

Minutes for February 19, 2020 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 6:00PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Ed Feia, Ben Christensen, Lori Opatz, Rob Knettel, and Pat Meier. Members absent: None.

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Kid Zone Leader Megan Asperheim, Com. Ed. Director Kendra Posch, and Luke Selken with ICS.

Motion by Feia, second by Knettel, to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 6.0A. Approval of the building project furniture purchase contract; 6.0B. Approval of Hallway 1 Locker replacement contract; 6.0c. Approval of Bus Bay lighting replacement contract; 7.6. Authorization to eliminate the Paraprofessional Technology position and create a new position "Learning and Mobile Technology Support position and hire Jennifer Sandstrom for this position. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Martini, second by Opatz, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Jan. 8th regular board meeting and the Feb. 5th work session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$551,560.96 computer checks approved 83800--83967; approval of the electronic transfer for Jan. \$2,671,418.39; the Treasurer's report balance per books for the month of December 2019 12,599,599.38, January 2020 \$11,580,504.10; approval of spring Community Education Instructors; Accept donations of \$15,000 in 11/2019 and \$18,720 in 12/2019 from the Husker Athletic Booster Club; approve Policy 616 School District Accountability; approve lane change for Tara Wolford from BS30 Step 5 to MS Step 5 effective 1/20/2020; authorization to hire Ashley Berscheit as LTS Food Service Assistant for 2.75 hours/day from 3/19/2020-4/30/2020 at a step 0; authorization to hire Melyssa Sakry as LTS for Gena Larson SPED Teacher from 5/1/2020 to the end of the school year; authorization to hire Robert Edwards for Mid-day Van Route Driver effective 1/31/2020.

On roll call voting in favor: Martini, Ebnet, Feia, Christensen, Opatz, Knettel and Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS

Building Update- Mr. Selken updated the Board on the construction project. He summarized the change orders pertaining to item 6.6. Roof Structure Demolition \$9,461, Casework Revisions \$2,647, Corridor Locker Height credit of \$910, Structural Revisions \$4,169, and Elementary Additional Winter Conditions charges \$61,841. Mr. Selken reported that with the change orders the project is under budget. He added that the steel will start going up on the Secondary front entrance next week and the Elementary classrooms are progressing on schedule.

Superintendent Mr. Swenson reported he is meeting with Admin. Staff as they update their growth plans, he will be spending a day at the Legislature to meet with local legislatures, he will be meeting with Mr. Novak discussing cleaning routes, and the Tech staff is taking a clock inventory to determine clock system replacement. Mr. Swenson on behalf of the Administration gave Husker Tumblers to the Board Members in appreciation for their work on the Board. He thanked them for all their efforts, leadership and time!

Elementary Principal Mr. Stang reported on the state convention he attended. The focus was on three key topics: Social Emotional Learning, and Tiered Learning and Adverse Childhood Experiences. He informed the Board the Elementary already has programs in place dealing with all three topics. Mr. Stang also shared the staff had a ton of fun participating in the Lego Building Event to engage in Team Work. He reported on Summer School plans to change to project based learning under the direction of Ms. Schmitt, Kindergarten Round-up coming in early March, and updated the Board on the School of Excellence application process.

BSED Report: Ms. Martini reported items covered at the meeting were 18-19 rebates for distribution to member districts, setting four facility additional space, handle with care training implementation, and revised budget.

Business Manager Ms. Heinze summarized Dec. and Jan. expenses, and reported on the MSBO Conference where she learned about the LTFMP form changes. The changes are to add account codes to break down and track how Districts are spending the LTFM money. The Legislature is requesting the additional data.

BUSINESS

Mr. Swenson explained the process with staff to determine wants and needs for the new elementary classrooms and front entrance commons area. This is the bulk of the furniture order and is well under budget.

Motion by Feia, second by Ebnet, to approve the building project furniture purchase from Innovative at a total cost of \$94,106.38. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Opatz, to approve the contract for existing high school hallway 1 locker purchase, removal and installation with Breitbach at a total cost of \$39,916. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second by Ebnet, to approve the contract with Liberty Electric to upgrade to halogen lighting in six of the existing bus bays at a total cost of \$1,930. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Martini, second by Knettel, to approve Board Committee Assignments. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Swenson explained the Achievement & Integration Grant is renewed every three years and it mainly consists of 4 goals that are aligned with the Worlds Best Work Force Goals. The goals are met in classes that are offered. Motion by Feia, second by Opatz, to approve the Achievement & Integration Plan & Budget. Motion carried. AIF.

Ms. Asperheim presented the plan to accommodate more students in the Summer Kid Zone program. Com. Ed. Director Kendra Posch added that the program is full with a waiting list and with the expansion they will be able to accommodate all the students on the waiting list.

Motion by Martini, second by Ebnet, to approve the Summer Kid Zone Expansion. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Martini, second by Knettel, to approve the three-year contract with BerganKDV, LTD for the District Annual Financial Audit. 2020 \$17,300, 2021 \$18,150, & 2022 \$19,100. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Feia, to adopt the Resolution Directing The Administration To Make Recommendations For Reductions In Programs And Positions And Reasons Therefor. Procedural at this time. On Roll call voting in favor: Martini, Ebnet, Feia, Christensen, Opatz, Knettel, and Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second by Knettel, to approve the Building project change orders totaling \$77,208.00. presented earlier in the meeting by Mr. Selken. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first readings of Policy 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds, state mandated changes; Policy 534 Unpaid Meal Charges &

Procedure, new required policy the district doesn't have a large unpaid meal charge problem; Policy 601 School District Curriculum and Instructional Goals, adds dyslexia screening and reporting; and Policy 603 Curriculum Development, which also adds dyslexia screening language.

Mr. Swenson recommended increasing the Secondary Administrative Assistant hours to 8 hours a day. This is effective 2/24/2020. Motion by Feia, second by Opatz to authorize increasing Secondary Adm. Assistant to eight hours/day. Motion carried.

Motion by Meier, second by Martini, to approve Medical Leave of Absence for Bonita Welinski Food Service Employee from 3/19/202-4/30/2020. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Knettel, second by Opatz, to approve a three-year Medical Leave of Absence for Secondary Counselor Deborah Ruszat effective 5/28/2020 to the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second by Knettel to approve a three-year Leave of Absence for SPED Teacher Shawn Jennings beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried. AIF. There is an option to return after each year but must notify the district by Feb. 1 of each year.

Motion by Meier, second by Ebnet, to hire Sara Jensen for Speech Language Pathologist at MS Step 3 to start at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Swenson explained how this position has evolved with the changes in technology. Motion by Meier, second by Knettel to eliminate the Paraprofessional Technology position and create a new position "Learning and Mobile Technology Support position and hire Jennifer Sandstrom for this position. Motion carried. AIF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Work Session March 4, 2020 @ 6:00 PM in the board room

Regular Board Meeting March 18, 2020 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

The agenda was completed at 7:17 PM with a motion to adjourn by Martini, second by Ebnet, Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Evelyn Martini, Clerk