gifted & Talented Teacher at MS30 Step 15. Motion carried. AIF.

Ms. Primus, Early Childhood Coordinator introduced and recommended hiring Alexandra Szczech for School Readiness/Family Education Teacher. There was a motion by Christensen, second by Wolter, to hire Alexandra Szczech for ECSR/ECFE Teacher at BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Announcements:

Upcoming Calendar of events

September 7th 6:00 PM Board Work Session in Board Room

Board Work Session September 21, 2016 @ 5:00 PM in the Board Room.

Regular Board meeting September 21, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

Agenda completed at 7:02PM a motion to adjourn was made by Smith, second by Christensen. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Benjamin Christensen, Clerk