

Minutes for March 15, 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 6:00PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

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

Members absent: Todd Smith

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

Motion by Christensen, second by Wolter, to add items 7.4. Accept resignation from Summer School Instructor; 7.5. Approve to post for JH Summer School Instructor; 7.6. Authorization to hire Elementary Secretary and 7.7 Authorization to hire Kid Zone Assistant; also to move 7.6 to 6.0 then to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Feb. 8th Board Meeting and the March 1st Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$346,269.57, computer checks approved 78803-79023; approval of the district activity checks 011770-011783, which totaled \$7,488.48; approval of the electronic transfer for Feb. \$1,421,066.92; Treasurer's report balance per books Jan. \$3,532,191.51, Feb. \$3,579,412.29; approval of Spring Coaches; and approval of Policy 805 Waste Reduction & Recycling.

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, and guests.

REPORTS

Superintendent Chris Swenson shared Acronyms used in education, and reported use of minute summaries, ADSIS Grant, ICS meeting and summer projects,

Student Board Representative Jenna Scott reported on winter sports seasons, spring sports seasons, Activity Night, and Musical performances.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported on parent teacher conferences, homeroom revisions for next year, Master Schedule for next year, informed the Board no zero hour weight training for next year. He also Introduced Intern Margaux Hylla and informed the Board of the upcoming testing schedule.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported on conferences with 98% attending, testing schedules, playground design night, \$10,000 donation to playground from PTA, PTA support for MCA testing, Kindergarten round-up, Enrollment & Staff projections for next year.

BSED meeting Higgins reported new Board Chair at BSED & new Board members, Assistant Director time adjustment and that he will arrange for the Director to present at a future meeting.

Business Manager Heinze reported on monthly expenditures for Jan. & Feb. Star reporting, budget work, revised budget will be available next month, next years preliminary budget ready in May, and work being done to put in place a Credit Card procedure which the Auditors are requiring.

Transportation Director Rodney Ebnet presented ridership sampling & fleet information. He informed the Board the State inspection is complete and zero points were deducted on the entire fleet. Mr. Ebnet also updated the Board on staffing and explained the School Bus Rodeo Competition is gaining more interest.

BUSINESS

Mr. Stang introduced & recommended Christy Gustafson for Elementary Secretary position.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire Christina Gustafson for Elementary Secretary at Grade VII Step 1 on the Secretarial scale starting July 1, 2017 and her contract is for 220 days a year. Motion carried. AIF

Angela Safran on behalf of Tara Bishop presented Senior class trip information. Trip will be May 19th to Valley fair.

Motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to approve Senior Class Trip. Motion carried. AIF.

Angela Safran also update the Board on some traveling opportunities for students the next two summers, one to Belize in 2017 and to Washington DC in 2018.

Mr. Swenson informed the Board of the Preschool enrollment numbers and Path Way Grant money to help with scholarship needs. Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve 2017-18 Preschool Programming as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 616 School District System Accountability. Administrators will work on revisions to tailor this policy to the District.

First reading of Policy 704. Auditor recommended adding a dollar figure to Policy 704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to rescind Policy 701.2H Fund Balance Policy which is a duplicate of Policy 714. Motion carried. AIF.

Next was the first reading of Policy 714 Fund Balance Policy.

The Board then acknowledged letters of desire to negotiate from the Teachers, Educational Assistants and Custodians.

Mr. Silbernick presented summer school proposal. Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve JH Targeted Services Summer School Program and Budget. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Swenson presented the Districts 3 year Achievement and Integration plan and budget. Motion by Meier, second by Kruger, to approve Achievement and Integration Plan for FY18-FY20. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to accept resignation from Chelsey Gerads, Kid Zone Assistant. Motion carried. AIF. The Board thanked Ms. Gerads for her time with Kid Zone.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve to extend Food Service employee's staffing reconfiguration until the end of the 2016-2017 school year or until employee on FMLA Leave returns. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Swenson reviewed plan for summer cleaners. Motion by Wolter, second by Kruger, to approve to post for summer cleaners. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to accept resignation from Zachary Zierden as Junior High Summer School Instructor. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to approve to post for Junior High Summer School Instructor. Motion carried. AIF

Motion by Christensen, second by Wolter, to hire Trinity LeBlanc for the Husker Kid Zone Assistant Position on Kid Zone pay scale at step 0. Motion carried. AIF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 31st Business Breakfast 7-9AM City Hall
School Board Work Session April 5 2017 with ICS
Regular School Board Meeting April 19, 2017

The agenda was completed at 7:13PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Wolter, second by Christensen. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Benjamin Christensen, Clerk