

Minutes for May 15, 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, Dale Streit, Pat Meier, and Student Rep Liz Rudser.

Member absent: Russ Wolter

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Secondary Principal Angela Safran, Business Manager Beth Heinze, Technology Director Lance Feia, Head Custodian Jim Novak and guest Melissa Sakry.

Motion by Higgins, second by Streit, to approve the amended agenda. Items added: 6.13. approve Chromebook purchase; 6.14. approve Business Lab PC replacement purchase; 6.15. accept donation; 6.16 approve Ipad purchase; and item 6.17 approve Smart Board purchases. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Higgins, second by Martini to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from April 17th regular board meeting; the May 1st work session; and the May 1st special meeting; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$406,614.11 computer checks approved 82369--82529; approval of the district activity checks of 012036-012054, which totaled \$8,628.35; approval of the electronic transfer for April \$1,527,607.72; approval of Board Committee assignment revision; hire Secondary Summer School and Extended School year Staff; hire Elementary Summer school Staff; hire Kid Zone Site Leader, hire Pre-School Para, hire Second Grade LTS, and call for June Special Closed meeting. On roll call voting in favor: Martini, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, Streit, and Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

Citizen Participation: Mr. Novak gave the Board Chair copies of emails and expressed concern and frustration about the quality of work being done by some of the custodial staff.

Ms. Sakry spoke in favor of additional counseling time for the school system due to the increase in mental health services and she spoke in favor of adding a section for next school year in 4th grade because of large class sizes. Administration informed Ms. Sakry that there are a few counseling avenues being sought after for next school year and the Board is keeping tabs on the 4th Grade enrollment numbers.

Chair Christensen thanked Mr. Novak and Ms. Sakry for their input.

REPORTS

Superintendent Mr. Swenson reported on MSHSL regional meeting he attended, LTFM Plan items, roofing project update the one obstacle has been trying to find a solution to reduce the fumes, POC meeting Thursday morning will discuss plans for parking lots and the revised over all budget.

Student Board Ms. Rudser in support of adding a section for next years 4th grade, other items she reported on were Graduation May 31, Prom, Mock Car Crash which made and impact with students, Year Book Dedication to the Lunch Ladies, the Composite Dedication to Mr. Myers family and lastly she explained this may be her last Board meeting and she is proud to be a part of this awesome school/community! The Board thanked her for the great work representing the students this year and invited her to apply for next year.

Secondary Principal Ms. Safran reported on the Mock Car Crash and thanked Mr. Stang for narrating and Mr. Kobernusz and Holdingford Fire and Rescue Squad, great Concerts, Graduation May 31st, MCA testing is complete, and Summer School is in place with 25-30 students to be attending.

Elementary Principal Mr. Stang reported on Grandparents Day, May Madness, Concerts, he thanked all involved. Mr. Stang informed the Board MCA testing is complete with kudos to Ms. Safran for her assistance, Preschool meeting which was for planning the next school year. He thanked Bus Drivers and announced Sixth Grade Graduation May 31st at 8:30 AM and invited the Board.

BSED meeting Ms. Martini reported revised calendar for 18-19 calendar was reviewed, summer contracts, extended school year calendar, 19-20 calendars were approved. Mr. Swenson reported on interviews, and a change being considered from CPI trained school to Handle with Care.

Business Manager Beth Heinze reported on MSBO Conference, the biggest change will be student activity accounts being under board control and part of the general account this is effective July 1st the accounting changes are still being worked out and Legislative updates which are still in the works.

Chair Christensen thanked the all the Administration for a great school year!

BUSINESS

Motion by Higgins, second by Streit, to approve Milk Bid with KEMPS as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Lance Feia presented a summary of the new camera system upgrade. Paid for with Referendum dollars. Motion by Feia, second by Higgins, to approve Quote from Advanced Health, Safety and Security for a new camera system at a cost of \$67,663. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first readings of Policy 707 Transportation of Public School Students; Policy 708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students; Policy 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy; and Policy 903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites.

The Treasurer's Report for April 2019 will be at the June meeting.

Ms. Heinze summarized the FY 2018-2019 Revised Revenue and Expenditure Budgets by fund. Over all the unassigned fund balance is predicted to be at 1.5 million sitting at 15%. Motion by Meier, second by Feia, to approve the 2018-2019 Revised Budgets. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Lance Feia summarized the Chromebook estimate this will add 90 to the elementary and 30 to the High School SPED Department. Paid for with Tech Levy dollars. Motion by Higgins, second by Streit to approve the quote with Tierney for Chromebook purchases at a cost of \$48,360. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Lance Feia summarized the estimate to upgrade the PC's in the Business Lab purchased out of Technology budget dollars. Motion by Martini, second by Higgins to approve the quote with Marco to upgrade the PC's in the Business Lab at a cost of \$25,855.23. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Feia, to accept donation from Resurrected Artists of \$200 to Drama with many thanks for their generosity. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Lance Feia summarized the Elementary First Grade Ipad purchase from Apple Store. Purchased with Technology Levy dollars. Motion by Streit, second by Feia, to approve the quote with Apple Store to purchase Ipad at a cost of \$19,700.00. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Lance Feia summarized the Smart Board purchases with all the necessary components. Purchased with

Technology Levy dollars. Motion by Higgins, second by Streit, to approve the quote with Tierney for the Smart Board purchases at a cost of \$31,003.66. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to accept the resignation from Megan Asperheim, Kid Zone Assistant effective May 10, 2019. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Streit, to accept the resignation from Rebecca Przybilla effective June 4, 2019 pending Pierz school board approval with many thanks for her time with the District. Motion carried. AIF.

Ms. Heinze explained Ms. Hess has only used a small portion of the allotted hours for training and filing it would be beneficial to move the remaining hours into the next year to complete the training and filing. Motion by Meier, second by Feia to approve the renewal of Phased Retirement Option Agreement with Marcia Hess. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Higgins, to approve the Contract Agreement with Marcia Hess as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Higgins, second by Feia, to hire Angie Lichy for the combined position of .6 Elementary SPED and .4 3's Pre-School starting for the 2019-2020 School Year at BS45 Step 7. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Streit, second by Higgins, to hire Summer Cleaners as presented. Motion carried, abstaining was Meier, voting in favor Martini, Feia, Christensen, Higgins, and Streit.

Motion by Higgins, second by Martini, to hire Abby VanHeel Kid Zone Assistant on Kid Zone Assistant pay scale Step 3. Motion carried. AIF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POC meeting May 16, 2019 @ 38:00 AM in the board room

Ed Assistant Negotiations May 23, 2019 @ 5:00 PM in the board room

POC meeting May 30, 2019 @ 38:00 AM in the board room

Board Work Session June 5, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the board room

Regular Board Meeting June 19, 2019 @ 6:00 PM in the LMC

Special Board Meeting June 19, 2019 following the Regular meeting in the boardroom

The agenda was completed at 7:14 PM with a motion to adjourn by Feia, second by Higgins. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dale Streit, Clerk