

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

Pledge was recited.

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

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, and Secondary Principal Angela Safran.

Motion by Higgins, second by Wolter, to approve the amended agenda item added 6.10. Call for Special Closed meeting following the July Board meeting. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Wolter, second by Higgins, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from May 15th regular board meeting; and the June 5th work session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$257,339.78 computer checks approved 82530--82638; approval of the district activity checks of 012055-012067, which totaled \$10,731.56; approval of the electronic transfer for May \$1,318,246.90; acknowledgement of the April and May Treasurers Reports; hire Jacob Vouk and Blake Scegura for additional summer cleaners; hire Lauren Volkers ESY Summer School teacher; approval of Policy 707 Transportation of Public School Students; approval of Policy 708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students; approval of Policy 709 Transportation Safety; approval of Policy 903 Visitors to School District Building Sites; approval of lane change for Zachary Zierden to BS30; approval of lane change for Derrick Roush to MS; approval of lane change for Katrina Heringlake to MS; approval of Community Education summer instructors and coaches; and approval of FFA Alumni Tractor Raffle.

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.

Citizen Participation: Melyssa Sakry spoke in favor of adding a 4th grade section and lobbied for additional Social Work Services. Chair Christensen thanked Ms. Sakry for her input.

REPORTS

Superintendent Mr. Swenson reported on the roofing project, which is moving along on schedule. The design details are being finalized on the rest of the building projects and are staying within budget. The LTFMP is updated after the referendum projects have been removed. The 10-year plan is set up to address maintenance and facility needs. Mr. Swenson also reported that room assignments for next years displaced office personnel has been resolved, Stearns County crisis training, and teacher, custodian, para and food service negotiations are scheduled.

Secondary Principal Ms. Safran reported on Graduation. She thanked and congratulated Ms. Ruszat and Ms. Pedersen for their extra efforts pushing students to a 100% graduation rate. Ms. Safran informed the Board that the DER report is complete and summer school is set with 40 students registered. She also reported on middle school credit recovery, new Student School Board Rep for next school year is Spencer Trobec and Assessment season is complete with no errors.

Elementary Principal Mr. Stang reported on staff relocations, summer school is set to start and the dates are July

8-26 from 8:30-11:30 am Monday through Friday, DER report is complete, new hires are in place and he thanked all those involved with assessments as it is a big undertaking and went very smooth!

BSED meeting Ms. Martini reported on retirees, new hire, bylaws, smart course, and negotiations. Mr. Swenson added Candace Voigt will be our new SPED Director.

BUSINESS

Mr. Swenson summarized the equalization on the Board Approved Referendum Authority and reported 90-95% of schools have this in place. Motion by Feia, to adopt the Resolution Reauthorizing A Previously Authorized Board Approved Referendum Authority in the amount of \$300 per pupil.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Higgins.

On roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Martini, Wolter, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, and Meier.

And the following voted against: None

Whereupon the following resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Mr. Swenson summarized the FY 2019-2020 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets.

Motion by Higgins, second by Meier, to approve the 2019-2020 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second by Martini, to approve the purchase of the Digital Trophy Case from TouchPros at a cost of \$16,500. Mr. Swenson informed the Board an additional tab as been added for the Booster Club, the cost is \$800 and will be covered by the club. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Feia, to approve the capital purchase of a Skid Loader from Woller Equipment, Inc. at a cost of \$39,575. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, to adopt the Resolution Establishing Dates For Filing Affidavits Of Candidacy for the office of School Board member. Filing shall begin on July 30th and close on August 13th, 2019.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Higgins.

On roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Martini, Wolter, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, and Meier.

And the following voted against: None.

Whereupon the following resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Higgins, to adopt the Resolution Relating To The Election Of School Board Members And Calling The School District General Election. The Election will be held on Nov. 5, 2019. Four school board members will be elected for terms of four years.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Wolter.

On roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Martini, Wolter, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, and Meier.

And the following voted against: None

Whereupon the following resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Meier, to adopt the 2019-2020 Resolution For Membership In The Minnesota State High School League seconded by Higgins.

On roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Martini, Wolter, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, and Meier.

And the following voted against: None

Whereupon the following resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Martini, seconded by Wolter, to accept a donation from Pete Rothfork \$500 for the Swim Team Motion carried. AIF. With a thank you for your generosity.

Motion by Feia, seconded by Higgins, to accept donation from Park Industries, 2 Miller 3-Phase Welders to the Ag Department. Motion carried. AIF. With a thank you for their generosity!

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Meier, to call for a Special Closed meeting on July 17 following the regular board meeting to discuss negotiation strategies. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Wolter, second by Feia, to amend the hiring of Steve Stoermann to be a full time year around position retroactive to his hire date of 9/19/2018. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second Wolter, to accept the resignation from Angie Lichy as a 4s School Readiness Preschool Teacher. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins with many thanks for a job well done and good luck, second Martini, to accept the resignation from Mindy Arnzen Kindergarten Teacher. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Higgins to approve FMLA Leave for Carin Pedersen from approximately October 11, 2019 through January 2, 2020. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Higgins, to hire Amanda McDonough as 4s School Readiness Preschool Teacher at BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to hire Abby Wessel as Third Grade Teacher at BS Step 2. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Martini, to hire Lydia Brandt as Sixth Grade Teacher at BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to hire Heidi Christman as First Grade Teacher at BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Martini, second by Wolter, to hire Madison Kealy as Kindergarten Teacher at BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second by Wolter, to hire Hunter Ahrens as Fourth Grade Teacher at BS Step 1. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Stang introduced Ms. McDonough, Ms. Wessel and Ms. Christman who were present at the meeting to the Board. Mr. Swenson thanked Mr. Stang and staff for their time and commitment during the hiring processes. The Board welcomed and congratulated all of the new teachers!

Motion by Higgins, second by Meier, to amend contract of Brittney Molitor Kid Zone Site Leader adding Health Care Benefit as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Higgins, to approve the Contract Agreement for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 with Lance Feia Technology Director as presented.

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

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to accept the resignation from Sheila Johnson-Kolb Pre K-12 Social Worker. Motion carried. AIF. Mr. Stang thanked Ms. Johnson for her time and service with the District and wished her good luck in her next chapter.

Motion by Higgins, second by Martini, to approve the Contract Agreement for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 with Beth Heinze Business Manager as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POC meeting June 27, 2019 @ 8:00 AM in the board room

Board Work Session July 10 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the board room

Regular Board Meeting July 17, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

Special Board Meeting July 17, 2019 following the Regular meeting in the boardroom

The agenda was completed at 6:59 PM with a motion to adjourn by Higgins, second by Martini. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Linda Zapzalka, Clerk Designee