

Minutes for March 20, 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 6:01 PM in the LMC.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Russ Wolter, Ed Feia, Ben Christensen, Mike Higgins, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, Student Rep Liz Rudser

Member absent: None.

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

Motion by Wolter, second by Higgins, to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 6.7. Accept donation from St. Wendel Sportsman Club; 6.8. Accept donation from St. Stephen Sportsman Club; Accept donation from Two River Enterprise; and 7.7. Accept resignation from Jessica Rausch. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Wolter with correction on typo, second by Higgins, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Feb. 27th regular board meeting and the March 6th work session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$259,202.54 computer checks approved 82119--82245; approval of the district activity checks of 012015-012021, which totaled \$3,313.49; approval of the electronic transfer for Feb. \$3,595,004.72; the Treasurer's report balance per books for the month of Feb. 2019 \$14,312,793.91; approval of spring Coaches; approval of Policy 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals; approval of Policy 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day; approval of Policy 604 Instructional Curriculum; and approval of Policy 611 Home Schooling.

On roll call voting in favor: Martini, Wolter, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, Streit, 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 building planning, user groups will meet on Friday (3/22), facility meeting was held 3/20 where the 10 Year LTFM plan was reviewed and the 2019 summer projects were discussed. He also informed the Board the roofing project is scheduled to start mid-April. Mr. Swenson reported he is talking with Greg Vandal to get the strategic planning process started and he will be meeting with Mr. Ebnet & Mr. Novak to discuss snow removal equipment.

Student Board Ms. Rudser reported spring sports have started, students are looking forward to the roof being repaired, she feels the tougher vaping consequences are making a difference and students are getting anxious with the ACT coming up on April 2nd.

Secondary Principal Ms. Safran reported on testing season. She thanked winter coaches and advisors and congratulated Mr. Johnson and Mr. Smith on their accomplishments leading their students to earn superior ratings at recent contests with both Choir and Band.

Elementary Principal Mr. Stang reported on Kindergarten round-up with 71 packets given out, he thanked the staff for their efforts following testing protocols. He informed the Board the PBIS Team is searching for a new theme for FY20 and reported on Summer School, I Love to Read month, PTA Parent information night on

Vaping and May Field trips.

BSED Representative Ms. Martini reported bylaw reviews were tabled until next month, district case loads were discussed, due process night recap was given and a tentative summer school plan was presented.

Business Manager Beth Heinze reported she is working on budgeting with revisions for the current year and developing the preliminary budget for FY20. Capital requests will start coming in, and there will be a Finance meeting next week (3/27). She informed the Board the FY20 budget will be at the June Board meeting for approval and the Bond money has come in and will be invested until it is needed.

BUSINESS

Motion by Feia, second by Martini, to approve revising an Elementary Night Custodian position to a full time position. Increase from 7 to 8 hours a day and make it a year round position. Motion carried. AIF.

First reading of Policy 403 Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees.

Motion by Meier, second by Higgins, to approve the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor.

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

Voting against the same: None. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to award the bid of \$172,170.16 to Matrix Communications Inc. for the Network upgrade. Motion carried. AIF. The District is applying for e-rate funding for this project.

Mr. Swenson asked the Board to consider options for the new entryway in regards to the trophy cases, kiosks etc. this will be discussed more at the next Board Work Session.

Motion by Meier, second by Wolter, to approve the Postage Machine five-year Lease with Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equipment Inc. Motion carried. AIF. This lease is \$7 per month less than the current lease.

Motion by Meier, second by Martini, to accept a donation from the St. Wendel Sportsman Club \$700 for Trap Shooting. The Board thanked the Club for their donation and generosity. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Wolter, to accept a donation from the St. Stephen Sportsman Club \$100 for Trap Shooting. The Board thanked the Club for their donation and generosity. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Feia, second by Streit, to accept a donation from Two River Enterprise \$1,000 for Weight room. The Board thanked Bob Warzecha and Two River Enterprise for their donation and generosity. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Streit, second by Higgins, to hire Seth Young for Night Lead Custodian at Grade VII base rate plus night shift differential and pool certification. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Wolter, to accept retirement resignation from Bob Dombrovski effective 7/31/2019. With many thanks to Mr. Dombrovski for his 15 years of service with the District! Motion carried. AIF.

The Board acknowledged Letters of Intent to Negotiate from the Educational Assistants, the Custodians, and the Teachers.

Motion by Higgins, second by Wolter, to approve lane change for Katrina Heringlake from BS Step 7 to BS30

Step 7 at the end of quarter 3. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to accept the resignation from Jessica Rausch as of 3/15/19. The Board thanked Ms. Rausch for her 18+ years with the District and for a job well done! Motion carried. AIF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Work Session April 3, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the board room

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

March 30 FAN Club Dinner Show and Silent Auction Fundraiser

The agenda was completed at 6:51 PM with a motion to adjourn by Meier, second by Feia. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dale Streit, Clerk