

Minutes for June 21, 2017 School Board Meeting Holdingford Public School

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

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

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

Motion by Wolter, second by Meier, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Meier, second by Streit, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from May 19th Board Meeting, the May 24th Special Board Meeting, the May 24th Work Session and the June 7th Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$267,888.63, computer checks approved 79274-79404; approval of the district activity checks 011812-011831, which totaled \$20,123.99; approval of the electronic transfer for May \$1,445,056.90; Treasurer's report balance per books May \$3,867,718.01; approval of Policy 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds; approval of Policy 806 Crisis Management Policy, approval of additional Summer Cleaners, Michael Nelson and Gabe Gieser; and Authorization to hire an additional ESY Summer School Teacher Kristina Clem.

On roll call voting in favor: Wolter, Higgins, Streit, Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS

Superintendent Chris Swenson informed the Board the Teacher Group voted to switch to PIEP Health Insurance and with that there will be follow up work. He summarized the Resiliency Night with SCSU Ignite Foundation, and reported on new theater screen thanks to FAN Club. Mr. Swenson gave a construction up date: ventilation project is going smooth, there are some issues with the locker rooms, they are being resolved, electrical project in elementary is slow with some difficulty getting parts on time.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported on school year-end, playground, July 12 playground will be shut down for construction. Build days are Aug. 14-Aug. 19. He gave a summer school update, and thanked Sharon Breth for her years with the District and wished her well in retirement.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported on school year end, graduation, seventh grade survey, summer school, and the Booster Club Golf Scramble which is set for July 28th 2017.

Mr. Silbernack also updated the Board on Assessments: Aug. 7th will be the public release of results, ACT is given to juniors of which 3 students scored 30 or higher, and he will be attending assessment conference in August.

BSED Report, Mr Higgins reported on discussion on health Ins, negotiations, approved purchase of a new van, restrictive procedures, and the BSED is up to eleven psychologists next year because of the increase in usage.

Business Manager Beth Heinze reported on monthly expenditures with updated revised numbers as of May 31,2017. She will have adjustments coming up, Insurance renewal rates for workers compensation and disability are going down for next year.

BUSINESS

Ms. Heinze summarized the Revenue and Expenditure Budget, the estimated fund balances, revenue assumptions, payroll and benefit budget, and expense assumptions. Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to approve the 2017-2018 Revenue and Expenditures Budgets. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Meier, second by Streit, to approve lunch price increases for 2017-2018. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Meier, to approve Agreement with Benton Stearns Education District. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Meier, for authorization to proceed with planning, development, design, and implementation of a bond referendum project related to addressing physical facility needs, improving safety, security and space needs within the facility. This approval directs the District Administration to procure the services of all necessary project-related consultants, and provides approval to proceed with further development of the project scopes and completion and submission of necessary applications and documentation to the Minnesota Department of Education for formal review and comment related to the project. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 425 Staff Development; first reading of Policy 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals; and first reading of Policy 613 Graduation Requirements.

Motion by Streit, second by Meier, to cancel July 5, 2017 work session and add a June 28th, 2017 work session at 6:00 PM in the board room. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Wolter, to call for Special Closed Meeting after the regular July 19th School Board meeting for the purpose of negotiation strategies if necessary. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Streit, second by Wolter, to accept resignation from Eric Ebnet from Grounds and Maintenance position. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Streit, for authorization to hire Brian Maine for the Grounds and Maintenance position at Grade IV Step 2. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Streit, to accept resignation from Julie Primus Early Childhood Program Co-Coordinator effective June 30, 2017. Motion carried. AIF. With much appreciation from the Board for her work with the Early Childhood Program coordination!

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to accept resignation from Lynn Nelson Early Childhood Program Co-Coordinator effective June 30, 2017. Motion carried. AIF. With much appreciation from the Board for her work with the Early Childhood Program coordination!

Motion by Meier, second by Streit, to approve the MOU Agreement with Logan Oellien and ISD#738. Motion carried. AIF

Mr. Stang introduced Katherine Murnane, his recommendation for the 5th grade teaching position. Motion by Meier, second by Streit, for authorization to hire Katherine Murnane at BS Step 4 for Fifth Grade Teaching position starting 2017-2018 School Year. Motion carried. AIF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 28th Work Session 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

July 19 Regular Board meeting 6:00 PM in the LMC.

The Board acknowledged and thanked the following businesses for their generous donations: Standard Iron of Sauk Centre and Jarnot Custom Cabinets.

The agenda was completed at 6:52 PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Meier, second by Christensen. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Linda Zapzalka, Clerk Designee