

## **Minutes for July 20, 2016 School Board Meeting**

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 was called to order at 6:01PM in the LMC by Chair Mike Higgins.

Pledge was recited.

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

Members absent: Todd Smith

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

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the amended agenda. Items added 6.0. Ten Year Facility Plan; and 6.9. FFA to sell Tractor Raffle tickets at Football games. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Wolter, second by Christensen, to approve consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from June 15 Board meeting & the June 29 Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$309,494.30; Computer checks approved 77770-77886; approval of the district activity checks 011685-011704, which totaled \$22,560.26; approval of the electronic transfer for June \$675,471.47 Treasurers report balance per books is \$2,787,910.01; and approve Health Office Assistant Revised Agreement.

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, presenters and guests.

Superintendent Report: Chris Swenson reported on Tech Integration position and alternative plans, Crisis Team follow up meeting with Principals, Fall In-service Ed Camp Model, and Civic Organization Calendars.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported on Summer School, ACT testing reimbursement, summer cleaning, and student handbook changes.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported on summer cleaning, summer school, summer transportation, technology, and hiring.

BSED meeting canceled

Business Manager Heinze reported the budget is preliminary and the final numbers will come after the audit.

Ehlers Financial Advisors presented options to maximize the use of the Long Term Facility Maintenance Funding.

The revenue is provided by a significant state equalization aid and property tax levy. The intention for the new funding is to remain tax neutral, to accomplish this other sources of current revenue are rolled into this funding. The District Ten-Year Plan needs to be submitted by July 31, 2016. To maximize the use the recommendation is to use a combination of pay as you go and bonds for larger projects. Resolution will be in August. This type of program has no impact on the general fund balance.

ICS representative presented the Facility Maintenance Project Timeline. After they did an analysis of the current facilities it was determined that there are many items and areas that need attention. Their recommendation is to start with items in the following categories: Site Projects; Building Envelope; Building Hardware and Equipment; Interior Surfaces; Mechanical Systems; Plumbing; and Electrical. The detailed plan is on file in the District Office. At the end of the Board discussion there was a motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve the Ten (10) Year Facility Plan as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Swenson presented substitute teacher pay comparisons. The Board will consider an increase at the August meeting.

Mr. Swenson informed the Board that the All Day Pre-School Grant has been submitted. The awards will be given out in August.

Julie Primus, Early Childhood Coordinator presented information on All Day Preschool for 4 year olds. This would be an opportunity to pilot a new program. Ms. Primus entertained questions. Discussion ensued on positive outcomes and benefits of offering all day preschool for four year olds. After a lengthy discussion there was a motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to move forward with two sections of all day four year old preschool and one half day option as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to approve Policy 401 Equal Employment Opportunity. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve Policy 402 Disability Nondiscrimination. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Christensen, to approve Policy 410 Family and Medical Leave. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources; first reading of Policy 413 Harassment and Violence Policy and Report Form; and first reading of Policy 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse.

Motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to approve FFA to sell tractor raffle tickets at football games. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to accept resignation from Paige Hanenburg, Elementary Art Teacher. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Stang recommended hiring Stephanie Talberg for the Elementary Title and PE Teacher. There was a motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to hire Stephanie Talberg for Title/PE Teacher at BS15 Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Silbernick recommended hiring Zach Zierden for ALC Instructor. There was a motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to hire Zach Zierden for ALC Instructor at .2 contract overload. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Stang recommended hiring Katrina Heringlake for Elementary Art Teacher. There was a motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to hire Katrina Heringlake for Elementary Art Teacher at BS Step 5. Motion carried. AIF.

Announcements:

Upcoming Calendar of events

Board Work Session August 3, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

Regular Board meeting August 17, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

Agenda completed at 7:40 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Christensen, second by Streit. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Benjamin Christensen, Clerk

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Clerk Signature

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Date

Notorized this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016