

## **Minutes for July 17, 2019 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 6:00 PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Russ Wolter, Ed Feia, Ben Christensen, Mike Higgins, Dale Streit and Pat. Member absent:

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Secondary Principal Angela Safran and Technology Director Lance Feia.

Motion by Higgins, second by Wolter, to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 5.2 Secondary Principal report correction; 6.8. Approve Quote from Marco for sound systems; 7.4. Approve fall coaches; 7.5. Accept resignation from Amber Barthel; 7.6. Approve Aquatic and Kid Zone Staff annual pay increases. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from June 19<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$1,701,035.61 computer checks approved 82639--82797; approval of the district activity checks of 012068-012076, which totaled \$4,875.10; approval of the electronic transfer for June \$2,108,080.56; acknowledgement of the June Treasurers Report; approval of 2019-2020 Student Activity & District Fee Schedule; and approval of additional Elementary Summer School Staff.

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

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

### **REPORTS**

Superintendent Mr. Swenson reported on progress of the roof, a few issues in Elem Media Center corrections have been made, replacement fans are incorrect this is being dealt with, and the Bus Garage addition may need to have a cement floor this is still being determined. He also informed the Board staff relocations are in progress, the signage to direct students staff and visitors is being figured out, parking lot may need revamping to accommodate extra traffic, and the bid will be in the paper next week with approval in August. Lastly Mr. Swenson asked for input on the District planning process. Consensus is to move forward with developing a Portrait of a Graduate. This can either be done by hiring a private consultant to guide the process or through MREA. Mr. Swenson will gather more information on costs and formats and bring back to the Board. He also thanked the summer cleaning crew for their hard work!

Elementary Principal Mr. Stang reported on Summer School where kids are excited and having fun exploring and learning, elementary enrollment is at 562, new staff members are starting to stop in and prepare their classrooms, and he is pleased to be recommending Carrie Cremers for the new Social Worker.

Secondary Principal Ms. Safran reported on Summer School, secondary enrollment that is currently up 12 students, and the Secondary Social Worker position has been reposted. Her assessment report consisted of a draft of the testing schedule and she reported 2018-2019 test results will be released Monday.

BSED did not meet Mr. Swenson reported negotiations are on-going and that the new Coordinator was out to Holdingford for a visit and tour of the school.

Business Manager Ms. Heinze reported on budget, audit dates, Wage Theft Law and relocation of the Business Office.

#### BUSINESS

Ms. Heinze presented the revised Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan (LTFMP).

Motion by Meier, second by Martini, to approve the Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Ms. Heinze explained the change in statute that now requires the Board to have control of Extracurricular Activity accounts. Motion by Meier, to adopt the Resolution Regarding Board Control Of Extracurricular Activities. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Feia.

On roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Martini, Wolter, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, Streit and Meier. And the following voted against: None. Whereupon the following resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Streit, to call for a Special Closed meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup> following the regular board meeting to discuss negotiation strategies. Motion carried. AIF.

Discussion on the date of the August work session took place. It was decided to leave it on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure; first reading of Policy 615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications; And Exemptions For IEPS, Section 504 Plans, And LEP Students; and the first reading of Policy 620 Credit for Learning. Ms. Safran addressed and summarized the changes to Policies 614, 615, and 620.

Mr. Swenson summarized the concerns with current sound systems in the High School Gym and the Pool. Mr. Lance Feia explained the new systems features and upgrades. Some donations will be sought out to defray some of the cost. There is an option for some cost savings for removing the old equipment in-house. Theater sound is scheduled to be replaced in summer of 2020. Motion by Feia, seconded by Streit, to approve the purchase from Marco to upgrade the sound systems in the pool and high school gym at a cost of up to \$38,902.95. Motion carried. AIF.

#### PERSONNEL

Motion by Higgins, second by Meier, to approve the Contract Agreement for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 with Kendra Posch Community Education Director as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Stang and Ms. Safran highly recommended Carrie Cremers for School Social Worker. Motion by Meier, second by Higgins, to hire Carrie Cremers PreK-6 School Social Worker at MS Step 4. Motion carried. AIF. Welcome

Motion by Wolter, second by Higgins, to hire Evelyn Martini for Office and Para Substitute.

Voting in favor: Wolter, Christensen, Streit and Meier. Voting against: None. Abstentions: Feia and Martini. Motion carried.

Motion by Martini, second by Higgins, to approve Fall Coaches as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to accept the resignation from Amber Barthel, Elementary Paraprofessional. Mr. Stang thanked her for her time with the District and wished her well. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Higgins, to approve the Aquatic and Kid Zone Staff annual pay increases effective 7/1/2019 as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

POC meeting July 25 2019 @ 8:00 AM in the board room

Board Work Session August 7, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the board room

Regular Board Meeting August 21, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

Special Board Meeting August 21, 2019 following the Regular meeting in the boardroom

The agenda was completed at 6:54 PM with a motion to adjourn by Feia, second by Higgins. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Linda Zapzalka, Clerk Designee