

Minutes for February 27, 2019 School Board Meeting Holdingford Public School

The Feb. 20th meeting was postponed due to weather. Meeting held February 27, 2019.

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

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Ed Feia, Ben Christensen, Mike Higgins, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, Student Rep Liz Rudser arrived at 6:09 PM.

Member absent: Russ Wolter

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, Elementary Principal, Jim Stang, Deputy Eric Schultz, Dean of Students Jason Bruns and guests.

Motion by Mike, second by Pat, to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 6.8. Accept donation from Holdingford Lioness; 6.9. Accept donations from Husker Athletic Booster Club; 6.10. Approve Bus Lease; 7.8. Approve Lane Change for Joy Swanson, 7.9. Adopt Resolution Relating to Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of a Probationary Teacher; 7.10. Authorization to hire Math Teacher; 7.11. Authorization to hire LTS Art Teacher; 7.12. Accept request from Custodian to be reassigned. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Feia, second by Martini, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Jan. 14th regular board meeting and the Feb. 6th work session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$216,745.81 computer checks approved 82040--82118; approval of the district activity checks of 011993-012013, which totaled \$12,697.08; approval of the electronic transfer for Jan. \$1,610,066.75; the Treasurer's report balance per books for the month of January 2019 \$3,376,492.39; approval of spring Community Education Instructors.

On roll call voting in favor: Martini, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, Streit, and Meier.

Voting against the same: None.

Motion carried.

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

Citizen participation: James Taylor spoke about a recent incident including Cyber Bullying.

REPORTS

Deputy Schultz reported on area schools procedures for handling vaping issues and possession of vaping products. Citations can be issued. Ms. Safran spoke on Policies for Holdingford School and other area schools. Mr. Bruns spoke on the consequences. Ms. Safran added she would like to see mandatory counseling on first offense required. Mr. Swenson added that our staff is doing a great job handling the new vaping issues and the district will continue to be proactive and revisit the concerns periodically.

Superintendent Mr. Swenson presented certificates for School Board Appreciation Week and Thanked the Board for all their efforts, leadership and time! He reported budgeting for next year is being worked on and that negotiations will soon be starting with the various groups.

Student Board Ms. Rudser reported on winter sports Alex Lange and James Welle are going to State in Wrestling, Dancers finished their first season on a good note, and the Basketball Teams are heading into

playoffs. Ms. Rudser spoke on vaping from a students respective. She feels students need more education on vaping and health consequences. Ms. Safran explained that she is having curriculum added to the health classes for next year and will set up an anonymous forum for input from students.

Secondary Principal Ms. Safran reported mid-quarter is this week, parent teacher conferences had nice turn out, she informed the board that the MN Student Survey and class registration is complete, she will now be working on Master Schedule. Ms. Safran gave staffing updates on Social Studies, Math and LTS for Art. She thanked the PBIS Team for their efforts in the first year. Ms. Safran announced the Wrestling send off for State Entrants. ACT testing is on April 2nd and MCA's will be starting soon.

Elementary Principal Mr. Stang reported on testing season, RTI, parent teacher conferences, Kindergarten information meetings scheduled for March 11th. He talked about summer school, he thanked all those involved with the Winter Walk event and all the volunteers who help with the Com. Ed. Elementary programs. Lastly he thanked the Board for all they do!

BSED Report: Ms. Martini reported on her first BSED meeting. She reported items discussed were adding a Para position to the Frontiers Program, Early Intervention, annual review of bylaws, approval of calendar with make-up days, approval of revised budget and that she will be meeting with Ms. Grindland to learn more about the BSED. Mr. Swenson reported that different options with the Director and Assistant Director positions are being considered.

BUSINESS

Motion by Streit, second by Meier, to approve Board committee assignments. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Martini, to approve the Pay Equity Implementation Report. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals; first reading of Policy 602 Organization of the School Calendar and School Day; first reading of Policy 604 Instructional Curriculum and the first reading of Policy 611 Home Schooling.

Mr. Swenson updated the Board on construction progress. A community meeting was held with favorable feedback the POC meeting was held on Thursday morning and he will be meeting with various staff groups to update them on the planning process.

Motion by Meier, second by Higgins to accept the donation from Holdingford Lioness Club for \$350 for the Lunch Buddies Program with many thanks for the generous donation! Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Meier, to accept the donation from the Husker Athletic Booster Club for \$26,900 with many thanks for the continuous support the Booster Club provides to the School District! Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Martini, to approve the Bus Lease to Own contract with Hoglund Bus Co., Inc. for two Buses on five year contract at \$20,185 per year per bus. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to hire Ashley Koester Social Studies Teacher for the 2019-2010 school year at MS Step 7. Motion carried.

Motion by Feia, second by Streit, to accept retirement resignation from Barb McClure effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school contract year. With many thanks to Ms. McClure for her 24 years of service with the District! Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Higgins, to accept retirement resignation from Karen Wood effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school contract year. With many thanks to Ms. Wood for her 39 years of service with the District! Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Higgins, to accept retirement resignation from Carol Freed effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school contract year. With many thanks to Ms. Freed for her 36 years of service with the District! Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Stang thanked the retirees for their dedication to the students of Holdingford and noted that their 99 years of experience will be missed!

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to accept the resignation from Shelley Vouk Food Service employee effective 2/1/2019. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Higgins, to hire Judy Lashinski Food Service position at Grade 3 Step 0 for 2.75 hours a day on student session days. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Martini, to hire Rylee Friedrich Kid Zone Assistant at step one of the Kid Zone Support Staff scale. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Streit, to approve Lane Change for Joy Swanson from MS15 to MS45 to be effective at the end of 3rd quarter. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Probationary Teacher, Kelly Santini. On roll call vote voting in favor: Martini, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, Streit, and Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Higgins, second by Streit to hire Chad Haugen Math Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year at MS Step 8. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second by Martini to hire Melissa Gohman LTS Art Teacher from approximately 4/44/2019 through 5/31/2019 at BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Streit to accept request from Virgil Stich to be reassigned to a night custodian pending successful hiring of a Night Lead Custodian. Motion carried. AIF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Regular Board Meeting March 20, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

Chair Christensen thanked all the Bus Drivers on Bus Driver Appreciation Day for getting the children to and from school safely no matter the road conditions!

March 30 FAN Club Dinner Show and Silent Auction Fundraiser

The agenda was completed at 7:24 PM with a motion to adjourn by Higgins, second by Feia. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dale Streit, Clerk