

## **Minutes for April 19, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting**

Chair Feia called the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 6:02 PM in the meeting room.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Sarah Binek, Ed Feia, Lori Opatz, Rob Knettel, and Pat Meier.

Member absent: None

Also attending was: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, Technology Director Lance Feia, Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka, and Mike Kosik from Star Publications.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Ebnet, second by Binek, to approve the amended agenda. Added Items: 6.7. Amend Board Committee assignment; 7.13. Request for FMLA Maternity Leave for Kate Korte; 7.14. Authorization to hire Nicole Berscheid for Junior High Track Coach; and 7.15. Authorization to hire Molly Klatt for 7th Grade Baseball Coach. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Knettel, second by Opatz, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from March. 15th School Board Meeting and April 5th Work Session; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$456,120.61. Computer checks approved #53915 through #54039 and #30574 through #30607 in the amount of \$23,145.28; approval of the electronic transfer for March 2023, \$2,162,886.05; acknowledgement of the Treasurer's Report balance per books \$5,491,055.15; accepted donations from Holdingford PTA \$1,000 and Martini Auto \$250 to Com. Ed. for Prairie Fire Community Theater.; and approved lane change for Jessica Mickelson from MS20 Step 13 to MS30 Step 13 effective at the start of Quarter 4, 2022-2023 school year. On Roll Call voting in favor: Martini, Ebnet, Binek, Feia, Opatz, Knettel and Meier. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously. The Board thanked the Donors for their generosity!

Chair Feia welcomed fellow board members, administration, staff and guests.

Citizen Participation: None

### **Reports**

Superintendent Swenson reported the advisors and students put on a great show of the Musical *Wonderland, an Alice in Wonderland Tale*. He congratulated the cast and thanked the advisors. Mr Swenson also wished good luck to the FFA at the state convention, and reported MCA testing is underway. He informed the Board the posting for elementary social worker will be put out, the legislature is working to unify the bills, the administration will monitor until the bills are passed and then determine how the district is affected. Lastly Mr. Swenson reported the pool project is nearing completion and then they will start to fill the pool and the district will be getting two new wrestling mats. The District will purchase one and the Booster Club will purchase the other one.

Ebnet reported on the BSED meeting where their facility assessment project is complete. The committee will now meet with Ehlers to determine priorities, present options and explore funding. The six member districts will be responsible to pay the bill. Mr. Swenson added that there are still many decisions to be made on what direction they will take for the facility upgrade.

Business Manager Gerber reported he is monitoring legislation for changes that will affect the District, looking at scenarios for the 2023-2024 budget, and informed the Board a grant was received for Summer SPED preschool and remaining COVID dollars will be used for air filtration in the shop area.

**Business Items:**

Mr. Gerber summarized the revised budget. Motion by Meier, second by Martini, to approve the Revised Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for FY 2022-2023. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Gerber presented the Girls locker room project. Motion by Martini, second by Binek, to approve the proposal to enter into contract with H21 Group for \$38,800 to demo existing lockers and install new lockers in the main space of the girls locker room. Motion carried. AIF.

Mr. Gerber explained the baseball field proposal. Motion by Opatz, second by Ebnet, to approve the proposal and enter into contract with Schroden's Inc for \$71,150 to rehabilitate the varsity baseball field as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Tech Director Feia explained the rotation of chromebook purchases by grade level and entertained questions. Motion by Meier, second by Binek, to approve the purchase of 260 Chromebooks @ \$83,197.40 from Vivacity Tech PBC. Motion carried. AIF.

Tech Director Feia presented the proposal to purchase teacher MacBook Pros and explained laptops are on a 7-9 year rotation for staff. Motion by Knettel, second by Opatz, to approve the purchase of 12 teacher Laptops and 3 teacher iPads @ \$29,962.40 from Apple Store for Education Institute. Motion carried. AIF.

Tech Director Feia informed the Board that a District Team was brought together to determine the best time to transition to Qmlativ; there are benefits to starting now prior to the sunset of 2.0. The transition will be a ten month process so he would like approval now to get on the schedule. Motion by Opatz, second by Binek, to approve the proposal to transition our student information system from Skyward SMS 2.0 to Skyward Qmlativ at a cost of \$3,954.00 and to enter into a three year contract with ISCorp at a cost of \$12,000 annually to provide services responsible for all aspects involved in database disaster recovery, loading releases and updates, operating and maintaining host servers, software, and databases. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Martini, second by Opatz, to approve the amended Board Committee Assignment for the Personnel Committee with Admin/Teachers – Feia is replacing Knettel. Motion carried. AIF.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Knettel, second by Ebnet, to extend Para Kim Haugerud's day by 15 minutes to accommodate her time at the high school. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Binek, second by Martini, to hire Ashley Solarz for Secondary Para two days a week with a start date of 3/30/2023 through the end of the school year. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Martini, second by Elissa, to accept the resignation from Custodian Laura Doeden effective 3/16/2023. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Knettel, second by Binek, to hire Taylor Runge for evening custodian working student session days with a start date of 3/20/2023. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Opatz, second by Binek, to hire Irene and Gary Kajewski for a shared evening custodian position working student session days with a start date of 3/28/2023. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Knettel, second by Ebnet, to hire Hannah Winter for a Kid Zone Assistant 18+position, starting pay of \$16.25/hour. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Ebnet, second by Knettel to approve Child Care Leave for the 2023-2024 School Year for Second Grade Teacher Shelby Rosenberger. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Opatz, second by Sarah, to approve FMLA Maternity Leave for Fifth Grade Teacher Lydia Sailor from approximately 10/4/2023-1/2/2024. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Knettel, second by Opatz, to adopt the Resolution Non Renewing Carrie Jendro a Tier 2 Teacher. On Roll Call voting in favor: Martini, Ebnet, Binek, Feia, Opatz, Knettel and Meier. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Martini, second by Binek, to adopt the Resolution Non Renewing Michelle Schumer a Tier 2 Teacher. On Roll Call voting in favor: Martini, Ebnet, Binek, Feia, Opatz, Knettel and Meier. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Opatz, second by Ebnet, to adopt the Resolution Non Renewing Lauren Lindmeier a Probationary Teacher. On Roll Call voting in favor: Martini, Ebnet, Binek, Feia, Opatz, Knettel and Meier. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Martini, second by Opatz, to adopt the Resolution Non Renewing Melyssa Sakry a Probationary Teacher. On Roll Call voting in favor: Martini, Ebnet, Binek, Feia, Opatz, Knettel and Meier. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Knettel, second by Ebnet, to approve FMLA Maternity Leave for Fourth Grade Teacher Kate Korte from approximately 10/10/2023-1/2/2024. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Binek, to hire Nicole Berscheid for Junior High Track Coach at Category 8 Step 9. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Binek, second by Martini, to hire Molly Klatt for 7th Grade Baseball Coach at Category 8 Step 3. Motion carried. AIF.

A review of the upcoming meeting dates took place.

School Board Work Session May 3, 2023 @ 6:30 PM in the HS Meeting Room.

School Board Meeting May 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in the HS Meeting Room.

### **Adjourn**

Agenda completed at 7:10 PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Martini, second by Ebnet. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by

Clerk Patrick Meier