

Minutes for October 19, 2016 School Board Meeting Holdingford Public School

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

Pledge was recited.

Members present: Ali Kruger, Todd Smith, Mike Higgins, Ben Christensen, Dale Streit, Pat Meier and Students Member Jenna Scott.

Members absent: Russ Wolter.

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Business Manager Beth Heinze. and Steve Pumper with PMA Financial Network.

Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, to approve the amended agenda. Items added 6.8. ICS Contract. Motion carried. All In Favor (AIF).

Motion by Smith, second by Kruger, to approve the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Sept. 21st Board meeting the Sept. 21, Oct. 5th & 12th Board Work Sessions; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$245,925.22; Computer checks approved 78211-78369; approval of the district activity checks 011716-011733, which totaled \$12,374.28; approval of the electronic transfer for Sept. \$1,537,085.47; Treasurers report balance per books is \$1,216,215.75; approval of Policy 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults; approval of additional Advisors; approval of Post Prom Fundraisers; authorization to hire Elementary and Junior High Targeted Services Teachers. On roll call voting in favor: Kruger, Smith, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS

Superintendent Chris Swenson reported on Preschool, SPED Audit, facility discussions with staff and he informed the Board that a survey has been sent out to staff for input on facility needs.

Jenna Scott reported on fall sports, college fair which fifty students attended, the FEC Field Trip, the NHS induction and the upcoming Blood Drive.

Secondary Principal Brian Silbernack reported on mid quarter Parent Teacher Conferences, FFA Veterans Program scheduled for Nov. 10th, and probationary teacher observations. Mr. Silbernack also updated the Board on assessments and informed the Board that the OLPA testing was going well.

Elementary Principal Jim Stang reported on the Digital Age Presentation and thanked PTA for sponsoring. He also thanked the students, staff for a great start of the school year. Mr. Stang informed the Board of the recent reward day activities and lastly thanked the Holdingford Fire & Rescue Team for their participation in training students on fire safety.

Business Manager Heinze reported on monthly expenditures as of Sept. 30th, general fund adjustment and SPED adjustment. She informed the Board that the fund balance is at 5.6%.

BSED meeting Higgins reported on the brief meeting held in which policies were passed and he informed the Board that the new Executive Director Alicia Jepsen is doing well.

BUSINESS

Beth Heinze introduced Steve Pumper from PMA Financial Network, he reviewed the details for the short term cash flow borrowing and answered questions. Then there was a motion by Meier, second by Smith to approve the Resolution Relating to \$1,000,000 General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2016B; Authorizing the Issuance, Establishing the Terms Thereof, and Authorizing the Superintendent and any Board Officer to Award the Sale Thereof and

to Take Such Action and Execute All Documents Necessary to Accomplish Said Award and Sale.
Voting in favor: Kruger, Smith, Higgins, Christensen, Streit, Meier. Voting against the same: None. Motion carried.

Next Beth Heinze presented updated Levy information showing 12.3 % increase. She presented the estimated tax impact and informed the Board that a decision will be made at the Nov. meeting for Dec. certification. Her recommendation is to levy at the maximum.

Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, to approve Secondary Targeted Services Program & Budget for grades 7 and 8. Motion carried. AIF.

The meeting continued with the first reading of Policy 417 Chemical Use and Abuse; first reading of Policy 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School; first reading of Policy 420 Students & Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections & Diseases & Certain Other Communicable Diseases & Infectious Conditions; and first reading of Policy 807 Health & Safety.

Mr. Swenson presented ICS Contract for Recommissioning & Technical Services. Motion by Christensen, second by Smith, to approve the Recommissioning & Technical Contract with ICS. Motion carried. AIF.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to hire ECFE Paraprofessional Tammy Sales at Grade IV Step 0. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to approve FMLA Leave for ECFE Para Tracey Hartung from approximately 12/19/16 to 2/17/17. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Christensen, to hire Homebound Instructor Melyssa Sakry at professional rate and up to five hours a week. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Christensen, second by Kruger, to add additional time to Food Service employee's daily schedules as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Motion by Smith, second by Kruger, to approve FMLA Leave for Food Service Employee Lorri Vouk. Motion carried. AIF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board recognized donations and applauded all of the Donors!

Next Board Work Session Nov. 2nd

Nov. 9th World's Best Work Force meeting

Regular School Board meeting on Nov. 16th

Community meetings Nov. 22nd, Dec. 5th, & 14th all at 6:00 PM

The agenda was completed at 5:56 PM. A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen, second by Streit. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Benjamin Christensen, Clerk