

Minutes for May 18, 2016 School Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 was called to order at 5:00PM in the LMC by Chair Mike Higgins.

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Ali Kruger, Mike Higgins, Ben Christensen, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, and Student Member Maddie Higgins.

Members absent: Russ Wolter & Todd Smith

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack, & Elementary Principle Jim Stang.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 7.10 Accept resignation and 7.11 Approve revision of Secretary hours. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit to approve consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from April 20 Board meeting & the May 4 Board Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$130,205.28 Computer checks approved 77542-77639; approval of the district activity checks 011645-011660, which totaled \$7,800.89; approval of the electronic transfer for March \$1,295,802.43 Treasurers report balance per books is \$2,163,051.23; Business Managers report on monthly expenditures;
On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier.
Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Report: Chris Swenson reported on ICS progress, legislative update, MREA, growth plans, surveys with Adm. staff, & Middle School book study.

Student Board Member Maddie Higgins reported on:

Athletics: Softball has 7-10 record, Baseball is coming on strong in the end of the season, Track: Girls & Boys are CMC Winners and both have advanced to True Team State

Club Events: Mock Crash, Spring Fling, Class Trip, Senior Awards

Academics: Winding down to year end

Maddie was thanked by the Board & Administration for serving on the School Board

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported on Scholarship Awards, Seniors last day is May 20, next year schedules are out, 6 new students registered for next year, Graduation.

Mr. Silbernack also informed the Board that testing is complete and teachers have preliminary results. He thanked everyone involved for the great work including the students. Mr. Silbernack also commended Maddie Higgins for serving on the School Board.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported Elementary testing is complete, he thanked the staff for handling testing top notch, Mr. Stang informed the Board of the many events taking place this time of year: Teacher Appreciation Week, Summer School planning, Great Concerts, Grandparents Day which was a huge success he thanked PTA, Sharon Breth & the rest of the staff & volunteers for helping facilitate & contribute to the events, He also reported on FY17 planning and thanked the Girls Scouts for their planting flowers & grounds work.

BSED Higgins reported on Facilities & Capital Projects, Discussion on Psychologists spending more time in schools, Cindy Pederson new Principle at BSED new site person for Holdingford is Marlene ???????

Motion by Meier, second by Christensen, to award the Milk Bid to Kemps with Escalator Clause. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Swenson presented budget options A, B & C for FY17. After a lengthy discussion the Board recommends to move forward with option C of the preliminary FY17 budget. The final budget will be approved at the regular June meeting.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity; first reading of Policy 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations; first reading of Policy 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies; & first reading of Policy 416 Drug and Alcohol Testing.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to approve Resolution for membership in the MSHSL and also to name Pat Meier as the designated School Board Rep. and Jason Bruns as the designated School Rep. Motion carried. AIF.

Chairperson Higgins opened up discussion on Graduation Ceremony to confirm Board Member attendance details. Graduation is 7PM Friday May 27th, 2016. The Board is to meet in LMC prior to ceremony.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to amend the Jan. 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to continue with Teacher on paid leave agreement for Jason Bruns. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to accept retirement/resignation from Debbie Berscheid Ed Assistant for 39 years. Motion carried. AIF. With Many Thanks from Board & Administration for her 39 years with the District!

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier, to approve donation of unused sick hours as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to hire Junior High Targeted Services, Summer School Teachers Zach Zierden & Jess Mickelson. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire ECSE Summer School staff as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to hire two Summer Cleaners Ashley Kobernusz and Elizabeth Rennie - 4 days a week, 8 hours a day for 6 weeks @ \$9. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to accept retirement/resignation from Deborah Barhorst. Motion carried. AIF. With many Thanks for her years with the District.

Mr. Swenson summarized the request included in Ms. Young's letter.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to accept resignation from Katherine Young Gasser, declining the one year leave of absence. Motion carried. AIF. With Thanks & Respect from the Board.

Mr. Higgins presented a summary of the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Motion by Christensen, second by Meier. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to accept resignation from Arden Lillemoen. Motion carried. AIF. Great Thanks from Board & Administration for 36 years with the District & wish him the best of luck in the future.

Motion by Christensen, second by Streit, to approve revision of Secretary hours starting for the 2016-2017 school year.

Jessica Rausch Grade 7 Step 6 / 8 hours a day.

Ashia Volkens Grade 7 Step 1 / 8 hours a day

Kaitlyn Thell Grade 6 Step 4 / 8 hours a day

Motion carried. AIF.

Announcements:

Upcoming Calendar of events

Board Work Session May 31, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

Goal Setting

Regular Board meeting June 15, 2016 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

Agenda completed at 6:36. Motion to adjourn was made by Christensen, second by Kruger. Motion carried. AIF.