

## Minutes for February 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, Ben Christensen, Dale Streit, Pat Meier.

Members absent: Todd Smith

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Principal Brian Silbernick & Business Manager Beth Heinze.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the amended agenda. Amend Item 7.1 to hire Virgil Stich as Night Lead Custodian at Grade 7 Step 5 retroactive to Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Jan. 19, 2016 Board work session, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting & Feb. 3, 2016 Board work session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$242,358.49. Computer checks approved 77168-77279; approval of the district activity checks 011617-011626, which totaled \$5,389.99; approval of the electronic transfer for January \$2,106,764.92; Treasurers report balance per books is \$1,534,331.25; Business Managers report on monthly expenditures; and approval of Spring Com. Ed. Instructors.

On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier.

Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Report: Chris Swenson reported on Cabinet meeting, he is asking Adm. staff to develop stakeholder surveys to be used as a tool for self improvement. Mr. Swenson informed the Board that Val Pilarski, retired Head Maintenance/Custodian came in to walk through the School with Jim Novak for Novak to gain knowledge of the building. He reported on Software that is available to help track routine Maintenance for IT & Custodial, on Shadow a Student Week, Mr. Swenson plans to be a student for a day. Lastly Mr. Swenson recognized the Board with Certificates and words of appreciation!

Student School Board Representative Maddie Higgins reported on Girls Basketball, their record is 12-11, on Boys Basketball their record is 17-7, on Wrestling they are heading into Ind. Sections. She also reported the Senior High One Act is completed, NHS has been fundraising for the local Food Shelf, Student Council Blood Drive is coming up, and she gave an update on the FFA contests. Lastly she informed the Board that the Accuplacer testing is complete and students are registering for next year's classes.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernick reported the school year is Mid way through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up, Senior progress letters are out to students/parents needing credit recovery to graduate. He also reported on the registration process, he is putting numbers together to determine course offerings that fit into the master schedule to help determine the budget and staffing needs, capital needs will be prioritize by staff and the Senior Class Trip is scheduled for May 13at Arrowwood in Alexandria. Lastly Mr. Silbernick informed the board that the MDE Student Survey will be administered to grades 8, 9, & 11 on March 3 and to grade 5 on March 17, the data does come back to the school and is helpful in determining needs.

Testing update Mr. Silbernick reported MCA practice tests are complete and MDE is updating test formats again.

Elementary Principal report given by Mr. Swenson He reported on February I Love to read month activities, March 1<sup>st</sup> Library Night, March 10 Kindergarten Round up and he congratulated Mark Buchholz, Spelling Bee Champion!

BSED Higgins reported 7.5% increase for Teaching Staff was passed for 2 years. Board meeting time is change to 3:30 PM, Director Search work continues the interviews will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and SPED Summer Institute classes for teachers to gain continuing ed. credits will be open to Holdingford staff.

Next Beth Heinze presented information on Open Enrollment student history, Students living in District & attending here and those served elsewhere. The Board asked for more information that Ms. Heinze will present at a future meeting.

Motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to approve Achievement & Integration Revenue Budget for FY17. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire Virgil Stich as Night Lead Custodian at Grade 7 Step 5, retroactive back to Nov. 30, 2015. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire Debbie Disher for Technology Integrationist LTS on a part-time basis at daily sub rate of pay. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire Alexandra Szczech ECFE LTS Teacher from approximately 4/16/16 to 5/11/16 @ BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to hire Brenda Payne for Homebound Teacher for up to 5 hours a week at professional rate of \$27/per hour. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Kruger, to accept letter of resignation/retirement from Frank Gosiak, Secondary Art Teacher. Motion carried. AIF. With Thanks for his 15 years of service with the District.

Announcements:

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Session 6:00 PM in the Board Room

Agenda completed at 7:22 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Christensen, second by Kruger. Motion carried. AIF.