

Minutes for March 21, 2018 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 PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

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

Members absent: None

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Student School Board Rep. Elizabeth Rudser, Transportation Director Rodney Ebnet, Activities Director Jason Bruns, from the Historical Society Ernie Schmit, Herman Ebnet and Mike Odden and guests.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 7.4. Approval of Senior Class Trip; 7.5. Review of Co Rd 17 construction plan; 7.6. Dance Line; 8.10. Hire Food Service Employee Jackie Middendorf; 8.11. Hire Kid Zone Assistant Meghan Asperheim; 9.5. Cherry Berry donation; and 9.6. Jim Novak Family Thank you card. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Holdingford Area Historical Society donated 54 copies of the book Ford & The River Books to Junior High Social Studies department with a value of \$1050. The Board thanked the gentlemen and the Historical Society for their generous donation.

Motion by Wolter, second Christensen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Feb. 21st, Reg. Board Meeting and March 7th Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$367,853.97 computer checks approved 80604--80728; approval of the district activity checks 011907-011910, which totaled \$6,681.94; approval of the electronic transfer for Feb. \$1,254,802.51; Treasurer's report balance per books Feb. 2018 \$2,580,047.65; approve Spring Coaches; approve Policy 104 School District Mission Statement; approve Policy 616 School District Accountability; approve Lane Change for April Theis.

On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Wolter, Feia, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, and Meier.

Voting against the same: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Higgins welcomed fellow board members, administration, staff and guests. He commended the administration and board for a great meeting last night on school security. Trish Litchy then spoke on behalf of a group of students and parents that would like to see Dance Line for grades 9-12 added as a MSHSL Sport.

REPORTS

Superintendent Chris Swenson reported there are eight applicants so far for the principal position. He would like two board members to be on the interview committee. He spoke about the school security meeting and informed the board that if all goes well the district will potentially be adding a School Resource Officer for the next school year.

Mr. Higgins welcomed new Student School Board Representative Elizabeth Rudser. Ms. Rudser reported on spring sports and the need for better weather. She named Ms. Mueller as a possible Dance Line Coach. Ms. Rudser also reported on Activity Night, Band and Choir contests, and school security. She informed the board that students would like to be better informed on school security improvements.

Secondary Principal Angela Safran congratulated Joe Johnson and the Husker Band and Andrew Kendall and the Husker Choirs for their accomplishments at contests and Marian Lyndgaard for being one of seven artists awarded the CMAB/McNight individual Artist Award. She reported Jason Bruns was able to fill all the spring coaching assignments, the master schedule is being worked on by Jessica Rausch and Deb Ruszat, end of quarter three is March 23, student of the quarter assembly is April 10, integration field trip to Mille Lacs Indian Museum is April 6, spring choir concerts, prom, field trip to see Romeo & Juliet, Dr. Bell's presentation on Opioid Abuse, and the vocal music position interviews on Thursday.

Ms. Safran gave a District Assessment update: the ACT make-up Test was given 3/20/18 and the MCA will start mid-April.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported he is looking at staffing for 2018-2019, making sure everything is set and students know how to use the necessary technology for the upcoming MCA testing, and more summer school staff is needed. He thanked PTA for their incentives for grades 3-6 setting goals to better testing scores, April Madness for grades 5 & 6, Kindergarten enrollment numbers 72 firm with 5-8 possible more in the works.

BSED Report: Mike Higgins reported on child count and students served comparisons between the member districts.

Business Manager Beth Heinze reported on 2018 school finance award the district has received. Marcia Hess's retirement with the application deadline of April 5 and the new employee to start date mid-June. Board Member Wolter on behalf of the Board congratulated Ms. Heinze for receiving the School Finance Award!

BUSINESS

Mr. Wolter explained Lance Feia and Jim Novak had received some estimates for adding cameras and buzzers to the three main entrances. He reviewed each estimate. An additional piece would involve moving a buzzer to the kid zone door #5 from the kitchen door. This will be discussed further at the April 11th Work Session.

Mr. Swenson explained the expansion into the Language Arts program, which is the reason for the increase of \$1,650 for FY19 Levy. A motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to approve the Achievement and Integration Program and Budget for FY19. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to adopt the Resolution Directing the Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Ryan presented the senior class picnic plan, they have selected package 2 which includes picnic, putting course, basketball, football, yard games, volleyball, bicycles, canoes, paddle boats, indoor/outdoor pool, tennis, whirlpool, Big Splash Waterpark OR golf green fees. Senior class fund will cover the \$45 cost of package 2. Add-ons will be paid by individual students. A motion by Christensen, second by Streit to approve the Senior Class Picnic which will be on Friday May 18th to the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. Motion carried. AIF.

Rodney Ebnet presented Stearns Counties plan for County Road 17 reconstruction project, which included widening the shoulder of the road in front of the Elementary School to help ease congestion at drop-off & pick-up times. A motion by Feia, second by Christensen, to accept Stearns Counties offer of \$6,022 for acquisition of property needed to complete the County Road 17 reconstruction project. Motion carried. AIF.

Jason Bruns presented a request to add Dance Line as a varsity sport. The Board would like more information such as finances. They recommend having an informational meeting with prospective participants. This item will be on the agenda at a future meeting.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Christensen, second by Feia, to hire Janelle Loehlein Long Term SPED Sub Teacher from approximately 4/4/2018 – 5/25/2018 at BS Step 1 daily rate. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to accept the Phased Retirement Option Agreement with Marcia Hess, Business Office Clerk. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Wolter, second by Christensen, to accept retirement resignation from Marcia Hess, Business Office Clerk effective June 29, 2018. Motion carried AIF. Mr. Higgins on behalf of the School District and School Board thanked Ms. Hess for her 30+ years with the District!

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve contract agreement with Marcia Hess effective 7/1/2018 through 6/30/2019. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Feia, to accept resignation from Danielle Zapzalka, Husker Kid Zone Site Leader effective 3/23/2018. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Christensen, to approve discharge of Food Service Cook Lorri Vouk effective 1/31/2018.

Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to hire Jessica Klaphake for Food Service Cook position retroactive to 2/1/2018. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Wolter, to hire Monica Kobylinski for Food Service Assistant position 1.5 hours during Breakfast retroactive to 2/1/2018. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Feia, to hire Taylor Winter for Husker Kids' Zone Site Leader effective 3/26/2018 at step one. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to hire Jackie Middendorf for Food Service Assistant for 2.75 hours a day at Grade 3 Step 0. Motion carried AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to hire Meghan Asperheim for Husker Kids' Zone Assistant at step zero. Motion carried AIF.

Announcements:

Board Work Session April 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

Regular April School Board meeting April 18, 2018

The Board thanked Cherry Berry for their generous donation of 100 \$5 gift certificates. They will be used in the Middle School for positive behavior rewards.

The thank you card from the Novak family was shared.

The agenda was completed at 7:34pm with a motion to adjourn by Christensen, second by Meier. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ben Christensen, Clerk