

## **Minutes for February 15, 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, Ed Feia, Lori Opatz, Robb Knettel, and Pat Meier.

Member absent: Sarah Binek

Also attending was: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka and Mike Kosik from Star Publications. 6:14 PM Interim Secondary Principal Tim Wege arrived.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Ebnet, second by Martini, to approve the amended agenda. Added Item 7.9. Authorization to hire Alyssa Rosenberger for the Business Teacher position; and 8.3. Resource Training Ballot. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Meier, second by Opatz, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Jan. 18th School Board Meeting, Feb. 1st Work Session and Feb. 1st Closed Mtg.; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$542,013.04--. Computer checks approved #53538 through #53726 and #30538 through #30555 in the amount of \$5,761.59; approval of the electronic transfer for Jan. 2023, \$2,470,143.72; acknowledgement of the Treasurer's Report balance per books \$5,362,614.58; approval of Board Committee Assignments; approval of Policy 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy; approval of Policy 603 Curriculum Development; approval of Policy 604 Instructional Curriculum; and accepted donations from BoxTops for Education \$65.20 to Elem PBIS and \$87.40 to Science, from the Husker Athletic Booster Club \$45,000 to Husker Athletic Booster Club Activity Acct., from Holdingford Lions \$450 to FFA, and from Duclos \$25 to Future Educators Club. On Roll Call voting in favor: Martini, Ebnet, 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

Superintendent Swenson Presented School Board Members Certificates of Appreciation and thanked them for being a great team to work with. He reported on Portrait of a Graduate which will be starting to meet this summer and talked about the successes the winter activities are having. Mr. Swenson invited the Board to attend the Winter Pepfest which will highlight those successes and honor the Students of the Quarter. He informed the Board that Ms. Taylor Peck joined him on KASM Radio live to talk about the Youth Horse Judging Workshop she attended with Holdingford students at Blackhawk Community College in Galva, IL.

Elementary Principal Stang reported Parent Teacher Conferences went wonderful and bench mark discussions took place on the staff inservice day along with curriculum critiquing and a fantastic staff activity lead by Mr. Swenson, enjoyed by all. He thanked everyone for their diligence in trying hard to get good, accurate test

results. Mr. Stang informed the Board the Kindergarten Roundup will continue to be done virtually and expressed appreciation to the PTA for all they do for “I Love to Read Month.

Secondary Principal Wege reported on Principal hiring, Business Teacher hiring and upcoming interviews for a Math Teacher. He informed the Board the Staff Development Day included MCA data review along with curriculum review and vertical alignment. Mr. Wege spoke on the upcoming NHS Blood Drive, State Dance Competition, Wrestling Sections, Band and Choir contests, and Common Ground participation.

Ebnet reported BSED business as usual.

Business Manager Gerber reported he is working on the revised budget for the March meeting, preparing for negotiations and working with Tech staff to get all software inventoried.

**Business Items:**

Mr. Swenson summarized the calendar creation process. Motion by Knettel, second by Martini, to approve the school calendars for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Martini, second by Opatz, to approve the revisions to the Graduation Credit Requirements as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Meier, second by Knettel, to offer Summer School Readiness ESY, K-8 ESY and K-8 Targeted Services Summer School. Motion carried. AIF.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Opatz, second by Martini, to accept resignation from Secondary Math Teacher Matthew Myers effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried. AIF. The Board and Administration thanked him for his 9 years of service with the district.

Motion by Knettel, second by Opatz, to hire Melanie Thompson at MS30 Step 1 for a Long Term Business Teacher Substitute from 4/13/2023-6/1/2023. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Knettel, second by Martini, to hire Sara Streit for Husker KidZone Assistant, starting wage of \$11.25. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Opatz, second by Ebnet, to hire Gavin Winter for Husker KidZone Assistant, starting wage of \$11.25. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Martini, second by Meier, to hire Scott Daninger at BS40 Step 1 for Long Term Co-Sub Science Teacher from approximately 4/22/2023-6/1/2023. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Ebnet, second by Martini, to hire Kari Dombrowski at MS30 Step 1 for Long Term Co-Sub Science Teacher from approximately 4/22/2023-6/1/2023. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Knettel, second by Opatz, to hire Kevin Beehler for Secondary Principal with a start date of 7/1/2023. Motion carried. AIF. Superintendent Swenson thanked everyone involved with the interview process and is excited to get Mr. Beehler onboard.

Motion by Meier, second by Ebnet, to extend Breeanna Teigland's Para time by 15 minutes at the end of each day to accompany a student on the bus. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Martini, second by Knettel, to hire Alyssa Rosenberger for the Business Teacher position at BS Step 1 for the 2023-2024 school year. Hire at Tier 2 pending completion of licensing requirements prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

A review of the upcoming meeting dates took place.

School Board Work Session March 1, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in the HS Meeting Room.

School Board Meeting March 15, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in the HS Meeting Room.

Resource Training Election to Board of Directors Ballot

### **Adjourn**

Agenda completed at 6:40PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Martini, and a second by Knettel. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Clerk Patrick Meier